



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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ELDERS:

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DEACONS:

Adam Bass
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Steve Housley
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Andrew Long
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Danny Moore
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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!

When will we assemble at the building again?

The elders met on Monday night and began planning for Eastern Meadows to return to worship services in the church building. There are quite a few details to be decided upon, and there are still some things we need to find out before we can give everyone a date for starting back and the method with which we will start back. We would like for all members to know that we are working on it and will keep everyone posted as soon as decisions are made. We have multiple means of getting the word out, so we hope to reach everyone with any announcements or directions for proceeding as soon as we have them.

—Eastern Meadows Shepherds

To The Eastern Meadows Members:

Even though we will not be assembling for services at the building, we will have live streaming from the Eastern Meadows church of Christ Facebook page and website and on YouTube. Bible class will be at 9 AM and worship will be at 10 AM. If you are in need of Lord Supper emblems, contact the office Monday – Thursday.

To give, consider the following:

- *PayPal - office@easternmeadows.org*
- *Mail your check to - 8460 Vaughn Road, Montgomery AL 36117*
- *Contact us to come by and pick it up (Ted Norton - 850-5675) tnorton1946@gmail.com*
- *Bring it by the office after you check to make sure someone is there*

Eastern Meadows Zoom Fellowship

Tuesdays at 7:00 PM

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76050140882?
pwd=QVJVb3hlcXE4ZzFIQXY4NzMwSlg3dz09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76050140882?pwd=QVJVb3hlcXE4ZzFIQXY4NzMwSlg3dz09)

PASSWORD is "church"

Budget Area of Work Spotlight: Marketing

One of the most exciting new teams at Eastern Meadows is our Marketing group. It could also be called the outreach and public information group. Marketing sounds like a business activity more than a church activity, but anyone who knows about the world of marketing understands exactly what the purpose of this group is, and how much good it can do for a congregation of the Lord's church. It can take the desperately needed message of the gospel and find or create ways to place it in front of people inside and outside of the church. One good development is that Marketing has stepped up and taken a large part of the responsibility for our external communications, and particularly the digital presence of Eastern Meadows, part of what Technology had been doing. That has put us on a path of steadily improving the coordination and appeal of our message and its availability to people who might be interested.

To develop the Marketing budget there were two thoughts. One thought was to bring in activities that didn't quite fit anywhere else, because they belonged under a group like this. The other thought was to estimate the level of monthly expense we would encounter if we were doing everything we thought would help but had not previously been doing. The combination of those two things gave some relief to other areas and created a \$12,000 annual marketing budget for the church. Because it has been such an odd year, we have not spent that kind of money by any means, but in an active and thriving environment, we probably would be spending every bit of it. Deacons Dean Norton and Joel Kelly have some really fantastic ideas that will be implemented over time, and the various bright and talented contributors we have assembled from within the congregation have truly enjoyed what they are doing for this effort. And, they are now making a huge difference for the church and for the Lord, as demonstrated by the streaming services and web site improvements.

— Alan Kaye

FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

This Sunday. We will again have Bible Class at 9 a.m. David is in the second week on the book of Numbers. If you did not see the class last week go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fyd9lkftiuU> Try not to miss a single lesson on the book of Numbers. If you have not been a part of the Bible Class this is a great time to start. The lesson at 10 a.m. worship is called "The Rich Farmer Fool."

Pray for our Elders. As you saw on the front page, (if you didn't, it is the top box on front page), the elders are in the process of considering when and how we once again assemble at the Eastern Meadows building. There will be many announcements prior to the date we assemble again.

Lord's Supper. If you do not have communion, you may pick it up Monday – Thursday at the office. (It is good to call before you come). If you are one of our "seniors" and need it delivered to you, call the office and let us know. The back pages of this bulletin will give you more information about Sunday worship.

Share. Please continue to share the live-stream Bible classes and worship. *This is a very easy way to be evangelistic!*

ATTEND THE BODY OF YOUR CHOICE?

