



## Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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June 13, 2019

### ELDERS:

Tim Bagents  
Paul Clements  
Alan Kaye  
Roy Mulkey  
Mike Norman  
Ted Norton

### DEACONS:

Billy Bush  
Allen Clements  
Lamon Dees  
Ryan Gotkiewicz  
Tim Gotkiewicz  
Tim Hatch  
Steve Housley  
Andrew Long  
Jimmy Mathews  
Danny Moore  
Dean Norton  
Randy Porterfield  
Steve Sewell  
Jeff Simpson

### MINISTERS:

Tim Gotkiewicz, Youth  
& College  
David Hester, Educa-  
tion & Involvement  
Steve Housley, Pulpit

### SCHEDULE:

#### Sunday:

9:00 a.m. Bible Class  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
5:00 p.m. Worship

#### Wednesday:

6:30 p.m. Bible Study

**WELCOME!**

# Vacation Bible School



# God Did!!!

**June 17–20 / 9:30–11:30 AM**  
**Ages 4 Years old–6th Grade**

**FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:**

**Vacation Bible School.** It is almost here. June 17-20. Lots of work has been done. Please tell your friends with children. Mommas get a break for over 2 hours and they just might enjoy that and for that reason bring their children. And we are glad the children are here. The more the better! The more who come that are not regular attenders at Eastern Meadows the better. So, please tell others about Eastern Meadows' VBS.

**Thanks!!** Thanks to those who helped with the set-up, clean-up, and food for the Area-wide Singing last Friday night. Special thanks to Ted for cooking for Friday night. And thanks to the many who have helped with the set-up and preparation for our upcoming VBS! Much has been done; much to be done! Thanks to all.

**Happy Father's Day!** This Sunday morning I will present a lesson on "Honoring Your Father." As I was preparing this, I initially thought that much of what should be said would be very similar to the "Honoring Your Mother" lesson. I researched and found some good ideas that are "in addition" to the "Honoring Your Mother" lesson. I am glad to be in a country that sets aside a day to honor Mothers and Fathers. It is not a religious holiday; it is a national holiday. However, as we are thinking about Fathers, it is a good time to study about honoring Fathers in a lesson.

**Gone and Sick.** There have no doubt been many more gone that usual as Summer is now in full swing. Additionally, we have had many sick folk. I hope you are safe in your travels and all the sick folk get well soon!

**FROM THE YOUTH/COLLEGE MINISTER – TIM GOTKIEWICZ:**

Another week of Apologetics Press week at Indian Creek Youth Camp is in the books. Thank you for your support and prayers. A week spent in Bible study away from electronic devices is so uplifting and has noticeable results!

Please consider helping with VBS next week if you haven't already volunteered. Every minute of work put toward teaching children the truths of the Bible is time well spent!

Upcoming events:  
VBS - June 17-20

**Sunday Nights Better**

- \* **June 16**, *We Are All Going To The Same Place; We Are Just Taking Different Roads???*
- \* **June 23**, *Teaching Others, Lesson 1, Part 1*
- \* **June 30**, *Teaching Others, Lesson 1, Part 2*

**TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:**

**Last week's question:** When Aaron and his sons were being consecrated to be priests, they put the blood from a ram on the tip of their right ear, the thumb of their right hand, and \_\_\_\_\_. Answer—on the big toe of their right foot.

**This week's question:** When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the Testimony, Moses did not know that:

- A) The sin of the people was so great;
- B) He would put the tablets with the Ark of the Covenant;
- C) The skin of his face shone



**ANNOUNCEMENTS 6/13/19**

**SICK:** MELANIE BUSH is recovering at home following bypass surgery on June 5. NICOLE TIMBES is scheduled for a heart cath this Monday, June 17. PHYLLIS ALLEN continues to recover from surgery. Sick at home Sunday:

SARA BLACK, MARVIN & MARGARET DANIEL, ANNEGENE DAVIS, MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES, DOROTHY HICKS, WILMA MILLICAN, CHARLOTTE PATTERSON, SAM SULLIVAN, MARSHA SUTTON, and KERRY ROBERTS. Continue to remember our members listed on our Sunday-Evening-Evangelism Prayer List. Shut-ins: LANETTE TAYLOR, VIRGINIA EVANS, OPAL SULLIVAN, MARIAN SIKES, and MARGARET DAVIS. Battling Cancer: MIKE NORMAN, HOLLY THOMASSON, CHARLES HENDERSON, JAY ROBERTS, ALICE HANDLANG, and DON BRANNAN.

