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August 15, 2019

ELDERS:

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DEACONS:

Billy Bush
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Tim Gotkiewicz
Tim Hatch
Steve Housley
Andrew Long
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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!

BUDGET CATCH-UP SUNDAY

September 15, 2019

September 15, 2019 will be Budget Catch-up Sunday. From time to time we have used this method in order to make sure we remain "on budget" during the course of the year. Our last Catch-up Sunday was June 24, 2018, well over a year ago, and together we were successful. Please make plans now to Double your planned weekly contribution. Our goal is **\$27,780.00**. Thanks in advance for your support.
—Ted Norton, for the elders

TEAM 2 FELLOWSHIP MEAL

This Sunday, August 18

Team 2 (Bass) will have a Fellowship Meal this Sunday after the AM worship service.

Budget: **\$13,890** Contribution, 8/11: **\$13,463.48** YTD: - **\$9,654.81**

8/11 Bible Class: **157** / AM Worship: **184** / PM Worship: **116** / EMBF: **\$128**

FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

A Reminder to Keep Praying. I am requesting you pray for our students and teachers as a new school year begins. Eastern Meadows has about 34 school children/teens and 10 teachers, administration, and staff on the Elementary to High School level. We also have several college students who will soon begin and 10 teachers and staff on the collegiate level. Pray that each of these will have a very safe and productive year. Pray that as they learn they will always be the example of what a Christian ought to be.

Budget. We can be thankful for the wisdom and foresight of the Eastern Meadows elders. They want the Lord's church at Eastern Meadows to faithfully serve God and grow. An essential part of both faithfully serving God and the Eastern Meadows church growing is our faithful giving. The need to meet the budget is real. The elders are leading us in a "Double Sunday" on September 15 to bring the giving up to budget level. The elders are "all in." You can be sure they will be participating. Let us follow their lead and meet this challenge of "Double Sunday."

Polishing the Pulpit. Tish and I and Tim and Sally will be attending Polishing the Pulpit in Sevierville, Tennessee. We will be attending sessions from Friday afternoon through Thursday morning. There will be thousands in attendance with hundreds of sessions to attend. Almost every hour there will be over a dozen sessions to choose from to attend. It is a great opportunity for fellowship, study and learning, and being challenged to do our best as a Christian. Tish will be teaching 40 six year olds. There are two sections of six year olds, about 80 total. Polishing the Pulpit is an amazing place for children and teens and not just adults. We appreciate the opportunity to attend.

Sunday Nights Better

- * August 18, Worship in Song
- * August 25, Gospel of Luke
- * Sept. 1, Tim Gotkiewicz

Shield Your Child

August 3 and 4, 2019. A Saturday and a Sunday. How was it for you? OK for me. In fact, that Sunday was a great day at Eastern Meadows church of Christ. However, those days weren't so good for the residents of El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio. For El Paso, the peace ended when a shooter decided to go on a killing rampage at Walmart. For Dayton, the Saturday night fun ended, when a shooter started shooting up an entertainment district. The total death toll for both places was at least 31 and dozens more were wounded.

Some may ask "Why?" Some may ask, "How can we keep this from happening again?" (Again? Sadly, we are becoming accustomed to hearing of these mass shootings.) I have the solution. Have the love of God in the heart of every man, woman, and child. If that were so, there would be no shootings. OK, I have named a seemingly impossible solution, but this single thing would prevent such happenings.

I am writing this, however, not to emphasize that sad day. Rather, I am writing to tell of the heroics of three different people.

Andre Anchondo, 23, and his wife, Jordan, 24, were running errands. Later that day they were having some family and friends over for a housewarming. The party was to also be an anniversary party and a birthday party for Jordan's five year old child. The party did not happen. A gunman entered Walmart and began shooting. When he neared Andre and Jordan, Andre was killed when he jumped in front of the gunman to protect his wife and child. Jordan was killed holding and protecting her child. When the child was found, the mother's body was on top of the child, apparently having fallen when she was shot. The baby had some broken bones from the fall, but was safe! The baby had not been shot. Andre and Jordan died protecting their child.

Another hero's name was Dave Johnson, 63, who died shielding his wife Kathy and their 9-year-old granddaughter, Kaitlyn, from the hail of bullets, Johnson's daughter Stephanie Melendez told CNN. Kathy Johnson told her daughters that the gunman got as close as two feet from them. Johnson was shot

after he pushed down his wife and granddaughter and covered them, Melendez said.

