



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

8464 Vaughn Road, Montgomery, AL 36117

Phone: 334-273-0001 / Fax: 334-273-0375

Email Office: office@easternmeadows.org

Website: <https://www.easternmeadows.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/EasternMeadowsChurchofChrist/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/EasternMeadows>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/EasternMeadows>

June 11, 2020

ELDERS:

Alan Kaye
Roy Mulkey
Mike Norman
Ted Norton

DEACONS:

Adam Bass
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!

June 28

We have set June 28th as the date we will come back to worship together in person. There is a lot of preparation going on to insure this is done correctly considering the “social gathering guidelines” and the comfort and well-being of each member and member family. Alan Kaye, Tim Hatch, Steve Housley and Tim Gotkiewicz will be planning and implementing this plan with all our help to make it happen successfully.

-Ted Norton

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*

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 “Doing Better.” What are some things you wish you would be doing better? I think I could make a very long list. The list we look at Sunday will not be so long (aren’t you glad!).

Sick Last Sunday and Not at the Church Building. I don’t get sick often, but this was a doozy, especially Sunday. But I was able to worship from my couch, the same as you have done for the months we have not been assembling at the building. And let me tell you, even though we have usually had 10 or less at the building, I learned I far prefer that than being at home in front of the TV. When we come together on June 28, it will not be the same. We will have a small crowd compared to the usual crowd (most churches that have begun to assemble again have started with 50% or less than usual). We will social distance and we will not have the usual contact. *But this will be better than being at home!* I know that some of you will fear coming back, and I understand that I hope the day soon comes that everyone will feel safe and come back.

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!*

Worship June 28 and Onward

On June 28, Eastern Meadows will once again assemble in her building at 8460 Vaughn Road! We can all be excited to assemble again! Worship will be in spirit and in truth, but some things will be different.

Important – Do not come if you are sick (not even a cold), especially if you have fever!

Assemblies – The only assembly will be the 10 a.m. worship. There will be no Bible classes and no Sunday evening worship at the Eastern Meadows building. Sunday class will be streamed online Sunday at 5 p.m. The Wednesday class will continue to be streamed online on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Sunday morning worship will continue to be streamed. All streaming can be viewed in the same way you are viewing streaming now. All current children and teen classes will continue on video/streaming only. There will be no attended nursery at the building.

Doors to Enter – The only doors to enter from the front are the east and west auditorium doors and, from the back parking lot, the back door of the midway foyer. There will be someone wearing a mask to open the door for you (we are doing this to minimize touching). When you exit, the doors will again be held open for you. Please do not use any other doors.

Masks – You are welcome, even encouraged to wear masks. If you need a mask, we can give you one. They are made by Hanes and can be washed many times before they should be discarded. Of course, I don’t recommend a mask for taking the Lord’s Supper. If you figure that one out, tell us all!

Respect People’s Space – You are kindly asked not to shake hands or hug. Please maintain social distance guidelines.

Hand Sanitizer – Hand sanitizer is available. No touch thermometers are available if you wish to have your temperature taken.

Communion - When you pass through the foyer, you should pick up a baggie containing a pre-filled juice and wafer set in the foyer and take it to your seat. There will be no passing of trays for the Lord's Supper or Giving. When you finish communion, just put the trash in the baggie and drop it in the trash receptacle when you leave.

Contribution - Please place your contribution in the provided receptacles. They will be clearly marked.

Seating - Some seating will be blocked to maintain "social distancing." Please ensure that you only sit in close proximity to other family members.

Length of Service - The service will be designed to be 45 minutes, at the most 50 minutes. This does not "cut things short." We "save" a good bit of time in not passing any trays.

Dismissal - To avoid crowding, the dismissal will be by rows/sections. Please exit the building directly; if you want to visit with someone, please do it outside, keeping a safe distance.

After Worship - A crew will sanitize appropriate surfaces in the Auditorium to get ready for next week.

So how long will we do all this? At least through the month of July. The elders will evaluate the situation and adjust accordingly. This arrangement will be different, but all these adjustments are meant to keep you safe. Our first priority is to worship in spirit and truth. Our second priority is to keep you safe.

