



## Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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July 25, 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!**

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

**LifeTouch will be taking pictures on Wednesday, July 31, from 2 to 9 PM. If your family qualifies, have you made your appointment?! See the sign-up list at the front welcome center.**

**MEN'S Breakfast**

**Saturday, July 27, 9 AM**

**Please sign-up on the list posted at the front or midway foyers, so that we will have a count to prepare for. See David Hester for more information.**

## FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

**Eastern Meadows Welcomes the Strothers.** Sunday morning it was my privilege to announce and introduce Carl, Sarita, and Jameson Strother to Eastern Meadows. Carl was born in Fort Gordon, Georgia and Sarita was born in Chicago, Illinois. They met at the University of Tennessee (He says Vols fans for life). Carl and Sarita moved to Montgomery to work at Russell Corporation which is now Fruit of the Loom. He is an industrial engineer. He also serves as an adjunct teacher (Computer Information Systems) at ASU and Sarita is Chief Accountant at ASU. Carl is a graduate of the Online Academy of Biblical Studies. They have a married daughter, Jessica, and son, Jameson. Carl and Sarita have one grandchild. Carl and Sarita come to us from Newtown church of Christ, where Carl served the church for 14 years, serving as a preacher for 5 years. He is still there for a few more Wednesdays finishing his Wednesday teaching commitment. Carl enjoys studying history, the outdoors, watching football, and video games. Sarita enjoys watching talent shows, and a good movie occasionally and UT football. We welcome the Strothers to Eastern Meadows.



**Carl, Sarita, Jessica, and Jameson Strother**

**Thanks to Allen Clements and Attendees!** Thanks again to Allen Clements for teaching the Singing School and Song Leaders Training Session. By the way after teaching these classes Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, he then led singing Sunday night, and taught the Wednesday auditorium class (24<sup>th</sup>). He has been busy. Thanks! And thanks to those from Eastern Meadows who attended and supported the Singing School. And - though they may not see the bulletin - thanks to those who attended the Singing School from area congregations.

**Thanks to Eastern Meadows Elders.** This past Sunday the six Eastern Meadows elders were the leaders in every part of our worship. Ted Norton and Allen Kaye preached. Thanks to the good job leading us Sunday and for leader as elders.

## A HEARTENING DEVELOPMENT

**-Hugh Fulford-**

"House to House Heart to Heart," a mass mailing publication emphasizing the gospel plan of salvation and New Testament Christianity developed by the Jacksonville, Alabama church of Christ, began in 1994 as a quarterly publication with one congregation and 1000 circulation. By 1996 it reached over 100,000 circulation with 23 participating congregations. In 1997 it passed one million in circulation; 2000 - 10 million; 2002 - 20 million; 2004 - began printing a Spanish edition; 2005 - 50 million; 2008 - 100 million; 2014 - Began printing a French edition; 2015 - 200 million; 2017 - Began publishing

### Sunday Nights Better

- \* **July 28**, Back to the Bible 2B
- \* **August 4**, Tim Gotkiewicz
- \* **August 11**, Baptism of the Holy Spirit
- \* **August 18**, Guest Speaker
- \* **August 25**, Gospel of Luke

monthly; 2019 - All time circulation passes 250 million. We salute Allen Webster and the great church at Jacksonville, AL for having the foresight to begin this publication and all the congregations who now use it as a part of their autonomous efforts to reach the lost of their communities.

Note: Eastern Meadows has used *House to House Heart to Heart* since its beginning both from the Fairground Road location and now from the Vaughn Road location. Currently we are sending it out four times a year to homes near the Eastern Meadows building. Each year different target neighborhoods are chosen. Pray for the success of House to House Heart to Heart both locally and across the country.  
- Steve Housley

### TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

**Last week's question:** Mary and Joseph went to the temple with Baby Jesus to offer a sacrifice for Jesus as the firstborn according to the law. While there, Simeon, who was filled with the Holy Spirit, said, "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your \_\_\_\_\_." Answer: salvation (Luke 2:30)

**This week's question:** When Mary and Joseph went to the temple with Baby Jesus, Anna the prophetess gave thanks and spoke of Jesus to all who looked for \_\_\_\_\_ in Israel.

