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September 26, 2019

ELDERS:

Tim Bagents
Alan Kaye
Roy Mulkey
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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!

BENEVOLENCE SUNDAY

September 29th

Fifth Sunday's have been designated "Benevolence Sunday". This Sunday, Sept. 29, will be Benevolence Sunday. On Benevolence Sundays a special contribution will be taken for the EASTERN MEADOWS BENEVOLENCE FUND. This is to be separate from the regular contribution. Checks for this effort should be made out to: Eastern Meadows Benevolence Fund. Envelopes marked "Eastern Meadows Benevolence Fund" will be provided for those who wish to contribute in cash. All contributions made to this fund are tax deductible as are regular contributions.

—Tim Bagents, for the Elders

DOOR-KNOCKING DAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

Budget: **\$13,890** Contribution, 9/22: **\$12,245.75** YTD: + **\$263.52**
9/22 Bible Class: **158** / AM Worship: **221** / PM Worship: **143** / EMBF: **\$160**

FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

Thanks for Door-Knocking Preparation! Though precious few had signed up to help on Monday to get the door-knocking materials ready, over 23 showed up to help! Thank you. Thank you. Thank you! They were very forgiving to me for failing to have the adequate number of brochures ready (I



miscounted by hundreds). Thanks to Wilma and Lucy for getting the last number printed and folded. I do mean I appreciate each and every one who was present.

A Brief History of Door Knocking at Eastern Meadows. Door-knocking is not something new for the Eastern Meadows' church. However, October 5 will be just the 3rd time we have door-knocked in about 14 years or more. Going back to late 1980's

and beyond, Eastern Meadows would often door knock, advertising a Gospel Meeting. Beginning about 1990, Eastern Meadows began having an annual door-knocking campaign the 2nd week of July, in a large part to advertise the Vacation Bible School, which was the 3rd week of July. The door knocking was usually Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and sometimes Friday of the 2nd week of July. We would meet at the building for supper and then go out in the neighborhoods of our former building on Fairground Road. Thousands of homes in that area were knocked each year. This effort helped make for the success of VBS with children from the community. There were Bible studies and at least one baptism from the contacts during door knocking. It was worth the time and effort! Admittedly, times are different. People are more reluctant to open their doors and even the "Ring" doorbells allow residents to "screen" their guests much like Caller ID allows people to screen their calls. However, this is one way, a worthy way, of getting into the community. Please help on October 5.

Watch these videos. Please, if you haven't, watch these three videos. All three will take you less than 5 minutes. Even if you tried to watch these videos, apparently one of the links did not work for a couple of weeks. They all work now.

The video is only 2 minutes 40 seconds. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mZwrLF4zRpM>

This video is 1 minute: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mA2ys7MYInE>

Sunday Nights Better

- * **Sept. 29**, Blaine Benson
- * **Oct. 6**, Tim Gotkiewicz
- * **Oct. 13**, Various Questions
- * **Oct. 20**, Back to the Bible #3A
- * **Oct. 27**, Back to the Bible #3B

This video is 1½ minutes. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XXM41jaPe9w>

This Sunday's Speakers! You will enjoy hearing Karl and Blaine.



STROTHER, Karl & Sarita
Jameson

Morning. This Sunday morning KARL STROTHER will be preaching. Brother Strother recently came to Eastern Meadows having been at the New Town church for 14 years, serving as their preacher for 5 years. Brother Strother stays busy at Russell Corporation which is now Fruit of the Loom as an industrial engineer. He also serves as an adjunct teacher (Computer Information Systems) at ASU. Carl is a graduate of the Online Academy of Biblical Studies. Karl's wife, Sarita, and son, Jamie, are with him at Eastern Meadows.

Evening. Sunday evening Blaine Benson will be preaching. Blaine came from a "preaching family." His father and uncle were both preachers. Blaine preached for 5 five years at the Centerpoint

Church of Christ in Grady, AL (south Montgomery County). Blaine has operated a private law practice for 17 years, including serving as a prosecutor for the City of Montgomery for the past 7 years. Blaine is a graduate of Alabama Christian Academy, Faulkner University, and Jones School of law. Blaine's wife, Patty, and children, Carter, and Lucy are with him at Eastern Meadows.



