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September 5, 2019

ELDERS:

Tim Bagents
Alan Kaye
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DEACONS:

Billy Bush
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Ryan Gotkiewicz
Tim Gotkiewicz
Tim Hatch
Steve Housley
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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!

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS

Starts Today

10:30 AM

Our Thursday Bible Class has been on summer break, but resumes today, 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!

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: \$14,444.02 YTD: - \$7,661.65

9/1 Bible Class: 177 / AM Worship: 238 / PM Worship: 139 / EMBF: \$148

FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

And Old Favorite and a New Favorite. One of my favorite invitation songs is *Just As I Am*. When I was growing up the song leaders led “traditional” invitation songs. I think they chose from a pool of 5-10 songs at the most, so we sang the same songs often over a period of time. One of those was *Just As I Am*. There are six short verses to this song, but no chorus. I cannot sing that song without thinking about the many invitations after the sermon I sat through when I was young. But the new words that have been added to that old song only make the song better. We have sung it at EM a time or two. The new words are: *I come broken to be mended; I come wounded to be healed; I come desperate to be rescued; I come empty to be filled; I come guilty to be pardoned; By the blood of Christ the Lamb; And I'm welcomed with open arms; Praise God, just as I am.* What better words express what we should feel and mean when we respond to an invitation. What better words to express these words! *The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.* (Psalms 34:18 KJV), and *The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.* (Psalms 51:17 KJV).

Sunday Nights Better

- * **Sept. 8**, Various Questions
- * **Sept. 15**, David Hester
- * **Sept. 22**, Gospel of Luke
- * **Sept. 29**, Blaine Benson

You Are To Be Commended. After many weeks of failing to meet the budget, Eastern Meadows has met the budget for three of the last four weeks with a good contribution. 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!

Thursday Class Starts This 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 class is not limited to a certain age; or certainly not to only Eastern Meadows members. Why not invite someone to come with you? It would be great if we had several to join this class who have never even been to Eastern Meadows!

Door-Knocking!! Eastern Meadows is planning to spend 2 hours in the neighborhood on October 5! We will meet at the Eastern Meadows building at 9:30 a.m. that day and knock doors from 10 until 12! We need door knockers. You don't want to do it? Do it. You are not comfortable doing it? Do it! You have other things to do that day? Reschedule the other things if you can. Not physically able to do it? Well you are just not able to do it. But please pray for this effort and encourage others to do it. Please look at this video. It speaks of the great things that can be accomplished from door-knocking. Copy and paste it to your browser. The video is only 2 minutes 40 seconds. Take the time and watch! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mZwrLF4zRpM&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR1fl-tkXrc74Wyx-PPJNc-m8RyCD_0JJWZJS9iWc5zD9La0ryc2YrdaCfU

[v=mZwrLF4zRpM&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR1fl-tkXrc74Wyx-PPJNc-m8RyCD_0JJWZJS9iWc5zD9La0ryc2YrdaCfU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mZwrLF4zRpM&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR1fl-tkXrc74Wyx-PPJNc-m8RyCD_0JJWZJS9iWc5zD9La0ryc2YrdaCfU)

Big Boy Tripp. Tripp (Dexter Hart, III) has been on our prayer list since he was born three months premature. Please read the following from his mother, Alyssa Johnson, about how he is doing and the immediate prayer needs! This is Patrice McClain's grandson.



Tripp

Tripp is one day shy of being 6 months old (3 month adjusted!!)

He has been doing well. Tripp is definitely growing like a wildflower; currently he's 8lbs and 7oz. He loves his snuggles.

Tripp is still on the ventilator and on pretty high settings. Tripp has bronchopulmonary dysplasia (BPD) which is also referred to as chronic lung disease (CLD). BPD is common in premature babies, their air sacs are "damaged" and aren't able to move air like they should. Due to his BPD/CLD and the pulmonary hypertension, his lungs need more time to heal and grow.

