



## Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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### ELDERS:

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### DEACONS:

Adam Bass  
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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!**

## BENEVOLENCE SUNDAY – MAY 31ST

Fifth Sunday's have been designated "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. All contributions made to this fund are tax deductible as are regular contributions.

—Tim Bagents, for the Elders

## 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*

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

**This Sunday.** We will again have Bible Class at 9 a.m. David is teaching the book of Numbers. In worship at 10 a.m. we will be studying “In Christ.” We will see some of the great blessings and promises for those who are “in Christ” and the see how we get “into Christ.”

**Pray.** Last week I encouraged you to pray for our community. And it has certainly become a hotspot for Covid-19. But now I am encouraging you to pray for the Eastern Meadows church. Yes, pray for the elders as they determine the date we will again assemble and the best manner so that everyone is kept safe. But we have several of our own folks on the sick list, from being sick at home, to having a biopsy, having had surgery, having surgery, etc. So far none of our members, thankfully, have been diagnosed with Covid-19, as far as I know. However, Renee James’ mother has tested positive. So let’s keep all in prayer (See the announcements for sick and the Sunday Evening Evangelism Prayer List sent out Saturday for a further list).

**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!*

## **IN TIMES LIKE THESE YOU NEED...**

–Raymond Elliott–

Because of the Corona virus, our world has been ‘turned upside down’. None of us has ever experienced what is now occurring in our lifetime and in our country. Perhaps it has caused us to consider what we really need in this life, rather than just what we want.

There is definitely a need for food to sustain life. Because of health problems, there is a need for many to see a doctor, others may need to be hospitalized. Grandparents truly need to hug their grandchildren. Students need to be in school. There is a great need for family members who are separated to be together again. There is a great need for an owner to open his/her business soon! There are people who need to go back to work. There are multitudes of family members who need to see their loved ones who are in hospitals and nursing homes! There are individuals who are in the Emergency Room, Intensive Care Unit or in a hospital room who are in critical condition, who desperately need a loved one to hold their hand and express words of comfort and love to them. There are Christians who have a great need to assemble with their brothers and sisters in Christ to worship Almighty God and Jesus Christ.

During this crisis, we should all realize that we really don’t have control over what a tomorrow may bring in this life. In the epistle of James, we read, “Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit”; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that” (4:13-15).

We all agree that we need a cure for Covid-19; however the greatest need we have in this life is Jesus Christ who gave His life for us on Calvary’s cross. There is a disease of the heart and it is called sin. If it is not removed, it will lead to death (Romans 6:23). Jesus was born to be the Savior of the world (Luke 2:11). In fact, He came to “seek and to save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10). Jesus, the great Physician, came to call sinners to repent (Matthew 9:12,13). The hope that we have in Jesus

Christ, is the anchor of our soul that is “both sure and steadfast” (Hebrews 6:19). Read carefully the words of the apostle Peter, when asked by his hearers what they should do to be saved, “Repent and let every one of you be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” The “saved” were added to the church, the body of believers (Acts 2:36-38; 47). In this time of uncertainty, anxiety, being quarantined, loss of loved ones, worry, fear of contacting the virus, etc.; it is comforting to know that God “desires all men to be saved” (2 Peter 3:9). Truly, it can be said, “In times like these you need a Savior.”

“In times like these you need an anchor  
Be very sure, be very sure  
Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock  
This Rock is Jesus, Yes He's the One  
This Rock is Jesus, the only One  
Be very sure, be very sure  
Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock”

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*“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 5/28/20

**SICK:** JEROME THOMPSON underwent pacemaker surgery Wednesday, May 27, at Baptist South. Prayers are requested for JAMES HILYER, who is scheduled for a biopsy Monday, June 1. THERESA MULKEY and BETTY DAVIDSON continue to recover from injuries suffered in a fall. WILMA BERRY continues to recover from shoulder surgery. MARSHA SUTTON is scheduled for back surgery June 10. PHYLLIS ALLEN is scheduled for back surgery June 24. 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, ROOSEVELT BRADLEY, JOHNNY CLARK, KENT OLESON, ANDY MULLINS, LANAYE KOHN FAMILY. (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, PAT NORMAN. (Other) The SPIRITUALLY ILL—weak and wayward members.