Frequently we hear radio and TV evangelists encouraging people to "Join the church of your choice" and to "Attend the church of your choice." Protestant preachers often make the statement that "one church is as good as another." Certainly, as free moral agents, we have the right and freedom to affiliate ourselves with the religious organization of our choice. But, does God's Word encourage a person in this matter, that is, to "Join the church of your choice"?

In the book of Ephesians 4:4, Paul teaches that "There is one body...." That declaration is so clear that one

should have no problem understanding it. Regardless of what the body is, the fact is evident that there is "one body". To further substantiate this great truth, please observe the writing of Paul in I Corinthians 12:12, 20: "For as the body is one, and has many members, and all the members of the body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ." "But now there are many members, but one body." Christ is the head of the body explains Paul in Colossians 1:18. There is but one head over the one body. A plurality of heads would make for a freakish situation. We must understand there is not one head in heaven and another one on earth.

The question arises, what is the one body? Please permit Paul to answer that question by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit: "And he (Christ) is the head of the body, the church..." (Colossians 1:18). Again, "And he (God) put all things in subjection under His (Christ) feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him that fills all in all" (Ephesians 1:22,23). These two passages clearly teach that the body of Christ is His church. Now, turn again to Ephesians 4:4 and read the statement, "There is one body...." There are as many churches as there are bodies of Christ. If a two-headed body might seem freakish, what would a head with thousands of bodies appear to be? Since the Bible informs us that the church is the body of Christ, how would it sound to say, "Join the body of your choice", "Attend the body of your choice", or, "One body is as good as another"? That makes a difference, doesn't it?

Does one have to be a member of the church to be saved? Well, let us ask it this way; does one have to be a member of the body of Christ to be saved? Paul taught in Ephesians 5:23 that Christ is "the savior of the body." So, if we want to be saved, we will need to be in the body of Christ. In I Corinthians 12:13, we learn, "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body...." In Acts 2:36-38, we learn that believers were instructed by the apostle Peter to "Repent and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." In Acts 2:47 we read, "the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved." Thus, the church (body) of Christ is made up of the saved. The body (church) has for its savior Jesus Christ. When these truths are learned and accepted, it will be understood that one must be in the church (body) of Christ's choice in order to be saved.

—Raymond Elliott

Budget: \$14,100.00 Contribution, 5/10: \$12,449.00 YTD: - \$10,982.86

"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2).



ANNOUNCEMENTS 5/14/20

SICK: BECKY NEUENSCHWANDER and DUSTY POUNCEY continue to recover. LEON JACKSON hopes to go home Friday from Wetumpka Rehab. OPAL SULLIVAN is home after being in the hospital. BETTY DAVIDSON suffered a fall resulting in several stitches to her head and many bumps and bruises. WILMA BERRY is scheduled for shoulder surgery Monday, May 18. Continue to remember our members listed on our Sunday-Evening-Evangelism Prayer List. Shut-ins: LANETTE TAYLOR, OPAL SULLIVAN, MARIAN SIKES, MARGARET DAVIS, and MARGARET GRAVES. Battling Cancer: MIKE NORMAN, HOLLY THOMASSON, CHARLES HENDERSON, JAY ROBERTS, ALICE HANDLANG, SARAH HOUSLEY, DUSTY POUNCEY.

PRAYER REQUEST LIST: (Various Issues): CARSON DAVIS, DEXTER HART III (TRIPP), WAYNE JOHNSTON, ERIN FOLDS, MIKE TIMBES, MAE JONES, JUDY CURTAIN, KENNY DOBBS, PAT NORMAN, ROOSEVELT BRADLEY, JOHNNY CLARK. (Battling Cancer): CAROL ANN WOODALL, CHANDRA JOHNSON, KATY PENICK, DEREK MAY, WILL HICKS, LANISE KIRK, WENDY GRANT, DARNELL STROTHER, NINA JOSEPH, LISA DOBBS, BJ BUCHMANN, SAMEER HOQUE. (Other) The SPIRITUALLY ILL—weak and wayward members.