Andre, Jordan, and Dave are heroes, saving the lives of their child and grandchild, shielding these children with their own bodies and lives.

Are we shielding our children and grandchildren?

Actually, I would imagine that every person who reads this would be willing to put their body between their child or grandchild and a shooter. Truly you love your child/grandchild more than your life!

But, are we spiritually shielding our children?

Are we doing everything within our power to be sure our children:

- Learn what is right and what is wrong (learns what God teaches in his word about everything from the distinctive nature of the church to moral living).
- Realize that the eternal is far more important than the temporal.
- Want to do what is right.
- Develop a faith that is more than just sitting in a pew.
- Are living the Christian life, even if it means they don't have all the fun their friends have.
- Love God and not the things of the world.
- Understand that God is first; even over school, sports, and secular activities.
- Comprehend the true sacrifice that God demands.
- Are not a "one and done Christian" (Sunday morning worship only and nothing else . . .).
- See an example in us of what a true Christian is, a Christian that truly puts God's righteousness and His kingdom (church) first.

Seriously, are we doing everything in our power to shield our children from Satan and sin?

--Steve Housley

FROM THE YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTER – TIM GOTKIEWICZ:

Friday night, September 6th – After the ACA football game (approximately 10:00 p.m. – 11:15 p.m.), Eastern Meadows will be hosting a post-game devotional/fellowship for the students active in the game activities. Other students and guests may also attend. Our youth group is also cordially invited.

We are asking for your help in setting up, hosting, and clean-up. We are planning to provide Bar-B-Q, Fries, and drinks.

A sign-up list will be posted in the midway foyer.

If you want to attend Exposure Youth Camp (Friday, Dec 27 – Monday, Dec 30) as a student or Chaperone, please contact me. Cost per attendee, which includes transportation costs, depends on the number of people going, so I plan to have a firm list no later than September 15th.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 15th.

Upcoming events:

Sept 6th – Eastern Meadows hosting ACA Post-Football get-together

Sept 8th – Area-Wide @ Prattville
 Sept 15th – EYC Registration Deadline
 Oct 13th – Area-Wide @ Wetumpka
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TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: Who ruled Rome when John the Baptist began his ministry? Answer: Tiberius Caesar (Luke 3:1)

This week's question: Luke's genealogy of Jesus begins with _____ and ends with _____.

A) Jesus; Abraham; B) Abraham; Jesus; C) Jesus; Adam

FALL QUARTER BIBLE CLASSES

Sunday AM Auditorium – David Hester (Pentateuch)
 Sunday AM Experienced Ladies – Melanie Bush, Sally Gotkiewicz, and Tonna Johnson (How Shall I Be Remembered, Vol. 2)
 Sunday AM Young Ladies – Different Ladies (United Kingdom)
 Sunday AM College – Tim Stevens (How We Got The Bible)
 Sunday AM Teenage – Tim Gotkiewicz (Luke)
 Wednesday Auditorium – Paul Clements (Spiritual Maturity)
 Wednesday Adult II – Charlie Boddy (Human Suffering)
 Wednesday Young Ladies – Different Ladies (Courage)
 Wednesday College – Tim Gotkiewicz (Me and You In the Pews)
 Wednesday Teenage – Brooks Housley (L2L Pearls Study Guide – “Lost & Found”)
 Thursday Bible Class – Tim Gotkiewicz (How To Love Someone You Can't Stand)



ANNOUNCEMENTS 8/15/19

August 18, 2019 / Leading the congregation in:			
Scripture Reading:	Main Prayer:	Closing Prayer:	Singing:
A.M.: TBA	A.M.: Tim Stevens	A.M.: Mark Evans	A.M.: Allen Clements
	P.M.: Trent Bailey	P.M.: John Cole	P.M.: Paul Clements
Security (During Services) - Sunday AM: Tim Hatch / Sunday PM & 8/21: Brad Jackson			
Security (Building Lock-up After Services): James Kelley			

SICK: KERRY ROBERTS is recovering at home following hip-replacement surgery Monday. LANETTE TAYLOR underwent out-patient surgery Monday. ALICE HANDLANG is in Encompass Rehab recovering from surgery. SHIRLEY HANCOCK continues to recover from surgery. LAURIE NORTON is home after being in the hospital. Sick at home Sunday: . 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, WILL HICKS, and ANGELA TAYLOR. (Other) The SPIRITUALLY ILL—weak and wayward members.