**SYMPATHY:** Our sympathy is extended to the family of TOM TAYLOR who passed away yesterday. Tom was the brother-in-law of Lanett Taylor and the uncle of Dianne Hoskinson.

**PRAYER REQUEST LIST:** (Health Issues): CARSON DAVIS, WAYNE JOHNSTON, JOYCE BARRY, JONATHAN BEAN, DEXTER HART III, and PAM CARMICHAEL. (Battling Cancer): CAROL ANN WOODALL, CHRIS HETHCOX, DENNIS TURNER, TERESA LYNN NICHOLS, JR BRINT, CHANDRA JOHNSON, PATRICIA HARROD-WYROSDICK, MARY ALICE WILHELM, CINDY SCHAEFER, DONALD FUTRAL, JESSE BARRY, DAVID PEEL, DEREK MAY, GENE SULLIVAN, and WILL HICKS. (Other) The SPIRITUALLY ILL—weak and wayward members.

**PRAYER REQUEST UPDATE:** Thanks for your many prayers and cards for JEREMY LEAK, who was on our prayer list as he battled cancer. His recent scans were clear—NO cancer!

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS - 6/16:** AM—JANE & MARY VANDER SEWELL; PM—HALEY STEELMAN & TERRY BAGENTS

**T.I.P. SUMMER BREAK:** TIP will be taking a summer recess and will start back with fun new activities in September!

**VBS WORKERS:** All VBS workers be at the EM building by 9:10 Monday morning. If you are needing a ride, please let Steve or Tish Housley know.

#### **ATTENTION SPEEDERS:**

- The speeders will have lunch at the Golden Corral at 12:30 on June 18 (Tuesday). After you pay go to the private dining room to the right.
- The speeders will tour the Hyundai plant to see how cars are made on July 10 at 9:30 AM. Very little walking, mostly riding on a tram. We have 14 spaces reserved on the tram. A sign up sheet is in the main foyer for the first 14 to sign up. This outing is free.
- A trip is being planned in August for all in the congregation. We will be going to the Bible History Center in LaGrange GA. More information will be forth coming as plans are developed. See life as it was and partake in a Jerusalem meal. There will be a cost for this trip. Look at their website at: <https://biblicalhistorycenter.com>

**JULY CALENDAR:** All events for the July calendar must be turned in by Sunday, June 23, to Wilma Berry.

#### **JUNE STANDBY TEAM—1 (DEES)**

**ELDER OF THE MONTH / ON CALL:** The Elder of the Month for June is **MIKE NORMAN**. Contact information: (334) 306-7583; [mikenorman7583@yahoo.com](mailto:mikenorman7583@yahoo.com).

**SUNDAY, 6/:** Bible Class—138; AM Worship—185; PM Worship—110; EMB—\$120



## 2019 LadyBUGS

*Ladies Being Useful in God's Service*

# TOGETHER

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♦ **June 17:** Outreach/FSC, 6-7 PM  
♦ **June 30:** A Time To Pray, 4:30 PM

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- **June 17-20:** Assist with VBS

*“Every **ONE** to his work” (Neh. 4:15).*

**June 16, 2019 / Leading the congregation in:**

<b>Scripture Reading:</b> A.M.: Billy Bush	<b>Main Prayer:</b> A.M.: Josh Cochran P.M.: Troy Steelman	<b>Closing Prayer:</b> A.M.: Paul Clements P.M.: Allen Clements	<b>Singing:</b> A.M.: Dean Norton P.M.: Dean Norton
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**Security (During Services) - Sunday AM: Lamon Dees / Sunday PM & 6/19: Tim Hatch**  
**Security (Building Lock-up After Services): Lamon Dees**



# Upcoming Events:

## 2019

- **June 17-20:** VBS, 9:30-11:30 AM
- **July 2:** Mid-Week Bible Study, 6:30 PM
- **July 15, 16, 18, & 19:** Singing School
- **July 20:** Song Leader Clinic
- **July 31:** LifeTouch Update
- **October 17-19:** Choosing That Good Part Ladies' Retreat
- **October 26:** Fall Festival & Trunk-Or-Treat, 3-7 PM

