



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

8464 Vaughn Road, Montgomery, AL 36117

Phone: 334-273-0001 / Fax: 334-273-0375

Website: <http://www.emcofc.org/>

Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/EasternMeadowsChurchofChrist/)

[EasternMeadowsChurchofChrist/](https://www.facebook.com/EasternMeadowsChurchofChrist/)

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/EasternMeadows>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/EasternMeadows>

July 3, 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:

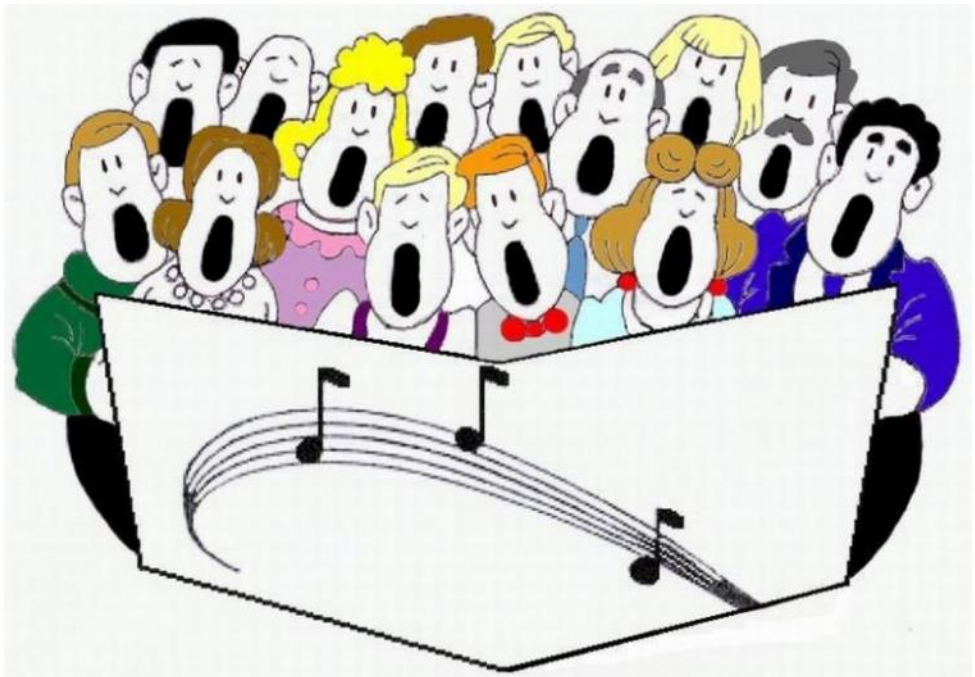
Sunday:

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

Wednesday:

6:30 p.m. Bible Study

WELCOME!



SINGING SCHOOL

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday

July 15, 16, 18, & 19

from 6:30 p.m. until 8:15 p.m.

SONG LEADER CLINIC

Saturday, **July 20** from 9 a.m. - Noon

Teacher: Allen Clements

For more information: go to [facebook.com/easternmeadowschurchofchrist](https://www.facebook.com/easternmeadowschurchofchrist)

FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

Singing School. Soon This is a unique opportunity that we have in the *very* near future. I imagine most of those under the age of 60 have not even been to a singing school. I have been to only one. This will be a great opportunity to learn about this one important part of our worship assembly, singing. The singing school is not an extended series of sermons about singing in worship, it is a school to help us learn how to sing! It will help us learn more about the “music” part of singing. You can read the words! Can you sing them! I hope you will plan on being at every session of the singing school. Also, tell others about it. This singing school is for *all ages*. I would assume that the majority of people present will be adults; however, this would be a great opportunity for “home-schoolers” to be in a Singing School (and it is free) and learn about music! *Please support this and all congregational activities.*

Back to the Bible. The past two Sunday evenings we studied from the Back to the Bible #1 booklet. The goal was for you to see that this was something you could use to teach someone. In fact, I would say that finding the person who wants to study with you will be more difficult than using this booklet to guide the study. Extras of this booklet will be on the desk behind the counter in the Main Foyer. Use them! I would love to hear you tell me that you have used it to help teach someone the Gospel!

Sunday Fellowship Meal! Seems like a while since we have had a congregational fellowship meal. We don't have to wait much longer! Plan on bringing your food to share in the potluck meal this Sunday! Invite someone to come with you.

Doubting or Believing Thomas? This Sunday morning we will begin some Bible Character Studies. The first will be Thomas. As I have been studying about Thomas I can't help but think how all my life I have heard “Doubting Thomas.” I know you have too. It seems that for all we know about him we want to remember the time he wanted the proof of Jesus resurrection. (By the way, read about Thomas in the gospels and see if you can find the *word* “doubt” associated with Thomas.) Now consider how we look over his declaration “My Lord and my God” (John 20:28) and remember “Doubting Thomas.” We all too often define people by a single failing in their life, and overlook the much good they have done. Or we define them by their past, which they have overcome. Let us remember Thomas as “Believing Thomas.”

