



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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ELDERS:

Alan Kaye
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DEACONS:

Adam Bass
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Steve Housley
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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*

Budget Area of Work Spotlight: Technology

—Alan Kaye—

The budget area for Technology once contained several things that are now handled by the Marketing group. It is interesting to see that our efforts to market Eastern Meadows to the general public have largely employed technology and the Internet. That leaves the Technology group with a somewhat reduced mission that is still significant to the life and work of the church. The infrastructure for the church computer network and wireless access is now a major part of what Technology does. Maintaining and improving the AV capability in the booth located in the rear of the auditorium is another major area. Also there are needs for planning and implementing educational technology in our Bible classrooms, with which Technology assists our Education faculty and team.

John Cole and Jimmy Mathews are the deacons for Technology. John is a veteran of the AV booth and works in a technology job as his livelihood, so his input is greatly valued. Jimmy has worked with computers, networking, and AV at Eastern Meadows for many years, and in that time he has made tremendous contributions to the network environment we now have that allows streaming of services and wireless access. The Technology budget for 2020 is a "modest" \$8,000. The two largest expense items are network expansion and Internet service. As this budget is funded each year, advancements and improvements are becoming more and more evident.

To the Eastern Members From the Elders

We regret to inform the congregation that Tim Bagents has resigned as an elder and we are saddened by his decision. Tim has been a good and faithful servant during his time here at Eastern Meadows. We will miss his involvement in all of our work. It is our understanding as well that the Bagents family will be worshipping elsewhere. That congregation's great gain will sadly be our great loss. We love and respect the Bagents family greatly and will miss them.

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!).

Prayers Still Needed. Montgomery is still a hotspot for Covid-19. Concrete plans are being made for our return to worshipping at our building. The goal is that being at our building will be safer than anywhere in town you could be except your own home. Pray for our community and our nation. You have seen the pictures and read the story. Let us pray. Let us pray for hurts to be healed; wrongs to be righted; and for the lawlessness to stop.

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!*

Can There Be Good to Come from These No Good, Horrible, Sad Happenings of the Past Two Weeks?

What I have seen the past two weeks disturbs me.

(If Covid-19 and Montgomery having become a “hotspot” were not bad enough . . .)

I had been disturbed with sights of injustice, crime, and hatred. I saw the video of Ahmaud Arbery chased down and killed. I saw the video of the knee of a policeman on the neck of George Floyd. I saw riots resulting in looted businesses and burned out buildings. I saw a man kicked and stepped on until he was nearly dead. I read of a Deputy stabbed in neck by violent rioters and countless police cruisers set on fire. These things have left me shaken. These things have left me troubled to think men can be so cruel and calloused, and that at one time, all across America, there could be so much lawlessness.

All of these things from the killing of Arbery and Floyd, to the looting and burning, are wrong. They are criminal. They are sin. No matter the justification(?) in the mind of the evil doer, it is wrong, criminal, and sin.

My mind was also filled with sights of distraught, disturbed men and women wondering how these things happen, and if there will be justice for such heinous acts. (We learn that Arbery’s killing, even with a video available, took months for even an arrest.) I also saw tears, no doubt resulting from similar past injustices, often the result of racism, that were now relived in the minds of many. I saw what began as peaceful protests to grieve the loss of a man who should not be dead (many remained peaceful). These things have left me shaken because of the incredible sadness, disappointment, discouragement and discrimination that many have felt and experienced, not just now, but for many, their entire lives. I found myself joining in the grief and disappointment that many of these people were feeling.

What happened was not good, and that is an understatement. But could there be some good that comes from this? Can there be good to come from these no good, horrible, sad happenings of the past two weeks?

If we once again renew ourselves to cross all barriers to give every man and woman the respect they deserve, that is good. If we make it a point, no matter our own color or race, to be sure all colors and races are not limited in their opportunities or advancement because of their color or race that is good. (“God shows no partiality” -- Acts 10:34 – and we should not either.)

If we once again renew our commitment to unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ, that is good. If we renew our desire to know and express our love for our brothers and sisters who are different from us, whether in color or education or economic status, that is good.

If we once again make the effort to understand and appreciate my brother, knowing and appreciating that the experiences that have molded him are different than mine, that is good.

If we take more time to pray for our country, knowing that we are in crisis, that is good.

If we will be more determined than ever before to spread the good news of the love of Jesus, rather than the hate of man, that is good.