BENSON, Blaine & Patty
Carter, Lucy

Why A Door Knocking Campaign?

"I don't believe in door knocking." "Door knocking is not effective." "Door knocking does not work anymore." "Door knocking is a waste of time." Have you ever heard these statements before? I have heard elders and preachers of the Gospel make these statements. I will concede that door knocking does not always produce the greatest numbers. I will also concede that it is one of the more difficult evangelistic methodologies available to the local congregation, but it always works. Brethren, every time we "go" and preach the Gospel, it works! Moreover, there is nothing wrong with honest questions for honest listeners. So then, why do we door knock?

Door knocking is designed to reach the "unchurched."

We don't know them! We don't know where they live, and we don't know their friends and/or family. They are the "unchurched" and they exist on every continent, reside in every country, and live in every community. Perhaps they have migrated into the area looking for a job, are running from a problem, or looking for a new beginning. They have no religious affiliations and perhaps no religious backgrounds. They are lost souls who are in desperate need of someone who cares to bring them the Good News of the Gospel.

Door knocking is designed to reach the "unreachable."

"Let's skip that house as they were not receptive last time." Seasons change, things change, and

most importantly, people change. Paul said, "Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds" (Colossians 4:2-3). God may use you to reach a person who is deeply troubled by disease, disaster, and death. It is amazing what time can do to the hardest of hearts. These "doors of utterance" open and shut during different phases of life. They normally only open for short periods of time. You never know what you will find on the other side of a door. I have found sobbing souls, meditating men, and weary women ready and willing to receive anyone who cares. A door knocking campaign is one way God fulfills His promise of Matthew 7:7-8, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."

Door knocking is designed to reach the "unmovable."

"They will never change." God moved Saul from persecutor to preacher with the power of the Gospel. Everyone can change, but perhaps it is not those outside the building who need to be moved first. "WE" have sat in the pews for years but never moved beyond the doors with the saving message of the Savior. Perhaps the greatest need for movement is with "ME." Door knocking moves a church to do the work God intended: to make known to the world the "manifold wisdom of God" (Ephesians 3:10). The great commission is about going, not coming – if we don't go, they will never come!

Yes, door knocking is not going to convert the masses, but neither is any other strategy. Did not God tell Phillip to go and preach the Gospel to one man (Acts 8:26)? Perhaps some of you were introduced to the Gospel by a knock on the door. Organizing churches of Christ to reach out to their community by a simple tried and true method like door knocking is one step towards church growth.

-House to House, Heart to Heart

FROM THE YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTER – TIM GOTKIEWICZ:

The end-of-the-month 10 minute update for youth group parents will be held in room 119 (across from the auditorium) immediately after the AM worship assembly this Sunday (29th).

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- **Sept 29:** 10-minute parent update after morning worship
- **Oct. 5:** Door Knocking Day
- **Oct 13:** Area-Wide Devo @ Wetumpka
- **Nov 10:** Area-Wide Devo @ Eastern Meadows
- **Dec 8:** Area-Wide Devo @ Walnut St.
- **Dec 27–30:** Exposure Youth Camp

COLLEGE EVENTS:

- **Oct. 5:** Door Knocking Day
- **Oct. 27:** College Devo, PM

TIM'S TRIVIA CORNER:

Last week's question: After Jesus told the paralytic, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.", the man walked and the people said, "We have seen _____ today!" Answer: strange things (Luke 5:26)



This week's question: Of the twelve Jesus called to be Apostles, there were two named Judas. A) Judas Iscariot and Judas Alphaeus; B) Judas Iscariot and Judas Son of Alphaeus; C) Judas Iscariot and Judas Son of James

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS 9/26/19

September 29, 2019 / Leading the congregation in:

Scripture Reading:

A.M.: Jeff Simpson

Main Prayer:

A.M.: Allen Clements

P.M.: James Hilyer

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Joel Kelly

P.M.: Tim Hatch

Singing:

A.M.: Paul Clements

P.M.: Paul Clements

Security (During Services) - Sunday AM: Russ Chandler / **Sunday PM:** Danny Moore