Budget: \$14,100.00 Contribution, 6/7: \$12,235.00 YTD: -\$17,510.86

ANNOUNCEMENTS 6/11/20

SICK: JAMES HILYER has been diagnosed with cancer and will begin treatments soon. MARSHA SUTTON is in the hospital recovering from back surgery. JIMMY ALLEN suffers many health issues and recently, after appointment with pulmonologist in Montgomery, has been scheduled to see a pulmonologist in Atlanta, GA. STANFORD JONES, JEROME THOMPSON, and WILMA BERRY continue to recover from surgery. 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, WAYNE JOHNSTON, ERIN FOLDS, MIKE TIMBES, MAE JONES, JUDY CURTAIN, KENNY DOBBS, JOHNNY CLARK, KENT OLESON, ANDY MULLINS, BERNADETTE SCOTT, ELAINE WILSON. (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, SANDRA MISSILDINE. (Other) The SPIRITUALLY ILL—weak and wayward members.

NEW PRAYER REQUEST FOR:

- ELAINE WILSON, relative of an extended family member of Steve Housley, Charlotte Patterson, and Sara Black, who is sick with pneumonia.

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

FRIENDS FOR FAULKNER ANNUAL YARD SALE: The FFF Annual Yard Sale will be June 18 & 19 from 8 AM-6 PM and June 20 from 7 AM-12 noon at the Harris Parker Bible Building. There will be home décor, furniture, kitchen stuff, movies, baby gear, toys, electronics, shoes, books, clothes galore, bikes, and more...

ICYC 2020 CANCELLED: The ICYC 2020 Camp season has been cancelled due to the coronavirus.

POLISHING THE PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT: The following announcement can be read in full at polishingthepulpit.com/ptp-202-update/. “The PTP directors just received final notice that we will not be able to have PTP in the Sevierville Convention Center this year. **PTP 20 is not canceled; it is simply moving online to PTP365.** We plan to add more than 250 men’s, women’s, teens’, and children’s sessions to PTP365 and release them during PTP (August 14-20). Churches across the country can host PTP gospel meetings with one or two keynotes a night, families/individuals can watch sessions at home, or homeschoolers can access content during the day. **PTP365:** The current version is free (<https://free365.polishingthepulpit.com>), while PTP365 is being refreshed, renewed, and recharged. More than 5000 people have signed up during the pandemic. The free trial will end around August 1 in time to release Virtual PTP 20. If you are a PTP365 subscriber, Virtual PTP is included in your membership. If not, you can sign up and receive both Virtual PTP and a year’s access to audio/video from previous PTPs. There will be free sessions available, too. We are disappointed not to have traditional PTP, as we know many PTPers are, but we will focus on making PTP365 outstanding and PTP 21 the best ever.

ALABAMA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY NEW HEAD OF SCHOOL—GREG GLENN: Please pray for him and the work of ACA in this transition. Greg comes to ACA by way of Lipscomb Academy in Nashville where he was Head of School as well. He is a fine Christian man with wonderful credentials and experience in the educational field. We hope to have Greg visit Eastern Meadows to talk about ACA in the near future.”

ELDER OF THE MONTH / ON CALL: The Elder of the Month for June is **ROY MULKEY**. Contact information for Roy: (334) 531-5253; roymulkey43@yahoo.com.



“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).

SUNDAY WORSHIP, JUNE 14

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:

<https://www.facebook.com/EasternMeadowsChurchofChrist>

<https://easternmeadows.org/streaming/>

<http://www.youtube.com/EasternMeadows>

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=RYZVJ7TDTT9Y&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.

God of Our Fathers

Verse 1: God of our fathers, whose almighty hand, leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shin-

ing worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Verse 2: Thy love divine hath led us in the past; in this free land by thee our lot is cast; be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay; thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

Verse 4: Refresh thy people on their toilsome way, lead us from night to never-ending day; fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

Our Heavenly Father Understands

Verse 1: I need the prayers of those who love me, I need the prayers of those who care; I need the help of every Christian, to take God's message everywhere. (Chorus)

Chorus: He answers prayer for all the faithful, He holds the future in His hand; He'll guide us safely over Jordan, our heavenly Father understands, understands.

