



## Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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### ELDERS:

Tim Bagents  
Alan Kaye  
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Mike Norman  
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### DEACONS:

Adam Bass  
Billy Bush  
Allen Clements  
John Cole  
Michael Crow  
Ryan Gotkiewicz  
Tim Gotkiewicz  
Tim Hatch  
Steve Housley  
Marquez James  
Joel Kelly  
Andrew Long  
Jimmy Mathews  
Danny Moore  
Lindsey Mulkey  
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?

Even though we are anxious to return to having everyone worshipping together at the building, we want to continue the present arrangement of streaming Online services for a few more weeks. We are watching reports of virus activity and decisions made by other congregations, and we have not yet picked a day to return. When we do, there are numerous provisions and practices we will have in place for as long as they are needed. We are still discussing what those should be and how to implement them. We intend to continue online streaming, even after the building is reopened.

—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](mailto: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](mailto: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: Youth & Family Ministry*

*-Tim Bagents-*

The Youth and Family Ministry at Eastern Meadows exists to:

- Provide education, whether through regular class times or through special events, to assist parents in their children's faith formation.
- Assist families to take an active role in the faith formation of their children.
- Equip and encourage students in the 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade to become life long members of faith equipped to apply Biblical values to everyday situations.

There are numerous activities available for everyone in our Youth and Family Ministry:

- \* Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes Program
- \* Youth and Family Devotionals
- \* Area-Wide Devotionals
- \* Service Projects
- \* ICYC Camp
- \* Exposure

Tim and Sally Gotkiewicz do an excellent job developing, planning, and implementing all aspects of our Youth and Family Ministry. Thank you, Tim and Sally, for the great job you do!!

### ***FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:***

**This Sunday.** We will again have Bible Class at 9 a.m. David is in the third week on the book of Numbers. If you did not see David's last class, Sunday at 5 p.m. go here to see it. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ldG1wTGUXvI> Try not to miss a single lesson on the book of Numbers. In worship at 10 a.m. we will be studying "Too Late." Perhaps you have heard "Better late than never." However, in spiritual matters, -- when you consider death -- "better never late."

**Pray for our Elders.** See the update from the elders on the 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. You can be sure that *your spiritual and physical health* will be considered in every aspect of their decision. Pray for them. This is something they have never had to face.

**Pray for our Community.** We have learned this week that Montgomery has become a "hotspot" for the covid-19 disease. We learned that Hospital ICU beds are being filled up and in some cases patients have even been sent to Birmingham. Let us pray that this subsides. Let us pray for all that are in the hospitals, patients and care givers.

**A Dream.** Last night I had a dream of Eastern Meadows worship...like it used to be. We had a good crowd. People enjoyed the opportunity to see one another and also actively engage in worship. But it was just a dream in my sleep. I do long for that to become a reality again. I hope you do too.

**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!*

**Thankful.** I am continually thankful for the work that continues, in spite of us not physically assembling on Sunday. Billy has “remodeled” the control booth as well as clearing out some of the EM “back 40” with his lawn mower. Jimmy’s work to make the internet and wifi more efficient and cheaper continues. Dean, Ron, Julie get the Bible classes and assemblies on Youtube, etc. (BTW, these are seen by many more than just EM members). And I could go on . . . THANKS!

**Budget: \$14,100.00    Contribution, 5/17: \$17,741.00    YTD: -\$7,344.86**

*“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 5/21/20

**SICK:** THERESA MULKEY is recovering from injuries suffered in a fall. WILMA BERRY is recovering at home following shoulder surgery. BETTY DAVIDSON continues to recover from a fall. LEON JACKSON is home after being in the hospital and rehab. 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.

### **NEW PRAYER REQUEST FOR:**

- KENT OLESON, co-worker of Tim Hatch, who has some health concerns.
- ANDY MULLINS, Tim Hatch’s boss, who underwent a serious medical procedure.
- VALERIA KHON (mother) & BRENT KHON (brother), in the loss of LANAYE KHON. Lanaye was the cousin of Mark Evans and Kelly Norman

**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

**JUNE AREA-WIDE SINGING CANCELLED:** The June Area-wide Singing that was scheduled to be held at Eastern Meadows has been cancelled.

**IT’S A GIRL!** We want to shower Katie Coverdale with baby gifts! We can shower Katie with gifts in one of three different ways: 1) from a Target baby registry sent directly to Katie, 2) combined contributions for a Visa/MC gift card sent to/collected by Sara Clements, or 3) individual gifts purchased online and sent to Katie in the mail. Anyone who would like to contribute to the Visa/MC gift card should send the funds to Sara by May 25. A LadyBUGS’ email has been sent out with more information. Katie’s main needs are diapers and girl’s baby clothes. Please contact Shirley Kaye for more information.

**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.

# SUNDAY WORSHIP, MAY 24

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. Thank you to those who are willing to come to the building to help conduct worship!

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 your 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=RYZVJ7DTTTT9Y&source=url](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=RYZVJ7DTTTT9Y&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. Please sing along, even if you are by yourself. There is no doubt that God hears and God knows of your worship in spirit and in truth.

## **All People That On Earth Do Well**

Verse 1: 1 All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the LORD with cheerful voice. Serve him with joy, his praises tell, come now before him and rejoice!

