



# Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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August 1, 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!**

## CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP MEAL

### This Sunday, August 4

There will be a Fellowship Meal this Sunday following the AM worship service. All teams bring food. Team 2 (Bass) is responsible for set-up and Team 1 (Dees) is responsible for clean-up.



### The PM worship service will be at 12:30.



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## FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

**Christian Williams.** Sunday morning Christian Williams responded asking for prayers for forgiveness and strength. Christian is a busy young man, studying at ASU and working part-time. I appreciate so much his faithfulness and desire to serve God. And thank you for encouraging him Sunday. Continue to encourage Christian.

**Update on Eastern Meadows Lifetouch Photography.** Thank you for your cooperation. Writing this Monday with Photography on Wednesday, we have every slot filled on Wednesday from when the photography begins until 8 p.m. While not everyone who is eligible signed up for a picture, we are thankful to have this good participation. I am not sure when the updated directory will be received, but this is the first step in the process. Thanks!

**Dallas Brown.** Great news last night! Dallas Brown was baptized into Christ. Dallas is the third child of Charles and Michelle Brown. He is a recent graduate of Brew Tech where his emphasis of study was architectural design. In addition to his studies he was also on the wrestling team. He will be attending Southern Union Community College in Opelika where he will begin his studies and plans on a major in Forestry. Dallas stays busy having had a yard business for five years. In his spare time he likes to fish and to spend time with his family. We rejoice in Dallas' decision to obey the Lord. Let us pray that Dallas will always continue in the faith!

**Inviting.** Recently I was listening to a Polishing The Pulpit lesson in the car and the speaker spoke of some of the things being done at the congregation where he preached. The memorable thing was, "People at ABC church are good inviters." What a compliment to give to a congregation. I am not so sure this can be said of many congregations. We have some good inviters at Eastern Meadows! Even Sunday there were some present just because of your invitation. Let us keep inviting. I know that many will not even consider coming. Last Thursday night I invited someone to EM. She said where she went to church, implying, that she was not even interested in visiting elsewhere. OK. That happens. We just need to keep inviting. And I know that we don't want to be a nuisance, but it is OK to be persistent. Invite more than once! And there are some tremendous success stories! "Invite 'em" cards will be on the foyer desk for you to pick up and use. Keep them in your purse and wallet so you have them to use. Invite.

**This Sunday!** This Sunday there is a congregational meal with afternoon worship at 12:30. Everyone bring food! By the way, this is an excellent time to invite someone to come to worship. You can invite them to come and stay for the meal. And we have the convenience of an early worship. Stay for the 12:30 worship!! Let's have the best crowd ever for the afternoon worship.

### Sunday Nights Better

- \* **August 4**, Tim Gotkiewicz
- \* **August 11**, *Baptism of the Holy Spirit*
- \* **August 18**, Guest Speaker
- \* **August 25**, *Gospel of Luke*



**Dallas Brown and family. Dallas is the tall one in the middle!**

## FROM THE YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTER – TIM GOTKIEWICZ:

Upcoming events:

Sept 8 – Area-Wide @ Prattville

### TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

**Last 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. Answer: redemption (Luke 2:38)

**This week's question:** When Jesus was 12 years old, He went to the Passover Feast in Jerusalem with Joseph and Mary. During their return to Nazareth, they discovered that He was missing and searched for Him. When they found Him, He was at the Temple with the teachers both listening to them and \_\_\_\_\_.

A) answering their questions; B) teaching them; C) asking them questions



## ANNOUNCEMENTS 8/1/19

August 4, 2019 / Leading the congregation in:

**Scripture Reading:**

A.M.: Josh Cochran

**Main Prayer:**

A.M.: Steve Sewell

P.M.: John Cole

**Closing Prayer:**

A.M.: Adam Bass

P.M.: Tim Hatch

**Singing:**

A.M.: William Dill

P.M.: William Dill

**Security (During Services) - Sunday AM: Randy Porterfield / Sunday PM & 8/7: Henly Khantisouriya**

**Security (Building Lock-up After Services): David Hester**

**SICK:** LAURIE NORTON is in Baptist East Medical Center. LINDA SCHAEFER is recovering from surgery. ADDIE BASS is scheduled for surgery on Aug. 7. ALICE HANDLANG is scheduled for surgery on Aug. 7. VERA DEKLE, LYDIA EGUEBE, and SHIRLEY HANCOCK continue to recover from surgery. ANNIE GIBSON, Shirley Jones' mother, is in Jackson Hospital. Sick at home Sunday: JIMMY ALLEN, BONNIE CROW, MARVIN DANIEL, GEORGE DAVIDSON, MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES, CHARLOTTE PATTERSON, and KATIE SHIVER. 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 Ben Shiver and family in the passing of his grandfather.