Our world seems to be spinning deeper in the abyss of evil. Let us do good. Let us be righteous. Let us be a light. Let us do better.

-Steve Housley



“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).

Budget: \$14,100.00

Contribution, 5/31: \$10,468.00

YTD: -\$15,645.86

ANNOUNCEMENTS 6/4/20

SICK: STANFORD JONES underwent hip-replacement surgery Monday, June 1. JAMES HILYER had a biopsy Monday, June 1. JEROME THOMPSON underwent pacemaker surgery Wednesday, May 27, at Baptist South. WILMA BERRY continues to recover from shoulder surgery. THERESA MULKEY and BETTY DAVIDSON continue to recover from injuries suffered in a fall. 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.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to the family of ERIC KELLY, Brenda Gamble's brother and Latasha Kelley's uncle, who passed away Saturday, May 30.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to the family of MABLE GRAVES, Margaret Graves' sister-in-law and Marcia Graves' and Wilma Berry's aunt, who passed away this morning, June 4. Mable lived in Ohio.

PRAYER REQUEST LIST: (Various Issues): CARSON DAVIS, DEXTER HART III (TRIPP), WAYNE JOHNSTON, ERIN FOLDS, MIKE TIMBES, MAE JONES, JUDY CURTAIN, KENNY DOBBS, JOHNNY CLARK, KENT OLESON, ANDY MULLINS, LANAYE KOHN FAMILY, BERNADETTE SCOTT. (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:

- NICOLE TIMBES,, who is suffering health problems.
- JON TIMBES, who has been National Guard activated.
- NINA, Opal Sullivan's sister, who has been diagnosed with Covid-19.
- SANDRA MISSILDINE, who has been diagnosed with cancer in both breasts.

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...

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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP, JUNE 7

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.

Come, Thou Almighty King

Verse 1: Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing, help us to praise. Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Verse 3: O Lord, our God, to Thee. The highest praises be. Hence, ever more; Thy Sov 'reign majesty May we in glory see, And to eternity, Love and adore.

'Tis the Blessed Hour of Prayer

Verse 1: 'Tis the blessed hour of prayer, when our hearts lowly bend, And we gather to Jesus, our Savior and Friend; If we come to Him in faith, His protection to share, What a balm for the weary! O how sweet to be there!

Chorus: Blessed hour of prayer, Blessed hour of prayer: What a balm for the weary! O how sweet to be there!)

Verse 4: At the blessed hour of prayer, trusting Him we believe That the blessing we're needing we'll surely receive; In the fullness of this trust we shall lose every care; What a balm for the weary! O how sweet to be there! (Chorus)

Wonderful Words of Life

Verse 1: I Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life; let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life; words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty: (Chorus)

Chorus: Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life; beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

Verse 2: Christ, the blessed One, gives to all wonderful words of life; sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life; all so freely given, wooing us to heaven: (Chorus)

Verse 3: Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life; offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life; Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever, (Chorus).

Night, with Ebon Pinon

Verse 1: Night, with ebon pinion, brooded o'er the vale; All around was silent, save the night wind's wail, When Christ, the Man of Sorrows, In tears, and sweat, and blood, Prostrate in the garden, raised His voice to God.

Verse 2: Smitten for offenses which were not His own, He, for our transgressions, had to weep alone; No friend with words to comfort, Nor hand to help was there, When the Meek and Lowly humbly bowed in prayer.

Verse 3: Abba, Father, Father, if indeed it may, Let this cup of anguish pass from Me, I pray; Yet, if it must be suffered, by Me, Thine only Son, Abba, Father, Father, let Thy will be done.

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)

Worship, Sunday Morning, June 7, 2020

Welcome: David Hester

Song Leader: Paul Clements

Song: *Come, Thou Almighty King*

Song: *'Tis the Blessed Hour of Prayer*

Main Prayer: Tim Gotkiewicz

Song: *Wonderful Words of Life*

Song: *Night, with Ebon Pinon*

Lord's Supper Presiding, Karl Strother

Giving

Song: *Higher Ground*

Scripture Reading, Carter Benson, *Colossians 3:23-24*

Sermon, Steve Housley, *Doing Better*

Closing Prayer: Blaine Benson

Closing Remarks: David Hester

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)

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 _____ our brother. (1 John 3:14-18)

V. DOING BETTER IN _____.

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

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 *always* 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.