For the last month we've had to decide what the next step would be for our little fighter. With a lot of prayer, support from other parents, and bugging our nurses and doctors from Pensacola, we've decided the best option would be for Tripp to have a tracheotomy. The trach would allow our wild boy to be more mobile, to sit up, be held when he wants to without worrying about him losing his airway (currently we can only hold once a day and sometimes not even that if Tripp is being super active.) We also feel that he would be more comfortable without having the tube constantly down his throat.

Since he will have the trach we will also require a g-tube/button. This will allow for him to get his milk directly at his stomach until his ventilator settings are low enough for him to be able to have food by mouth. Tripp will also get his hernias repaired and his laser eye surgery, due to retinopathy of prematurity.

Surgery is scheduled for Friday at 11am. We will update his page pre-op and post-op.

As always we are asking for our prayer warriors to pray for our strong baby. We thank each and everyone of you all for your prayers, calls, texts, and donations. We wouldn't have made it six months without our incredible support system. SERIOUSLY THANK YOU

A Tribute to Paul and Gladys Clements

Sunday morning at the close of worship the following statement was read,

I will no longer be able to serve as an elder at Eastern Meadows due to health reasons. I am thankful for the privilege I've had to work with a good and dedicated leadership. I'm grateful that the church has allowed me to serve as bishop. Fraternaly, Paul Clements.

Eastern Meadows has been blessed to have Paul serve as an elder. He has been active as a teacher, and continues to be. Gladys has been very active in the World Bible School program, and continues to be. She also teaches in the elementary department as well. As an elder Paul was dedicated to his work as an elder and had a love and vision for the work at Eastern Meadows. As a former full-time preacher and also having served as an elder, he brought wisdom and experience to his work as an elder at Eastern Meadows. We can all say thank you to Paul and Gladys for Paul's work as an elder.



Paul & Gladys Clements

FROM THE YOUTH & COLLEGE MINISTER – TIM GOTKIEWICZ:

Tomorrow night, Friday, 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. 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 chicken & waffles 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. So far, three have confirmed.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 15th.

This Sunday, September 8th, is the Area-Wide Youth Group worship and fellowship at Prattville Church of Christ. The van will be departing the EM parking lot at 4 p.m. and returning approximately 7:45 p.m. I will be getting a head count on Sunday morning of all who will need a ride.

Next Saturday is the date for our next grounds work day. Please come and help out; every person there makes a huge impact on how much we accomplish!

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- **Sept 6:** Eastern Meadows hosting ACA Post-Football get-together
- **Sept 8:** Area-Wide Devo @ Prattville
- **Sept 14:** Grounds Work Day
- **Sept 15:** EYC Registration Deadline
- **Sept 22:** Devo @ Tim and Sally's Home
- **Sept 25:** Prayer Dinner, 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall
- **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:

- **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 tells us that when the devil had ended every temptation for Jesus, he departed from Him _____. Answer: "until an opportune time" (Luke 4:13)

This week's question: Jesus told those in the synagogue at Nazareth that there were many lepers in Israel in the time of _____ the prophet. A) Elijah; B) Isaiah; C) Elisha

ANNOUNCEMENTS 9/5/19

September 8, 2019 / Leading the congregation in:

Scripture Reading:
A.M.: Andrew Long

Main Prayer:
A.M.: Dean Norton
P.M.: Mark Evans

Closing Prayer:
A.M.: Blaine Benson
P.M.: Tim Hatch

Singing:
A.M.: Allen Clements
P.M.: Allen Clements

Security (During Services) - Sunday AM: Lamon Dees / Sunday PM & 9/11: Danny Moore
Security (Building Lock-up After Services): Josh Cochran

SICK: SARAH HOUSLEY is undergoing tests and will possibly be scheduled for surgery. MARGARET GRAVES is home after being in the hospital. ELVERNICE DEES is home after being in the hospital. JAMES BERRY is scheduled for hip-replacement surgery Monday, Sept. 9. SHIRLEY HANCOCK continues to recover from surgery. Sick at home Sunday: JIMMY ALLEN, BONNIE CROW, MARVIN DANIEL, BROOKS HOUSLEY, and WILMA MILLICAN. 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, WAYNE JOHNSTON, 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, LANISE

KIRK, and AMY BERMAN. (Other) The SPIRITUALLY ILL—weak and wayward members.