WORSHIPPING WITHOUT INTERNET AND THE ABILITY TO SEE EASTERN MEADOWS ON THE EASTERN MEADOWS' FACEBOOK PAGE. There is a television program produced by churches of Christ that is available on Sunday: WAKA TV 8, 7:30 AM—In Search of the Lord's Way with Phil Sanders

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Alabama Christian Academy has a job opening for Finance Manager. For application and qualifications, please go to www.alabamachristian.org under "Explore".

ELDER OF THE MONTH / ON CALL: The Elder of the Month for May is **ALAN KAYE**. Contact information for Alan: (334) 322-7363; nantahalan@gmail.com.

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR 2020
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE
JACQUE HAGAN**
Alabama Christian Academy

Jacquelyn Saylor Hagan will be attending Southern Union Community College this fall.



SUNDAY WORSHIP, MAY 17

No one is to be present at the building, except for those assigned to help conduct the Sunday worship. Everyone should be worshipping at home! It is still the Lord's Day.

Eastern Meadows 9 a.m. Bible Class and 10 a.m. Worship will be live-streamed in three places: the Eastern Meadows church of Christ Facebook page. It is the "public" page. The "cover" picture of this page is folded hands on the Bible. This is the link: <https://www.facebook.com/EasternMeadowsChurchofChrist>

The second place you can see Bible Class and worship is the Eastern Meadows church of Christ webpage. When you go to that page, go to the tabs towards the top of the page and roll you cursor over RESOURCES. Click, from the drop down list, STREAMING SERVICES. If you are on a phone or tablet, you may not see the tabs at the top. You will see three vertical lines on the left. That will take you to the menu. The link to that page is <https://easternmeadows.org/streaming/>

A third place you can see Bible class and worship is being added this week, YouTube. If you wish to see it on YouTube, you will need to SUBSCRIBE to the Eastern Meadows channel at <http://www.youtube.com/EasternMeadows>, and you will be alerted when a live feed is active. (If you have successfully worshipped from facebook or the easternmeadows webpage, you may want to stick with that!).

You may need to copy the links and paste the link to your browser.

Participate: Please participate in worship and don't just "view." Just as if you were in the auditorium, when the congregation sings, you sing; when the congregation prays, you pray; when the congregation partakes of the Lord's Supper, you partake; when the congregation gives you give; when the congregation studies God's word, you study.

Lord's Supper: If you need communion supplies contact the office Monday-Thursday.

Giving: You can give by PayPal, https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=RYZVJ7TDTTT9Y&source=url or by mailing a check to the building (Eastern Meadows church of Christ; 8460 Vaughn Road; Montgomery, AL 36117) or by calling Ted Norton for pick-up. Your contribution will be included in the Sunday offering.

Songs: These are the song lyrics for you to use to join in singing Sunday.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Verse 1: Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love; Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Op'ning to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

Verse 2: All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays, Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea, Singing bird and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Verse 4: Mortals, join the happy chorus, Which the morning stars began; Father love is reigning o'er us, Brother love binds man to man. Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife, Joyful music leads us Sunward In the triumph song of life.

Worship, Sunday Morning, May 17, 2020

Welcome: Tim Gotkiewicz

Song Leader: Allen Clements

Song: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Song: *Sweet By and By*

Main Prayer: Karl Strother

Song: *Nearer, Still Nearer*

Song: *Oft We Come Together*

Lord's Supper Presiding, Tim Stevens

Giving

Scripture Reading, Carter Benson, *Luke 12:16-21*

Sermon, Steve Housley, *The Rich Fool*

Song: *Heaven Holds All to Me*

Closing Prayer: Blaine Benson

Closing Remarks: Tim Gotkiewicz

Sweet By and By

Verse 1: There's a land that is fairer than day, And by faith we can see it afar; For the Father waits over the way To prepare us a dwelling place there. (Chorus)

Chorus: In the sweet by and by, We shall meet on that beautiful shore; In the sweet by and by, We shall meet on that beautiful shore.