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS FOR:

- SUZY TAYLOR, Lanette Taylor’s sister-in-law and Dianne Hoskinson’s aunt, who is in Encompass Rehab.
- LANISE KIRK, David Hester’s cousin, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer.
- TYLER JOHNSON, family friend of Wesley & Wilma Berry, 6 years old and scheduled for heart-valve-replacement surgery Aug. 26 in Atlanta, GA.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Team 2 will have a Fellowship Meal this Sunday, Aug. 18, after the AM worship service. Bring enough food to feed your family plus a couple of guests.

POLISHING THE PULPIT: The Annual Polishing The Pulpit is Aug. 16-22 in Sevierville, TN. We have four members attending. Pray for safe travels.

SPEAKING SUNDAY: In Steve Housley’s absence this Sunday, PAUL CLEMENTS will be speaking at the AM worship service. We will have “Worship in Song” at the 5 PM worship service.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS JOY: The boxes for Operation Christmas Joy are now available. 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.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR: All events for the September Calendar must be turned in by Aug. 25 to Wilma Berry.

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS: Thursday Bible Class will resume Sept. 5, 10:30 AM. TIM GOTKIEWICZ will be teaching, “How To Love Someone You Can’t Stand.”

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**.

2019 LadyBUGS
Ladies Being Useful in God's Service
TOGETHER

- ◆ **Aug. 25 :** A Time To Pray, 4:30 PM
- ◆ **Sept. :** Dorcas Deeds, 10 AM-2 PM

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

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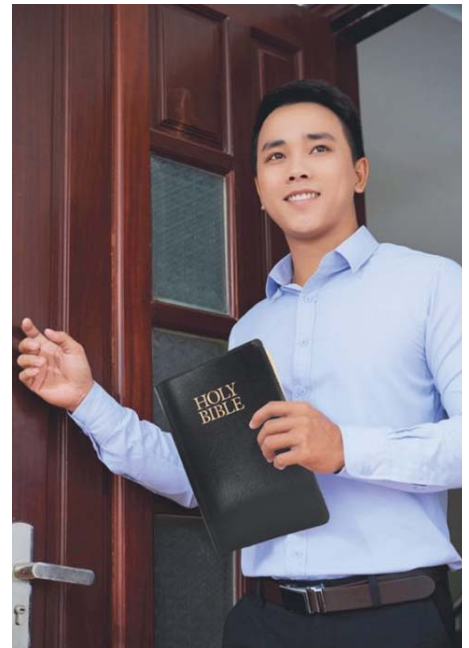
<p>2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 5: Door Knocking Day • October 17-19: Choosing That Good Part Ladies' Retreat • October 26: Fall Festival & Trunk-Or-Treat, 3-7 PM • November 25: Mid-Week Bible Study, 6:30 PM • December 14: Annual Christmas Dinner, 2 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 23: Mid-Week Bible Study, 6:30 PM <p>2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 2: Faulkner Chorus • February 15-16: Marriage & Family Seminar (Dan & Grace Wheeler) • April 5: Teaching Rocket Seminar with Michael Whitworth
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1ST ANNUAL BROTHERHOOD-WIDE DOOR KNOCKING DAY OCTOBER 5

Eastern Meadows will be involved with the “1st Annual Brotherhood-Wide Door Knocking Day” organized by House to House Heart to Heart. This glorious event will take place Saturday, October 5th.

This is a great opportunity for us to spread the Gospel (The Good News) of Jesus in the Montgomery area. Our goal is to let people know that we care and want them to become Christians to enjoy the benefits of being in Christ.

Everyone in the congregation can be involved with this great work in some way. We first ask that you pray for this campaign to be successful, not only for Eastern Meadows but worldwide and continue to pray for our evangelistic efforts at Eastern Meadows. We hope that you will be involved and make a commitment to this cause.



A SMILE



A smile costs nothing, but gives much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None is so poor but he can be made rich by it.

A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in business, and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and it is nature's best antidote for trouble.

Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something of no value to anyone until it is given away. Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours, as none needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give.

— Copied