**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 - 8/4: AM—GWEN MANN & GLORIA HARVEST; PM—PATTY BENSON & LUCY BENSON**

**FELLOWSHIP MEAL:** There will be a Congregational Fellowship Meal this Sunday, Aug. 4. ALL teams bring food. Team 2 (BASS) is responsible for set-up and Team 1 (DEES) is responsible for clean-up.

**LEADERSHIP EAT & MEET:** There will be a Leadership (Elders, Deacons, & Ministers) Business Meeting on Sunday, Aug. 11, 7:30 AM. Breakfast will be served at 7 by STEVE HOUSLEY and ANDREW LONG.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS JOY:** The boxes for Operation Christmas Joy will be available this Sunday. The boxes and sign-up sheet will be in the LadyBUGS Room. For more information and/or to make a donation for the purchase of candy, please see SALLY GOTKIEWICZ or DIANNE HOSKINSON.

**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 plus tax for the tour and \$20 plus tax for the noon meal - You may take one or both events; with tax, both events it will be \$45. The van will depart the church building at 7 am sharp and return to the building around 3pm. The tickets must be pre-paid by August 4th since reservations for the meal must be made. Please pay David Hester or Michael Crow; on or before August 4th.

**THANK YOU:** Gifts of thoughtfulness and caring are kept forever in the memory of the heart. Finding words to thank you isn't easy, but perhaps these heartfelt words will help to show your thoughtfulness will always be remembered with more gratitude than you could ever know. *We are so very humbled by and appreciative of all you've done during my recent surgery and recovery. We are grateful for your prayers, gifts, food, quilt, well wishes, and expressions of care and concern. This journey has been made easier because of all the love and encouragement of our Eastern Meadows family. Words cannot adequately express our thoughts. But, please know that we feel so very blessed to be a part of such a loving family of God! Love, Billy & Melanie Bush*

**AUGUST STANDBY TEAM - 3 (KELLY)**

**ELDER OF THE MONTH / ON CALL:** The Elder of the Month for August is **TIM BAGENTS**. Contact information: (334) 303-3571; [tbagents@southlandtransportationgroup.com](mailto:tbagents@southlandtransportationgroup.com).

**SUNDAY, 7/28:** Bible Class—141; AM Worship—202; EMBF—\$151



## 2019 LadyBUGS

*Ladies Being Useful in God's Service*

# TOGETHER

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- ◆ **Aug. 6:** Dorcas Deeds, 10 AM-2 PM
- ◆ **Aug. 12:** Area Wide Ladies' Devo @ Dalraida, 7 PM

### YOUTH EVENTS:

**Sept. 8:** Area Wide Youth Devo @ Prattville

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

## Upcoming Events:

**2019**

- **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

## Is God Really Going to Punish The Wicked?

Hell, it seems, has lost a lot of its fire over the last few decades, and perhaps even through recent centuries. The reason for this lies in the fact that mankind has forgotten one simple precept: God hates sin, and He will punish those who refuse to repent and turn to Him. When you deny the existence of hell, you deny the Bible. When you overemphasize attributes like love and mercy, and neglect attributes like wrath and justice, you deny God. While God most certainly is a God of love and mercy, He is also a God of vengeance (Deuteronomy 7:4; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-9). It does not take long to find proof of this; simply read Genesis, and you will find two major events in the first 19 chapters. Genesis 19 records the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, as well as the neighboring cities in the valley, on account of their great wickedness. Prior to this is the greatest catastrophe this planet has ever seen - the great flood. Genesis 6-7 details the account of the flood that destroyed "all in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, all that was on the dry land..." (Genesis 7:22 NKJV), man and animal, because of sin. Since the Bible unequivocally declares that the wicked will be punished, it behooves us as Christians to make sure that we warn as many as we can, and show them the way to safety. "Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men..." (2 Corinthians 5:11).

— Thomas Baxley, *Gospel Gazette Online*