Verse 2: We shall sing on that beautiful shore The melodious songs of the blessed; And our spirits shall sorrow no more, Not a sigh for the blessing of rest. (Chorus)

Verse 3: To our bountiful Father above, We will offer our tribute of praise For the glorious gift of His love And the blessings that hallow our days. (Chorus)

Nearer, Still Nearer

Verse 1: Nearer, still nearer, close to Thy heart, Draw me, my Savior – so precious Thou art! Fold me, oh, fold me close to Thy breast; Shelter me safe in that "haven of rest"; Shelter me safe in that "haven of rest."

Verse 3: Nearer, still nearer, Lord, to be Thine! Sin, with its follies, I gladly resign, All of its pleasures, pomp and its pride, Give me but Jesus, my Lord crucified; Give me but Jesus, my Lord crucified.

Verse 4: Nearer, still nearer, while life shall last, Till safe in glory my anchor is cast; Through endless ages ever to be. Nearer, my Savior, still nearer to Thee; Nearer, my Savior, still nearer to Thee!

Oft We Come Together

Verse 1: Oft we come together, Oft we sing and pray; Here we bring our off'ring On this holy day. (Chorus)

Chorus: Help us Lord, Thy love to see, May we all in truth and spirit Worship Thee.

Verse 2: May we keep in mem'ry, All that Thou has said, May we truly worship As we eat the bread. (Chorus)

Verse 3: May we all in spirit – All with one accord, Take this cup of blessing, Given by the Lord. (Chorus)

Heaven Holds All to Me

Verse 1: Earth holds no treasures but perish with using, However precious they be; Yet there's a country to which I am going: Heaven holds all to me. (Chorus)

Chorus: Heaven holds all to me, Brighter its glory will be; Joy without measure will be my treasure: Heaven holds all to me.

Verse 2: Out on the hills of that wonderful country, Happy, contented and free, Loved ones are waiting and watching my coming; Heaven holds all to me. (Chorus)

PARABLE OF THE RICH FOOL

- Someone in the crowd asked Jesus to “tell my brother to divide the _____ with me.”
 - “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s _____ does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” (Luke 12:13-15).
 - We remember this story!
- I. A FOOL.
- A. Jesus told us not to call people a _____ (Matthew 5:22).
- B. Why did Jesus call him a fool?
1. The man did not call _____ a fool.
 2. Jesus did not get the idea from the man’s _____.
 3. Jesus was not _____ against him.
 4. It was because the word “fool” fitly described this man!
- II. THE MAN WAS **NOT** CALLED A FOOL BECAUSE:
- A. He was a _____. (Note 1 Timothy 6:8-10).
- B. He had accumulated his money _____.
- C. Not because he had _____ some money.
- III. THE MAN WAS A FOOL BECAUSE HE WAS A _____ ATHEIST.
- A. Note Psalms 14:1; Titus 1:16.
- B. “He thought to _____” (Luke 12:17).
- A man *is* what he thinks (Proverbs 23:7).
- C. _____ was as completely ignored as if He had no existence at all. It was all about HIMSELF. (Note James 4:15).
- D. _____ ownership was not considered. (Note 1 Corinthians 10:26; 6:19).
- This robbed him of _____. (Psalms 103:2).
- E. The farmer had no sense of _____ toward God.
1. To _____ God (Matthew 7:21).
 2. To _____ God (Matthew 22:37).
- F. The farmer placed his confidence in _____.
- IV. NOTE: LUKE 12:20-21; 2 CORINTHIANS 8:9; ROMANS 6:31.