Verse 2: I cannot walk the straight and narrow, without my Savior's guiding hand; He'll light the way and make it fairer, for all the faithful in the land. (Chorus)

Verse 3: He'll hold your hand when you are dying, give strength to cross the Jordan wide; He'll help you answer at the judgment, if in His love you will abide. (Chorus)

When We Meet in Sweet Communion

Verse 1: When we meet in sweet communion Where the feast divine is spread. Hearts are brought in closer union While partaking of the bread. (Chorus)

Chorus: Precious feast all else surpassing; Wondrous love for you and me. While we feast Christ gently whispers "Do this in My memory." (Chorus)

Verse 2: "God so loved" what wondrous measure! Loved and gave the best of heaven Bought us with that matchless treasure Yea, for us His life was given (Chorus)

Verse 3: Feast divine, all else surpassing Precious blood for you and me. While we sup, Christ gently whispers "Do this in My memory." (Chorus)

Worship, Sunday Morning, June 14, 2020
Welcome: David Hester
Song Leader: Jon Timbes
Song: *God of our Fathers*
Song: *Our Heavenly Father Understands*
Main Prayer: Roy Mulkey
Song: *When We Meet in Sweet Communion*
Song: *Nailed to the Cross*
Lord's Supper Presiding, Karl Strother
Giving
Song: *Higher Ground*
Scripture Reading, Landon Evans, *Colossians 3:23-24*
Sermon, Steve Housley, *Doing Better*
Closing Prayer: Mark Evans
Closing Remarks: David Hester

Nailed to the Cross

Verse 1: There was One Who was willing to die in my stead, That a soul so unworthy might live; And the path to the cross He was willing to tread, All the sins of my life to forgive. (Chorus)

Chorus: They are nailed to the cross, They are nailed to the cross, O how much He was willing to bear! With what anguish and loss Jesus went to the cross! But He carried my sins with Him there.

Verse 2: He is tender and loving and patient with me, While He cleanses my heart of the dross; But "there's no condemnation" – I know I am free, For my sins are all nailed to the cross. (Chorus)

Verse 3: I will cling to my Savior and never depart – I will joyfully journey each day, With a song on my lips and a song in my heart, That my sins have been taken away. (Chorus)

Higher Ground

Verse 1: I'm pressing on the upward way, New heights I'm gaining every day; Still praying as I'm onward bound, "Lord, plant my feet on higher ground." (Chorus)

Chorus: Lord, lift me up and let me stand, By faith, on Heaven's tableland, A higher plane than I have found; Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

Verse 2: My heart has no desire to stay Where doubts arise and fears dismay; Though some may dwell where those abound, My prayer, my aim, is higher ground. (Chorus)

Verse 3: I want to live above the world, Though Satan's darts at me are hurled; For faith has caught the joyful sound, The song of saints on higher ground. (Chorus)

Verse 4: I want to scale the utmost height And catch a gleam of glory bright; But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found, "Lord, plant my feet on higher ground." (Chorus)

DOING BETTER

I. DOING BETTER IN _____.

- A. The Bible tells me how to be _____. (James 1:21).
- B. The Bible tells me how to _____. (Psalm 119:105).
- C. The Bible _____ me to serve God. (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

II. DOING BETTER IN _____.

- A. The Bible _____ us to pray. (Colossians 4:2).
- B. The Bible teaches us to pray _____. (1 Thessalonians 5:17).
- C. The Bible teaches us prayer helps us _____. (Psalms 18:6; Philippians 4:6-7).

III. DOING BETTER IN _____.

- A. At Judgment the only thing that matters is our _____ destiny. (Matthew 25:46).
- B. In torment, even the Rich man would have been evangelistic, but it was _____. (Luke 16:27-28).
- C. The Great Commission is still the _____ Commission (Mark 16:15-16).

IV. DOING BETTER IN _____.

- A. Loving _____. (Matthew 22:37).
 - _____ loving God. (Revelation 2:4)
- B. Loving _____. (Matthew 22:39).
 - Loving others has everything to do with how we _____ our brother. (1 John 3:14-18)

V. DOING BETTER IN _____.

- A. _____.
- B. We need _____. Note the many "one another" passages in the Bible.