- **November 25:** Mid-Week Bible Study, 6:30 PM
- **December 14:** Annual Christmas Dinner, 2 PM
- **December 23:** Mid-Week Bible Study, 6:30 PM

## 2020:

- **February 15-16:** Marriage & Family Seminar (Dan & Grace Wheeler)
- **April 1:** Teaching Rocket Seminar with Michael Whitworth
- **May 3:** Homecoming/Goal Day

## ICYC AP WEEK June 2-7







### “WHERE THE ROSES NEVER FADE”

The pink roses on our white picket fence this spring have been absolutely beautiful! However, they are now losing their color and are slowly fading into a pale white shade that denote they are dying. I have walked near them and around them several times, enjoying their radiant color. It seems that this year, perhaps, because of my age, I am very sorry to watch the blooms fall from the vines.

There is a song that can be found in some of the old hymnals that we used to sing years ago, “Where The Roses Never Fade”. Here is the first stanza: *“I am going to a city where the streets with gold are laid, Where the tree of life is blooming, And the roses never fade.”* Now, the chorus: *“Here they bloom for a season, Soon their beauty is decayed; I am going to a city Where the roses never fade.”* Of course, we know that there will not be literal ‘roses’ in heaven; however, we can understand one lesson to be learned in this song, and that is, like the roses, we ‘bloom’ for a season and eventually, we all will ‘fade away’. In 1 Peter 1:24, 25, we read, *“All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away, But the word of the Lord endures forever.”*

In Psalm 90, the author writes of the brevity of man's life on this earth, "You carry them away like a flood; They are like a sleep. In the morning they are like grass which grows up: In the morning it flourishes and grows up, In the evening it is cut down and withers" (vs.5,6). In verses 9 and 10, the writer emphasizes the certainty of death, "For all our days have passed away in Your wrath; We finish our years like a sigh. The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength they are eighty years, Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away."

The positive side of the lyrics of the song, "Where The Roses Never Fade", there is a place where "God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away" (Revelation 21:4). Though we do not read of 'roses' in this place prepared for those whose names are written in "the Lamb's Book of Life" (Revelation 21:27); we do read that "the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass" (21:21); and, there is "a pure river of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb". John also mentions the "tree of life" (22:2) being in "the holy city, New Jerusalem" (21:2). The aged apostle John, in highly symbolic language, as found in the book of Revelation, was describing the beauties of "the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 1:11), where Jesus has gone to prepare a place for all who have "washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (John 14:1-3; Revelation 7:14). Our finite mind cannot comprehend eternity, and the fact there will no longer be death that brings so much sorrow to the hearts of mankind when loved ones depart from this life. However, our mortal, natural bodies will be changed into spiritual bodies, suitable for eternity (1 Corinthians 15:50-57).

It is in the blood of our Savior Jesus Christ that our sins are washed away, and by which we have been redeemed (Revelation 1:5; Ephesians 1:7). If you are a pentinet believer, "Why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord?" (Acts 22:16). It should be the desire of everyone to go to that "Pearly White City" when life has ended for us on this earth. Question, is your name written in "the Book of Life" (Revelation 20:15)?

— Raymond Elliott

## Happy Father's Day!

### MY FATHER IS A CHRISTIAN

My father is a Christian;  
He leads our house well;  
With instruction from the Bible,  
Right behavior he'll compel.  
Yet he steers us with compassion.  
His gentle love is true;  
He conforms to our Lord Jesus,  
So we know just what to do.  
He teaches us with purpose,  
Guides us in all godly ways,  
So we will take the right path,  
And serve our Lord with praise.  
I'm glad you're a Christian, Dad;  
You help me see things clearly.  
I'll always look up to you.  
And love you very dearly.

### WHAT CHILDREN REMEMBER

- Conduct your home so children will remember that:
- \* Father and mother were kind to one another (Eph. 4:32).
  - \* Home was a happy place, governed by the law of love (Ps. 119:165).
  - \* Each child was treated fairly and required to obey his or her parents (Eph. 6:1-4).
  - \* Sunday was a day of worship (Acts 20:7).
  - \* The Bible, God's law, settled everything (Ps. 33:4).
  - \* Although mother and father worked hard, they took time to read the Bible daily and pray (Heb. 10:22).

There is still time for many of us to create good memories for our children.

— via House to House, Heart to Heart