Verse 2: Know that the LORD is God indeed; he formed us all without our aid. We are the flock he surely feeds, the sheep who by his hand were made.

### **Worship, Sunday Morning, May 24, 2020**

Welcome: David Hester

Song Leader: Paul Clements

Song: *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

Song: *Father Hear the Prayer We Offer*

Main Prayer: Adam Bass

Song: *Hallelujah, What a Savior*

Song: *Here, Before Thee Savior*

Lord's Supper Presiding, Tim Stevens

Giving

Song: *Tomorrow May Be Too Late*

Scripture Reading, Norton Sewell, *Matthew 25:10-13*

Sermon, Steve Housley, *Too Late*

Closing Prayer: Brooks Housley

Closing Remarks: David Hester

Verse 3: O enter then his gates with joy, within his courts his praise proclaim! Let thankful songs your tongues employ. O bless and magnify his name!

Verse 4: Because the LORD our God is good, his mercy is forever sure. His faithfulness at all times stood and shall from age to age endure.

### **Father, Hear the Prayer We Offer**

Verse 1: Father, hear the prayer we offer: not for ease that prayer shall be, but for strength, that we may ever live our lives courageously.

Verse 2: Not forever by still waters would we idly rest and stay; but would smite the living fountains from the rocks along our way.

Verse 3: Be our strength in hours of weakness, in our wanderings be our Guide; through endeavor, failure, danger, Savior, be thou at our side.

Verse 4: Let our path be bright or dreary, Storm or sunshine be our share; May our souls in hope unwearied Make Thy work our ceaseless prayer. Amen.

### **Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

Verse 1: "Man of Sorrows!" what a name For the Son of God, who came Ruined sinners to reclaim. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Verse 2: Bearing shame and scoffing rude, In my place condemned He stood; Sealed my pardon with His blood. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Verse 3: Guilty, vile, and helpless we; Spotless Lamb of God was He; "Full atonement!" can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Verse 4: Lifted up was He to die; "It is finished!" was His cry; Now in Heav'n exalted high. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Verse 5: When He comes, our glorious King, All His ransomed home to bring, Then anew His song we'll sing: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

### **Here, Before Thee, Savior**

Verse 1: Here, before Thee Savior We would lowly bow. Grant us now Thy presence Come, and bless us now. In this sweet communion May our souls be fed; In true consecration May well all be led.

Verse 2: Grant this bread, now broken May a symbol be Of Thy precious body Bruised on Calv'ry's tree. Grant this cup of blessing To our hearts may prove One more tie that binds us Closer in Thy love.

### **Tomorrow May Be Too Late**

Verse 1: Today is the day of salvation, Tomorrow may be too late. There's danger and death in delaying, Accept God's saving grace; His life on the cross He has given, O come while yet you may, Give Jesus your life and thus walk in His way, Tomorrow may be too late.

Verse 2: Today is the day of salvation, Tomorrow may be too late. The judgment day, brother, is coming, Prepare ye for that day; His pardon and mercy He offers, Obey while yet you may, He'll save you from sin and bring sweet peace within, Tomorrow may be too late.

Verse 3: Today is the day of salvation, Tomorrow may be too late. A home up in heaven is waiting, O make the start today; Repent and confess and be baptized, There is no other way, Give Jesus your life and thus walk in His way, Tomorrow may be too late.



# TOO LATE

## I. Matthew 24.

### A. Two questions:

1. The first question deals with the destruction of \_\_\_\_\_:
2. The second question deals with Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ coming.
  - a. Of the second coming \_\_\_\_\_ one knows when Jesus will return (Matthew 24:36).
  - b. Everything Jesus says about His second coming could be summarized with the words, be \_\_\_\_\_!

B. There is coming a time, when, if not ready, it is \_\_\_\_\_.

## II. Parable of the \_\_\_\_\_ Virgins. Matthew 25:1-13)

- By being unprepared the five foolish virgins were \_\_\_\_\_ when the bridegroom came!

## III. Parable of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 25:14-30).

- By not using his talent, the one-talent man was not ready for the master to return and it was now \_\_\_\_\_.

## IV. The sheep and the \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 25:31-46).

- The goats were told to “depart from me, you cursed into the eternal fire” and now it was \_\_\_\_\_.

## V. The \_\_\_\_\_ man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31).

A. The rich man died and was buried and in Hades, he was in \_\_\_\_\_. It was now \_\_\_\_\_.

B. For the rich man, and the evangelism of his brothers, it was \_\_\_\_\_.

## VI. Don't be too late:

A. In preparing for \_\_\_\_\_ day.

B. In telling others about \_\_\_\_\_.

C. In treating your husband/wife with a 1 Corinthians 13 kind of \_\_\_\_\_.

D. In teaching your \_\_\_\_\_ about Jesus.

**As the sermon is being presented with few who are actually present, the traditional “invitation” has not been offered. You should know that the invitation of God is *a/ways* open and extended by God. If there is a need to study further to be sure of your spiritual condition; if there is a need for baptism; or if there is a need for confession of sin and prayer, please contact Steve Housley, David Hester, Tim Gotkiewicz or one of the Eastern Meadows' elders. They will be glad to assist you.**