



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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June 18, 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 “Archer and Arrows.” It will be a lesson for fathers and much could be applied to mothers as well. And Happy Father’s Day!

June 28. I am so looking forward to June 28 when we once again meet in the auditorium. It will be different, but only in areas of judgment – the worship will be in spirit and in truth. That will not change. It will be a no handshake – no hug – keep a distance – no passing trays kind of assembly. We will not have the usual “fellowship” as we are determined to keep everyone safe. But still each person must decide for themselves about getting out. Remember our first priority is to worship God in spirit and truth. Our second priority is to keep you safe. Personally, I believe how we are doing things will be safe.

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

I Am Not Your Pastor

I have on occasion been introduced by some as their “pastor.” I don’t choose this time to correct them in front of their friend, when, they are just trying to be polite to me. I believe there is a time and a place for everything – and that is not the time.

That said, perhaps, this is a good time and a good place to say, “No, I am not your pastor.” I want to do Bible things in Bible ways; and call Bible things by Bible names. I hope you do to. It is because of that that I do not wish to be called “pastor.”

In the Bible the pastor is an elder or overseer of the flock. The word elder is from the Greek word *presbuteros* and can be translated elder or presbyter. The word overseer is from the Greek word *episkopos* and can be translated overseer or bishop. But there is another word that refers to the same men that are elders and overseers. It is the Greek word *poimen* and can be translated shepherd or pastor.

There are two passages that clearly indicate that the same men are all referred to by these three Greek words, *presbuteros*, *episkopos*, and *poimen*. In Acts 20:17 Paul called for the elders (*presbuteros*) of the church at Ephesus. When they arrived, he spoke to them and in verse 28 he called them overseers (*episkopos*) and used the verb form of *poimen* to refer to these same men. In 1 Peter 5:1 Peter refers to the elders (*presbuteros*). Of these same men, in verse 2, Peter uses the verbs of *poimen* and *episkopos* to describe their work. The point is clear: the same men who are elders/presbyters of the church are the overseers/bishops and pastors/shepherds of the church.

I am not an elder, so, no I am not your pastor. I am your minister, preacher, and hopefully, your friend.

So who are your pastors? Their names are Alan Kaye, Roy Mulkey, Mike Norman, and Ted Norton. Eastern Meadows is blessed with four good men who serve as elders/overseers/pastors. They are qualified (1 Timothy 3:1-7) and were appointed to serve Eastern Meadows. They are men of good judgment, who are sound in the faith, and love God and love His church, and especially the church at Eastern Meadows. I am thankful for the pastors of Eastern Meadows. Eastern Meadows is blessed.

–Steve Housley

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.

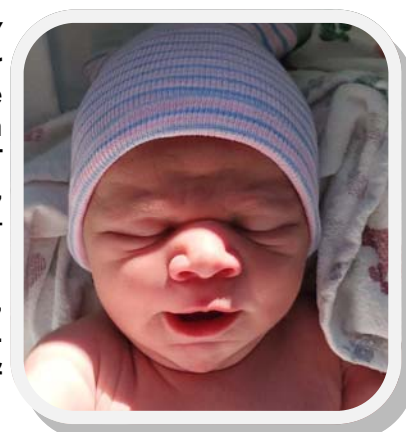
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ANNOUNCEMENTS 6/18/20

SICK: MARSHA SUTTON, STANFORD JONES, JEROME THOMPSON, and WILMA BERRY continue to recover from surgery. JAMES HILYER has been diagnosed with cancer and will begin treatments soon. PHYLLIS ALLEN is scheduled for back surgery June 25. 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: JAMES HILYER, MIKE NORMAN, HOLLY THOMASSON, CHARLES HENDERSON, JAY ROBERTS, ALICE HANDLANG, SARAH HOUSLEY, DUSTY POUNCEY.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: JONAS ANDREW GOTKIEWICZ was born Tuesday, June 16, to RYAN & JULIE GOTKIEWICZ. Jonas weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. and was 21 inches long. TIM & SALLY GOTKIEWICZ are the proud grandparents and GRAYSON, CARTER, & RYLIE are the proud big brothers and sister. Congratulations to all!

PRAYER REQUEST LIST: (Various Issues): CARSON DAVIS, WAYNE JOHNSTON, ERIN FOLDS, MIKE TIMBES, MAE JONES, JUDY CURTAIN, KENNY DOBBS, JOHNNY CLARK,



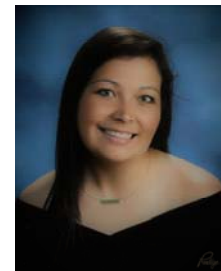
JONAS GOTKIEWICZ

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:

- Alivia Simmons, Gwen Mann's infant great granddaughter, has been born with an enzyme disorder. There will be additional test to confirm the diagnosis.
- Don Simmons, Gwen Mann's Dad, has continued to have worsening health problems.