NEW PRAYER REQUEST FOR:

- AMY BERMAN, Dawn Chandler's sister, who is battling breast cancer.
- WENDY GRANT, Janice Box's cousin, (Janice is wife of Charles Box, minister at the Walnut street church), who has breast cancer, has completed chemo treatments, and is to begin 21 radiation treatments.
- MARY CORBETT, Mike Norman's cousin, recovering from brain aneurism surgery.

NURSERY ATTENDANTS – 9/8: AM—KRISTY HATCH & VICKIE JOHNSTON; PM—HALEY STEELMAN & TERRY BAGENTS

THANK YOU: To all you beautiful people of God at Eastern Meadows Church of Christ, Thank you just doesn't quite seem to be enough to say but I don't know what else to say but Thank You! Thank you for all your prayers, for the cards with sweet notes on them, and for the beautiful quilt that Shirley brought me from the LadyBUGS Quilters. You all have made me feel loved from Alabama. Please keep praying for me. I'm on a journey I never wanted to take but with God and His people like you, I don't have to walk it alone. Thank you for looking like Jesus! With love, Katy Penick (Shirley Kaye's friend)

FALL QUARTER BIBLE CLASSES: Our Fall Quarter Bible Classes have begun. There is a new class listed for Wednesday nights for the Young Ladies, but please note the class is for **ALL LADIES**. The study will be about Courage and different Eastern Meadows ladies will be teaching. ALL ladies are encouraged to participate.

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS: Thursday Bible Class has been on summer break, but starts back today, 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 this Friday, Sept. 6, 7 PM.

ATTENTION 1ST—5TH GRADERS: There will be a get together for classes 1st-5th grades this Sunday., Sept. 8. The children will eat tacos for lunch, play games, and watch a movie. Then, at 4:30, we will have the first TIP for this fall. All children 1st-5th are welcome to come.

MONTHLY VISITATION PROGRAM LUNCH: The MVP Lunch will be Monday, Sept. 9, 11:30 AM at Cracker Barrel.

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.

BUDGET CATCH-UP SUNDAY: September 15, 2019 will be Budget Catch-up Sunday. Please make plans now to Double your planned weekly contribution. Our goal is **\$27,780.00**.

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.

SENIOR APPRECIATION LUNCHEON: There will be a Senior Appreciation Dinner for all Eastern Meadows members who are 70 and above on Sunday, Sept. 22, immediately following the AM worship service. If you are in that group, please make plans to attend. There is a sign-up list posted in the front and midway foyers.

MONDAY-NIGHT-MOTIVATION: M-N-M will be Sept. 23. We will be on Lesson 5 in our study from "The Domino Effect." The meal is Italian Pot-luck at 6:30 PM with STAN & BECKY NEUENSCHWANDER hosting. Class begins at 7 PM with TIM GOTKIEWICZ will be teaching the men's class and SHIRLEY KAYE will be teaching the ladies' class.

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, drive, fold material, and fix lunch. Please sign-up on the sheets posted at the front and midway foyers.

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.

SEPTEMBER STANDBY TEAM – 1 (DEES)

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.



2019 LadyBUGS

Ladies Being Useful in God's Service

TOGETHER

- ♦ **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
- ♦ **Oct. 1:** Dorcas Deeds, 10 AM–2 PM

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

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.



Upcoming Events:

2019

- **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 26:** Fall Festival & Trunk-Or-Treat, 3-7 PM
- **October 27:** Trunk-Or-Treat, 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 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