**NEW PRAYER REQUEST:** Prayers have been requested for Renee James' mother who has been diagnosed with Covid-19.

**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.

**AWARDS:** Please turn in your children's and grandchildren's (who attend Eastern Meadows) school awards, etc. so we can publish them and give them recognition. Email to Wilma at office@easternmeadows.com by Monday,

June 1st.

**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 31

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 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.

### I Love to Tell the Story

Verse 1: I love to tell the story Of unseen things above, Of Jesus and His glory, Of Jesus and His love. I love to tell the story, Because I know 'tis true; It satisfies my longings As nothing else can do.

Chorus: I love to tell the story, 'Twill be my theme in glory To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

Verse 4: I love to tell the story; For those who know it best Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, 'Twill be the old, old story,

That I have loved so long. (Chorus)

### **I Am Thine, O Lord**

Verse 1: I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me; but I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee.

Chorus: Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died. Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.

Verse 2: Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine; let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine. (Chorus)

Verse 3. O the pure delight of a single hour that before thy throne I spend, when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend! (Chorus)

Verse 4: There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea; there are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with thee. (Chorus)

### **Beneath the Cross of Jesus**

Verse 1: Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand, The shadow of a mighty Rock Within a weary land; A home within the wilderness, A rest upon the way, From the burning of the noontide heat, And the burden of the day.

Verse 3: Upon that cross of Jesus Mine eye at times can see The very dying form of One, Who suffered there for me; And from my smitten heart, with tears, Two wonders I confess, The wonders of His glorious love, And my own worthlessness.

Verse 4: I take, O cross, thy shadow For my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than The sunshine of His face; Content to let the world go by, To know no gain nor loss, My sinful self my only shame, My glory all the cross.

### **In Christ Alone**

Verse 1: In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light, my strength, my song. This Cornerstone, this solid Ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace When fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My Comforter, my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2: In Christ alone! Who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live.

Verse 3: There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious Day Up from the grave He rose again. And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me, For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

Verse 4: No guilt in life, no fear in death This is the power of Christ in me. From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand. Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

### **Worship, Sunday Morning, May 31, 2020**

Welcome: David Hester

Song Leader: Allen Clements

Song: *I Love to Tell the Story*

Song: *I Am Thine, O Lord*

Main Prayer: Alan Kaye

Song: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Lord's Supper Presiding, Tim Stevens

Giving

Song: *In Christ Alone*

Scripture Reading, Landon Evans, Galatians 3:26-29

Sermon, Steve Housley, *In Christ*

Song: *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

Closing Prayer: Mark Evans

Closing Remarks: David Hester

## I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Verse 1: I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus; no turning back, no turning back.

Verse 2: Though none go with me, I still will follow; though none go with me, I still will follow; though none go with me, I still will follow; no turning back, no turning back.

Verse 3: The world behind me, the cross before me; the world behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me, the cross before me; no turning back, no turning back.

## “IN CHRIST”

- “IN CHRIST” IS FOUND IN \_\_\_\_\_ VERSES IN THE ESV.
- “The expressions ‘in Christ,’ ‘in the Lord,’ and ‘in him’ occur 164 times in the letters of Paul alone.” (John R. W. Stott)

### I. IN CHRIST:

- Are all \_\_\_\_\_ . (Ephesians 1:3).
- Is \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 1:7).
- Is \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 1:11).
- Is \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 1:13, 16).
- Is \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Timothy 2:10).
- Is \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 8:1).

### II. HOW DO I GET INTO CHRIST?

- We are \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ (Romans 6:3; Galatians 3:26).
- Bible Baptism is:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ .
    - The Greek word means \_\_\_\_\_ .
    - Baptism is described as a \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12).
    - The action of baptism in scripture was described as “they both \_\_\_\_\_ into the water” (Acts 8:38) and “\_\_\_\_\_ immediately from the water” (Matthew 3:16).
  - Of some who has \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of their sins (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38).
  - For the purpose of being \_\_\_\_\_ or having sins \_\_\_\_\_ . (Acts 2:38).

*Don't you want to be sure you are “in Christ” where the abundance of spiritual blessings, including salvation, are?*