



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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August 29, 2019

ELDERS:

Tim Bagents
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DEACONS:

Billy Bush
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Ryan Gotkiewicz
Tim Gotkiewicz
Tim Hatch
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Andrew Long
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Steve Sewell
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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

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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

Budget: \$13,890 Contribution, 8/25: \$14,409.65 YTD: - \$8,215.67

8/18 Bible Class: 144 / AM Worship: 181 / PM Worship: 120 / EMBF: \$121

FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

Sunday Morning Prayer: Sunday morning Francoies Morman responded requesting prayer. Francoies has visited some at Eastern Meadows but lives in Snellville, GA. I hope we see Francoies more often! Let us continue to pray for her!

Sunday Afternoon Baptism. On Sunday afternoon, August 25, John Mixon was baptized into Christ. We welcome John and Shirley Mixon to Eastern Meadows. John and Shirley Mixon were originally from Montgomery but had lived in Miami, Florida for 40 years. They moved back to Montgomery in 2009. John teaches Physical Science at Robert E. Lee High School. Before moving to Montgomery he was in administration in the Miami School System. They have been married 46 years and have three children and four grandchildren, all of whom live in Florida. Shirley was a homemaker for most of her life, but for a time worked in Hospital Administration. In their spare time they walk, enjoy reading, and visit the elderly. Welcome John and Shirley to Eastern Meadows!



John & Shirley Mixon

PTP One More Time: These are two PTP lessons that you can watch on your computer. All you need to do is copy and paste the url to your web browser. The first one, with the long url, is a lesson by Don Blackwell on *The Frailty of Life: What I have Learned Since Getting on a 4-wheeler Three Months Ago*. About three months ago Don Blackwell and his wife were in a 4-wheeler accident that injured his wife and left Don a paraplegic. It has been a hard three months for Don, but we can rejoice that he has come as far as he has. This lesson on suffering that he presents is from someone who has now endured great suffering.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qq4OYJXSM14&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR3mL5kbX0pgk21sHzC_fA2Wa1fK7SYk8cUw)

[v=qq4OYJXSM14&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR3mL5kbX0pgk21sHzC_fA2Wa1fK7SYk8cUw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qq4OYJXSM14&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR3mL5kbX0pgk21sHzC_fA2Wa1fK7SYk8cUw)
[hBy8x8NfdoC6OXe93cobHxEithfulness!](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qq4OYJXSM14&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR3mL5kbX0pgk21sHzC_fA2Wa1fK7SYk8cUw)

The second url is a lesson by Dan Winkler called *The Simple Gospel*. This lesson was delivered on the evening that PTP attendees were encouraged to bring someone from town with them. It is a long video because the first 30 minutes are PTP singing. By the way, the singing sounds much better when you are there! The lesson begins a few seconds after the 35 minute mark.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ox2PL40heeo>

You Are To Be Commended. After many weeks of failing to meet the budget, Eastern Meadows has met the budget for three weeks in a row. Thank you for your faithful giving. Because of the budget deficit, the elders are leading us to double our giving on September 15 to bring the giving up to budget level. The goal is \$27,780.00. Let us all do our part and we can meet our goal. And it will take us all doing our part to reach that goal. Thank you for your faithfulness!

Sunday Nights Better

- * **Sept. 1**, Tim Gotkiewicz
- * **Sept. 8**, Various Questions
- * **Sept. 15**, David Hester
- * **Sept. 22**, Gospel of Luke
- * **Sept. 29**, Guest Speaker

Thursday Class Starts Next Week! Tim Gotkiewicz will be teaching *How To Love Someone You Can't Stand*. I think we will all find something of interest in that study!

This Sunday! This Sunday is Worship followed by a meal followed by 12:30 p.m. worship. I will be preaching at 10 a.m. worship on the "Goodness/Kindness of God." *Ted is cooking for everyone. This is a great Sunday to invite someone to worship with you! Invite!*

FROM THE YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTER – TIM GOTKIEWICZ:

Friday night, September 6th – After the ACA football game (approximately 10:00pm – 11:15pm), 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-Que, Fries, and drinks. A sign-up list has been 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.

EYC REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 15th.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- **Sept 6:** Eastern Meadows hosting ACA Post-Football get-together
- **Sept 8:** Area-Wide @ Prattville
- **Sept 14:** Grounds Work Day
- **Sept 15:** EYC Registration Deadline
- **Sept 22:** 10-minute parent update after morning worship
- **Sept 22:** Youth Group Devo @ Tim and Sally's Home
- **Sept 25:** Prayer Dinner, 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall
- **Oct. 5:** Door Knocking Day
- **Oct 13:** Area-Wide @ Wetumpka
- **Nov 10:** Area-Wide @ Eastern Meadows
- **Dec 8:** Area-Wide @ Walnut St.
- **Dec 27–30:** Exposure Youth Camp

COLLEGE EVENTS:

- **Sept. 14:** Grounds Work Day
- **Sept. 15:** Devo @ Tim & Sally's Home
- **Sept. 25:** Prayer Dinner, 5:30 PM in Fellowship Hall
- **Oct. 5:** Door Knocking Day

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

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

Answer: Jesus; Adam (Luke 3:23-38)

This week's question: Luke tells us that when the devil had ended every temptation for Jesus, he departed from Him _____.