A) salvation; B) comfort; C) redemption

## ANNOUNCEMENTS 7/25/19

July 28, 2019 / Leading the congregation in:

**Scripture Reading:**

A.M.: Jon Timbes

**Main Prayer:**

A.M.: Mike Norman

P.M.: Roy Mulkey

**Closing Prayer:**

A.M.: Jeff Simpson

P.M.: John Cole

**Singing:**

A.M.: Jon Timbes

P.M.: Dean Norton

**Security (During Services) - Sunday AM: Danny Moore / Sunday PM & 7/31: Ryan Gotkiewicz**

**Security (Building Lock-up After Services): Lindsey Mulkey**

**SICK:** JIMMY ALLEN is home after being in Jackson Hospital. VERA DEKLE is recovering from cornea transplant surgery. LINDA SCHAEFER is scheduled for surgery July 31 in Birmingham. ADDIE BASS is scheduled for surgery on Aug. 7. ALICE HANDLANG is scheduled for surgery on Aug. 7. LYDIA EGUEBE, SHIRLEY HANCOCK and MELANIE BUSH continue to recover from surgery. DEXTER HART, III, Patrice McClain's grandson, is recovering from open-heart surgery in Texas. Sick at home Sunday: JAMES BERRY, MARVIN DANIEL, ANNEGENE DAVIS, ALICE HANDLANG, MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES, CHARLOTTE PATTERSON, 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.

**PRAYER REQUEST LIST:** (Health Issues): CARSON DAVIS, WAYNE JOHNSTON, DEXTER HART III, JUSTIN SANKEY, and ANNIE BELLE DUKE. (Battling Cancer): CAROL ANN WOODALL, 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.

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS - 7/28:** AM—CECILIA PORTERFIELD, MIRANDA PORTERFIELD, & GENESIS KELLY; PM—TISH HOUSLEY & MYA KELLEY

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST:** There will be a Men's Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday, July 27, 9 AM. If you plan to attend, please sign the lists posted at the front and midway foyers.

**VBS:** Redland Road Church of Christ will have VBS July 28-31, with the theme, "The Faith Force—Heroes of Godly

Living.” Schedule for July 28: Class, 9 AM; Worship, 10 AM; Lunch 12 PM; Worship 1 PM. July 29-31: 7-8:30 PM. Adult class, 30 minutes each evening.

**LIFETOUCH PICTURES:** If you are one of the families who qualified to have your picture taken for the directory, please be sure to go by the front welcome center and sign-up for an appointment. LifeTouch will take pictures Wednesday, July 31, from 2 to 9 PM.

**FELLOWSHIP MEAL:** There will be a Congregational Fellowship Meal Aug. 4. Everyone brings food. Team 2 (BASS) is responsible for set-up and Team 1 (DEES) is responsible for clean-up.

**BIBLE HISTORY CENTER TRIP:** A trip is being planned for Aug. 15 (Thursday) for all in the congregation interested to the Bible History Center in La Grange, GA. The cost is \$20 for the tour of the archaeological replicas and artifact gallery (1 1/2 hours). The cost is \$20 for the noon meal - an old Jerusalem meal of 15 items with a host (1 1/2 hour). The van will depart the church building at 7 am sharp and the tour starts at 10:30 with the meal at 12 noon. We will be back to the building around 3pm. The tickets must be pre-paid by August 4th since reservations for the meal must be made. You may take one or both events; with tax, both events it will be \$45. Please pay David Hester or Michael Crow; on or before August 4th. For more information, go to <https://biblicalhistorycenter.com>

**THANK YOU:** Dear Friends in Christ, I just wanted to send you this card to let you know how much I have appreciated all your cards and notes and most of all your love and prayers. I don't know you all, but I sure felt the Christian love each time one of those cards arrived. Thank you again for your kindness! Yours always, Jimmy Grant

**JULY STANDBY TEAM - 2 (BASS)**

**ELDER OF THE MONTH / ON CALL:** The Elder of the Month for July is **ALAN KAYE**. Contact information: (334) 386-7117; [nantahalan@gmail.com](mailto:nantahalan@gmail.com).