Security (Building Lock-up After Services): Tim Stevens

SICK: HANNAH ADAMS is recovering from surgery. SARAH HOUSLEY underwent surgery Wednesday, Sept. 25, at UAB. JAMES BERRY is at Rehab First, recovering from hip-replacement surgery. SHIRLEY HANCOCK continues to recover from surgery. Sick at home Sunday: JIMMY ALLEN, WILLIAM KELLY, CHARLOTTE PATTERSON, and DOROTHY SULLIVAN. Continue to remember our members listed on our Sunday-Evening-Evangelism Prayer List. Shut-ins: LANETTE TAYLOR, VIRGINIA EVANS, OPAL SULLIVAN, MARIAN SIKES, MARGARET DAVIS, and MARGARET GRAVES. Battling Cancer: MIKE NORMAN, HOLLY THOMASSON, CHARLES HENDERSON, JAY ROBERTS, ALICE HANDLANG, and DON BRANNAN.

PRAYER REQUEST LIST: (Various Issues): CARSON DAVIS, DEXTER HART III (TRIPP), JUSTIN SANKEY, WAYNE JOHNSTON, TYLER JOHNSON, MARY CORBETT, JENNY PATTERSON, ERIN FOLDS, and MICHAEL ADKINS. (Battling Cancer): CAROL ANN WOODALL, CHANDRA JOHNSON, JESSE BARRY, KATY PENICK, DEREK MAY, GENE SULLIVAN, WILL HICKS, ANGELA TAYLOR, LANISE KIRK, AMY BERMAN, WENDY GRANT, and MARGAN CARTER. (Other) The SPIRITUALLY ILL—weak and wayward members.

THANK YOU: Thanks to everyone who helped with the Senior Members Appreciation Lunch. The food was delicious, the decorations were beautiful, and the fellowship was grand! We love you all, The Senior Members

NURSERY ATTENDANTS - 9/29: AM—GWEN MANN & GLORIA HARVEST; PM—PATTY BENSON & LUCY BENSON

BENEVOLENCE SUNDAY: This Sunday, Sept. 29, is “Benevolence Sunday”.

A TIME TO PRAY: The ladies will meet for A Time To Pray this Sunday, Sept. 29, 4:30 PM, in room 119. Please give prayer requests to SALLY GOTKIEWICZ. All ladies are invited to participate.

DORCAS DEEDS: All participating in Dorcas Deeds will meet Tuesday, Oct. 1, 10 AM, in the Fellowship Hall. See MARGARET DANIEL or BECKY NEUENSCHWANDER for more information.

DOOR KNOCKING DAY: We will be participating in the Door Knocking Day on Saturday, Oct. 5. Your help is needed! We need people to door knock!. Lunch will be provided—Ted will have hamburgers, hotdogs, chips & dip, and ice cream. Sign-up sheets are posted at the front and midway foyers.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL: There will be a Fellowship Meal for ALL Teams on Sunday, Oct. 6, following the AM worship service. All teams are to bring food and desserts. Team 1 (Dees) will be responsible for set-up and Team 3 (Kelly) will be responsible for clean-up. The afternoon service will be at 12:30 PM.

MOUNT DORA CHILDREN'S HOME FOOD & SUPPLY DRIVE: The Mount Dora Children's Home Food & Supply Drive is October 6-11. Lists of the items needed may be picked up from the front and midway foyers. All items/donations must be turned in by October 6. Monetary donations/gift cards may be turned in to Wilma Berry.

TEACHER'S APPRECIATION BANQUET: The Teacher's Appreciation Banquet will be Thursday, Oct. 10, 6 PM. Be sure to sign-up on the lists posted at the front and midway foyers if you plan to attend.

LADIES' DAY: There will be a Ladies' Day at Cedar Grove Church of Christ in Andalusia, Oct. 12, 9-11:30 AM, with LINDA GRAY speaking. Lunch will follow along with door prizes. ALL ladies are invited to attend.

LEADERSHIP EAT & MEET: There will be a business meeting for all the leadership (elders, deacons, & ministers) on Sunday, Oct. 13, 7:30 AM. Breakfast will be served at 7.

MONTHLY VISITATION PROGRAM LUNCH: The MVP Lunch will be Monday, Oct. 14, 11:30 AM, at Cracker Barrel.