A) defeated and angry; B) immediately; C) until an opportune time

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 – David Hester (Contemporary Concerns)

Wednesday Young Ladies – Different Ladies (Courage)

Wednesday College – Tim Gotkiewicz (Me and You and the People 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 8/12/19

September 1, 2019 / Leading the congregation in:

Scripture Reading:

A.M.: Joel Kelly

Main Prayer:

A.M.: Alan Kaye

P.M.: Troy Steelman

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Lamón Dees

P.M.: Tim Hatch

Singing:

A.M.: Dean Norton

P.M.: Dean Norton

Security (During Services) - Sunday AM: James Kelley / Sunday PM & 9/4: Steve Sewell

Security (Building Lock-up After Services): Josh Cochran

SICK: ELVERNICE DEES is in Baptist Medical Center. JAMES BERRY is scheduled for hip-replacement surgery Sept. 9. KERRY ROBERTS, ALICE HANDLANG, and SHIRLEY HANCOCK continue to recover from surgery. Sick at home Sunday: JIMMY ALLEN, ADAM & BETH BASS, ADDIE BASS, WESLEY BERRY, MARVIN DANIEL, KALLIE FUTRAL, MARCIA GRAVES, MARGARET GRAVES, JAN HILYER, WILMA MILLICAN, CHARLOTTE PATTERSON, TROY STEELMAN, RANDY & MARSHA SUTTON, HUNTER TIMBES, and HAROLD TATUM. 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, DEXTER HART III, JUSTIN SANKEY, SUZY TAYLOR, and TYLER JOHNSON. (Battling Cancer): CAROL ANN WOODALL, DENNIS TURNER, TERESA LYNN NICHOLS, JR BRINT, CHANDRA JOHNSON, PATRICIA HARROD-WYROSDICK, MARY ALICE WILHELM, CINDY SCHAEFER, JESSE BARRY, DAVID PEEL, DEREK MAY, GENE SULLIVAN, WILL HICKS, ANGELA TAYLOR, and LANISE KIRK. (Other) The SPIRITUALLY ILL—weak and wayward members.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to Nathan Futral and family in the passing of his uncle, DONALD FUTRAL, who had been on our prayer list as he battled cancer. The funeral is today, Aug. 29, 11 AM, at Bethel Holiness Church in Wetumpka.

NURSERY ATTENDANTS - 9/1: AM—KALLIE NORMAN & BARBARA NORMAN; PM—MICHELE & BRAYDEN BROWN



GETTING VIDEO SHOTS: EM is working on a promotional video and AARON FERRELL will be getting some video shots of our worship this Sunday, Sept. 1. See ALAN KAYE with any questions or for more information.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Our “Back-To-School” Fellowship Meal is this Sunday, Sept. 1, immediately following the morning worship service. The Food will be provided. Team 3 will be responsible for set-up, Team 2 the clean-up, and Team 1 will serve drinks. Everyone is invited to attend!

SEPTEMBER 1 PM SERVICE: This Sunday’s evening service will be at 12:30 PM.

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. Filled boxes must be returned by 9/4. Don’t forget to include the \$5 shipping fee.

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

AREA WIDE SINGING: University Church of Christ will host the Area Wide Singing Friday, Sept. 6, 7 PM.

GROUNDS WORK DAY: There will be a Grounds Work Day on Saturday, Sept. 14, from 7 AM to 12 noon. See TIM HATCH or ALAN KAYE for more information.


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GOSPEL MEETING: The Sugar Ridge Church of Christ (Highland Home) will be having a one day Gospel Meeting on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2 PM, with JAMES DANIEL speaking.

AUGUST STANDBY TEAM – 3 (KELLY)

SEPTEMBER STANDBY TEAM – 1 (DEES)

ELDER OF THE MONTH / ON CALL: The Elder of the Month for August is **TIM BAGENTS**. Contact information for Tim: (334) 303-3571; tbagents@southlandtransportationgroup.com. The Elder of the Month for September is **ROY MULKEY**. Contact information for Roy: (334) 531-5253; roymulkey43@gmail.com.

 <p>2019 LadyBUGS <i>Ladies Being Useful in God's Service</i> TOGETHER</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Sept. 3: Dorcas Deeds, 10 AM-2 PM ♦ Sept. 9: MVP Lunch @ Cracker Barrel, 11:30 AM ♦ Sept. 22: Senior Members Appreciation Lunch, 11 AM ♦ Sept. 23: M-N-M, 6:30/7 PM
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*“Every **ONE** to his work” (Neh. 4:15).*

Upcoming Events:

<p style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">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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THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS

September 5, 10:30 AM

Our Thursday Bible Class has been on summer break, but will resume Sept. 5. We meet at 10:30 AM in the Tea Room. Tim Gotkiewicz will be teaching, “How To Love Someone You Can’t Stand.” Hope to see you there!

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.



Share the Blessing

Being a part of the church is an amazing blessing that we as Christians get to experience every day. First, we know that we have been saved and added to the church by the Lord (Acts 2:47). There are so many people in the world who are lost in sin as we once were. It is such a blessing to know that our sins have been washed away (1 Corinthians 6:11) and that we are in a right relationship with God right now. As saved Christians, we worship, work, fellowship and grow closer to one another and to God. It is amazing to be part of the family of God (Ephesians 3:15) where we can develop and work as Christians together. Knowing that you always have a church family to which you can turn is such an incredible blessing in the life of a Christian. For some people, the church is the only family they have. We always need to remember that we are so very blessed to be a part of the body of Christ.

The church is such a blessing to our lives when we let it be, but what are we doing with that blessing? Are we keeping that blessing to ourselves, or are we sharing that blessing with the world (Mark 16:15-16)? If we really want those who are lost in sin to be saved (1 Timothy 2:4), we have to share the good news of Christ and the blessing of His church with the entire world. I hope that our lives are filled with the responsibility and the desire to share the Good News of Christ. The greatest thing we can do for another person is to share with him or her the message of the cross and the love that the Savior has for us all.

We are so blessed to be part of the body of Christ. Let us decide this day and every day to share that blessing with others.

—Derek Broome, *Gospel Gazette Online*