**SUNDAY, 7/21:** Bible Class—155; AM Worship—212; PM Worship—110; EMBF—\$116



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## 2019 LadyBUGS

Ladies Being Useful in God's Service

### TOGETHER

- ♦ **July 28:** A Time To Pray, 4:30 PM
- ♦ **Aug. 6:** Dorcas Deeds, 10 AM-2 PM
- ♦ **Aug. 12:** Area Wide Ladies' Devo @ Dalraida, 7 PM

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

## Upcoming Events:

### 2019

- **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

## The Complexities of Modesty

Modesty is a complex issue, especially when we fail to understand all the pieces of the puzzle. Paul mentions modesty in the context of women who dress to provoke envy and desire (1 Timothy 2:9). However, Christians must display pure lives and flee fornication and lust, which begins in the heart (Matthew 5:27-28; Hebrews 13:4; Matthew 15:19; James 1:14-15). David was drawn into sin by a nude woman (2 Samuel 11) and God condemns women who flaunt themselves sexually (Proverbs 5).

If we take this subject apart, we can become more knowledgeable and prepared.

- First, men must dress modestly because women struggle with lust, as well.
- Second, sex and desire are wonderful if enjoyed within the confines of marriage (Song of Solomon). For the sake of marital love and procreation, we're sexual beings, attracted to the opposite sex.
- Third, we have freewill and must face the consequences of our choices (Ezekiel 18:19-23).
- Fourth, the clothing industry is obsessed with sexual desire so finding wholesome clothing is challenging. However, sewing machines are available and modest clothing can be purchased.
- Being a Christian means that we must rise above the sinful world (1 Thessalonians 5:22). Our bodies are to serve a higher spiritual purpose, not carnal desire (Romans 12:1-2; 1 John 2:16).
- Fifth, we're to live for God and that supersedes comfort, context, insecurity or laziness (Ephesians 4:1), because God is always watching (Proverbs 15:3). God's Word can't be overlooked to fit our style.
- Sixth, we're commanded to look out for one another (Philippians 2:3-4). Lust is a powerful force. God gave sexual desire to everyone to use properly. A man isn't a pervert for finding women de-

sirable.

Ignoring an attractive, nearly naked person of the opposite sex is exceedingly difficult for most everyone. What's more, we're bombarded with measures of it everywhere we turn, even in worship.

A man bears the responsibility to not feed the fire by pornography or fantasies. Everyone has their own struggles and weaknesses and we should help our brothers and sisters in Christ as best we can.

By the way, all Christian men, regardless of their place in the Lord's Church face the same struggles as other men. Being in a leadership position doesn't mean we lose our humanity. If Christian men struggle with lust, what about men who are non-Christians? Unless they have inner boundaries, they're limited by law. If they eschew that, they're left to their animal instincts. We circulate around all types of people and we can't stop how they think. Modesty is not only Christian, but in some cases, protection.

Women who think that they can dress immodestly because men aren't supposed to look are dangerously naïve. The man's battle is completely separate from the woman's actions. The freewill of men doesn't vanish because of a woman's stubbornness and preferences.

Moreover, men don't always openly display what is in their hearts. They must do all they can to control their sexual desires and lusts (Job 31:1). However, like a recovering alcoholic, they will continually struggle.

We're commanded to live spiritually. How others live and think has no bearing on our command. God's will is our boundary, not man-made law. Legal by society's standards doesn't mean it has God's approval. We live on a separate plane from the world. What they do and how we respond are separate issues. Whining and complaining won't change the law of God or the minds of people.

--Richard Mansel, *forthright.net*

## An Autopsy of a Christian

Often times an autopsy is performed when someone dies to determine the cause of death. What would an autopsy reveal about a Christian?

A Christian has **observant eyes**, rather than having "eyes full of adultery" (2 Peter 2:14). The Christian is to focus his attention on the harvest of lost souls around him (John 4:35). By looking for ways to serve the Lord, the Christian will find open doors of opportunity (1 Corinthians 16:9).

A Christian has **helping hands**. Christians need to be seen as a caring community of believers. In the first century, Christians were quick to respond to the needs of their brethren (Acts 11:17-30). Today, we need to "do good" to those in or out of the church (Galatians 6:10).

A Christian has a **tender heart**. Christians need to have compassionate hearts that motivate them to respond to the needs of their brethren (Acts 11:17-30). When we are tenderhearted, we are able to be kind and giving to one another (Ephesians 4:32).

Christians are **concerned spirits**. Sin should stir the spirits of Christians (Acts 17:16). We cannot afford to ignore or minimize the effects of sin in a person's life. We have a responsibility as "watchmen" to warn the erring (Ezekiel 3:17).

Would an autopsy of your life show these qualities? Your life can be a good influence if you have these qualities.

--Therman Hodge, *Gospel Gazette Online*