SPEEDERS OCTOBER LUNCH: The Speeders October Lunch will be on Tuesday, Oct. 15, 12:30 PM, at Larry Melvyn's in Tallassee. We will car pool from the church building; leaving at 11:30 on that Tuesday. Melvyn was the cook in the old Tallassee Hotel that burned.

AREA WIDE LADIES' DEVO: There will be an Area Wide Ladies' Devo on Monday, Oct. 14, 7 PM, at University church. ALL ladies are invited to attend.

TEACHERS MEETING FOR CHILDREN'S CLASSES: There will be a Teachers Meeting for all those involved in teaching the Children's Classes, including VBS, on Sunday, Oct. 20, 3:30 PM. See DAVID HESTER for more information.


CHOOSING THAT GOOD PART LADIES' RETREAT: The Annual "Choosing That Good Part" Ladies' Retreat is Oct. 17-19 at ICYC in Oakman, AL. The study will be 2 Peter. Registration forms are posted at the front and midway foyers. Cost is \$75. (Checks should be made out to Eastern Meadows Church of Christ.) Registration forms are due Oct. 1 and may be turned in to Wilma Berry.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT: This year's Trunk-Or-Treat will be Oct. 27 after the PM worship service in the front fellowship hall parking lot.

SEPTEMBER STANDBY TEAM – 1 (DEES)

OCTOBER STANDBY TEAM—2 (BASS)

ELDER OF THE MONTH / ON CALL: The Elder of the Month for September is **ROY MULKEY**. Contact information for Roy: (334) 531-5253; roymulkey43@gmail.com. The Elder of the Month for October is **TED NORTON**. Contact information for Ted: (334) 850-5675; tnorton1946@gmail.com.

 <p>2019 LadyBUGS <i>Ladies Being Useful in God's Service</i> TOGETHER</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Sept. 29: A Time To Pray, 4:30 PM ♦ Oct. 1: Dorcas Deeds, 10 AM—2 PM ♦ Oct. 14: MVP Lunch @ Cracker Barrel, 11:30 AM ♦ Oct. 14: Area Wide Ladies' Devo @ University, 7 PM ♦ Oct. 17-19: Choosing That Good Part Retreat
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Upcoming Events:

<p>2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 5: Door Knocking Day • October 16: LifeSouth Blood Drive, 5:30-8:30 PM • October 17-19: Choosing That Good Part Ladies' Retreat • October 27: Trunk-Or-Treat, PM • November 25: Mid-Week Bible Study, 6:30 PM • December 14: Annual Christmas Dinner, 2 PM 	<p>2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 23: Mid-Week Bible Study, 6:30 PM • February 2: Faulkner Chorus • February 15-16: Marriage & Family Seminar (Dan & Grace Wheeler) • April 5: Teaching Rocket Seminar with Michael Whitworth • May 3: Homecoming/Goal Day
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Are You a Volunteer?

In Isaiah 6 we find that Isaiah volunteered to go and speak for God. Why did Isaiah volunteer? It was not because his task was pleasant, because his message was one of judgment. It was not because he wanted money, glory or honor, because he received none of those. It was not because he was assured of success, because God guaranteed him that the people would not listen. This must have been extremely difficult for him to begin a task, knowing beforehand that he would not be successful. However, God assured him that a remnant would listen and be saved (Isaiah 6:12,13). That would make all his efforts worthwhile.

Most of us would be glad to teach, if we knew the vast majority would listen and obey. Regrettably, we know that is not the case; therefore, we often become tired and discouraged or refuse to even begin. Isaiah can become a source of encouragement for us to volunteer to become God's great servants. God has already asked all of us to volunteer in His service; therefore, don't wait for someone to ask you to do something. Isaiah volunteered to speak for God, and he was told to keep preaching until God's predictions of destruction had been fulfilled (Isaiah 6:10-11). In like manner, we must keep preaching the good news of salvation, or doing whatever it is that we can do in the service of our Lord, as long as there is a man in his house or people in the cities. No, the majority may not listen, but there will be a small number, "a remnant," which will respond and make all our efforts eternally worthwhile.

— Jerry Bates, *Gospel Gazette Online*