Sunday Nights Better

- * **July 7**, Tim Gotkiewicz
- * **July 14**, *What the Holy Spirit is Not Doing*, #2
- * **July 21**, *Back to the Bible*, 2A
- * **July 28**, *Back to the Bible* 2B

ANNOUNCEMENTS 7/3/19

SICK: SHIRLEY HANCOCK underwent out-patient surgery June 27. MELANIE BUSH is recovering from surgery. Sick at home Sunday: JIMMY ALLEN, MARVIN & MARGARET DANIEL, ELVERNICE DEES, MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES, ALICE HANDLANG, ANN MILAM, and LILLIE THOMPSON. 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.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to Sarah Housley in the passing of her grandmother, MARY COMBS. The funeral is today, July 3, in Scottsboro, AL.

NURSERY ATTENDANTS - 7/7: AM—KALLIE FUTRAL & BARBARA NORMAN; PM—MICHELE BROWN & BRAYDEN BROWN

FELLOWSHIP MEAL: There will be a congregational meal this Sunday, July 7, following the AM worship service. All teams are to bring food and desserts. Team 1 (DEES) is responsible for set-up and Team 3 (KELLY) is responsible for clean-up.

ATTENTION SPEEDERS:

- The speeders will tour the Hyundai plant, to see how cars are made, on July 10 at 9:30 AM. A sign up sheet is posted in the main foyer. This outing is free.
- 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 EM Members, Thank you for all your calls, cards, concerns, and prayers during my recent surgery and now as I continue to recover. I am blessed greatly to be a member of such a loving and caring congregation of Christians. God bless all of you! Phyllis Allen

AREA WIDE SINGING: Alexander City Church of Christ will host the Area Wide Singing on Friday, July 12, 7-8:30 PM. A fellowship meal of BBQ sandwiches, chips, dessert, and drink will be served following the singing.

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.

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.

SUNDAY, 6/30: Bible Class—159; AM Worship—200; PM Worship—128; EMBF—\$2,763.00



2019 LadyBUGS
Ladies Being Useful in God's Service
TOGETHER

- ◆ **July 2:** Dorcas Deeds, 10 AM-2 PM
- ◆ **July 28:** A Time To Pray, 4:30 PM

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

Upcoming Events:

2019

- **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

2020:

- **December 14:** Annual Christmas Dinner, 2 PM
- **December 23:** Mid-Week Bible Study, 6:30 PM
- **February 15-16:** Marriage & Family Seminar (Dan & Grace Wheeler)
- **April 1:** Teaching Rocket Seminar with Michael Whitworth
- **May 3:** Homecoming/Goal Day

July 7, 2019 / Leading the congregation in:

Scripture Reading:

A.M.: John Cole

Main Prayer:

A.M.: Alan Kaye

P.M.: Steve Sewell

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Mark Evans

P.M.: John Cole

Singing:

A.M.: David Hester

P.M.: David Hester

Security (During Services) - Sunday AM: Brooks McDonald / Sunday PM & 7/10: James Kelley

Security (Building Lock-up After Services): Blaine Benson

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: The book of Luke was a letter written by Luke to whom? The book of Luke was a letter written by Luke to whom? Answer: Theophilus (Luke 1:3)

This week's question: To provide service for the temple, the priests were divided into 24 divisions. Each division did duty in the Temple in rotation twice a year, each period of duty lasting one week. Luke writes that Zacharias, John the Immerser's father, was in the division of Abijah. Which week did Zacharias' division serve?

A) 1st; B) 8th; C) 24th



The Time Has Come for You to Stand on Your Own

In one of the opening chapel sessions at Faulkner University this year [2007] the President spoke. Among the things that he said was this statement: "The time has come for you to stand on your own." I thought that was a very powerful and appropriate statement. It made me think about several things.

The apostle Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, Chapter 6, talked about the Christian armor. In this discussion he emphasized the need to stand. The word "stand" is mentioned several times with the conclusion, "And having done all, to stand." I believe that it is the case that the time has come for all of us to stand.

We Must Stand for What Is Right

We need to firmly and without compromise stand for the truth (Jude 3). We need to be those who can be counted as proponents of right. We need to hold forth the banner of righteousness, and never back down. We must stand for right, even if no one else around us is. As has often been said, the greatest evil may be those who believe in the right, but who do not say anything. That is how Germany could be led into the terror of Hitler's regime, and literally millions of innocent people were annihilated because good people remained silent.



We Must Stand against What Is Wrong

Those who are proponents of evil are very often militant and noisy, actively trying to get others to become part of their evil. If we who are followers of the truth do not let our voices be heard, evil will win (Ephesians 5:11). We must stand. We must teach. We must be strong.

We Must Stand with Each Other

While we must be willing to stand alone, it is very essential that we stand together. The plan of God is that the church should stand united as a mighty army ready to go forward in battle against the enemies of God, and ready to take the great and glorious Gospel to a lost and dying world. We

must be strong alone. We can be unbelievably stronger together.

The Time Has Come for Us to Stand on Our Own

The time has come for us to stand on our own. We have to make the decision that we will be strong and mighty in the Lord (Joshua 24:15). We must decide that we will overcome (Romans 12:21; 1 John 5:5). We must dress ourselves in the Christian armor (Ephesians 6:11-17). Then, we must understand that we can stand on our own, because we are never really alone (Matthew 28:19-20). We will always have God on our side, by our side and upholding our side. That makes "standing alone" not sound so daunting. "Stand then, and having done all, Stand."

--Dean Kelly, *Gospel Gazette Online*

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Austin Brown, Eli Porter, and Thomas Anderson for leading the Sunday afternoon devotionals at The Country Cottages for the last two years. Austin will be attending Vanderbilt and Eli graduated from Faulkner.