RECOGNIZING OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE: We will be recognizing our High School Graduate, JACQUE HAGAN, but will do so a little differently than we have in the past due to the Covid-19 safety guidelines. Please drop off any cards or gifts at the office—just make sure someone is there first—by Sunday, July 5.



JACQUE HAGAN

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

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.

2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR AWARDS

CHARNER CLEMENTS, Kindergarten: Classical Conversations Subject Master

ELLA ROSE CLEMENTS, 2nd Grade: Classical Conversations Subject Master, Montgomery Music Study Club—Superior Ribbon

MASON HATCH, 7th Grade: All A's All Year, Recognition of Outstanding 2nd & 3rd Year Band Student—Trumpet

WILL JOHNSTON, 7th Grade: Recognition of Outstanding 2nd & 3rd Year Band Student—Trumpet

DANE MOORE, 1st Grade: All A's All Year, Good Conduct Award



“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 21

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-

[click&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.

God Himself is With Us

Verse 1: God himself is with us; let us now adore him, and with awe appear before him. God is in his temple; all within keep silence, And before Him bow with reverence. Him alone, God we own; To our Lord and Savior. Praises sing forever.

Verse 2: God himself is with us; Whom angelic legions Serve with awe in heavenly regions. "Holy, Holy, Holy," Sing the hosts of heaven, Praise to God be ever given. Bow Thine ear To us here; Hear, O Christ, the praises That Thy church now raises.

Verse 3: O Thou fount of blessing, Purify my spirit; Trusting only in Thy merit, Like the holy angels Who behold Thy glory, May I ceaselessly adore Thee, And in all, Great and small, Seek to do most nearly That Thou lovest dearly.

Our God, He is Alive

Verse 1: There is, beyond the azure blue A God, concealed from human sight. He tinted skies with heav'nly hue And framed the worlds with His great might.

Verse 2: There was a long, long time ago A God whose voice the prophets heard. He is the God that we should know Who speaks from His inspired word.

Verse 3: Secure is life from mortal mind God holds the germ within His hand. Though men may search they cannot find For God alone does understand.

Verse 4: Our God, whose Son upon a tree A life was willing there to give. That He from sin might set man free And evermore with Him could live.

Chorus: There is a God (There is a God), He is alive (He is alive) In Him we live (In Him we live) and we survive (and we survive). From dust our God (From dust our God) created man (created man) He is our God (He is our God), the great I Am (the great I Am).

Be with Me Lord

Verse 1: Be with me, Lord, I cannot live without Thee, I dare not try to take one step alone, I cannot bear the loads of life, unaided, I need Thy strength to lean myself upon.

Verse 2: Be with me, Lord, And then if dangers threaten, If storms of trial burst above my head, If lashing seas leap everywhere about me, They cannot harm, or make my heart afraid.

Verse 3: Be with me, Lord! No other gift or blessing Thou couldst bestow could with this one compare. A constant sense of Thy abiding presence, Where'er I am, to feel that Thou art near.

Verse 4: Be with me, Lord, when loneliness overtakes me, When I must weep amid the fires of pain, And when shall come the hour of "my departure" For "worlds unknown," O Lord, be with me then.

A Beautiful Life

Verse 1: Each day I'll do a golden deed, By helping those who are in need; My life on earth is but a span, And so I'll do the best I can. (Chorus)

Chorus: Life's evening sun is sinking low, A few more days, and I must go To meet the deeds that I have

Worship, Sunday, June 21

Welcome: David Hester

Song Leader: Jon Timbes

Song: *God Himself is With Us*

Song: *Our God, He is Alive*

Song: *Be With me Lord*

Main Prayer: David Barley

Song: *A Beautiful Life*

Song: *Song: In Christ Alone*

Lord's Supper Presiding, Karl Strother
Giving

Scripture Reading, Norton Sewell, *Psalms 127:3-5*

Sermon, Steve Housley, *Archers and Arrows*

Closing Prayer: Steve Sewell

Closing Remarks: David Hester

done, Where there will be no setting sun.

Verse 2: To be a child of God each day, My light must shine along the way; I'll sing His praise while ages roll,
And strive to help some troubled soul. (Chorus)

Verse 5: While going down life's weary road, I'll try to lift some trav'ler's load; I'll try to turn the night to
day, Make flowers bloom along the way. (Chorus)

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 righteous-
ness 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 glori-
ous 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.

ARCHERS AND ARROWS

PSALM 127:3-5

I. THE ARROW MUST BE _____.

A. Children are "sharpened" through _____ (Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 22:6; Deuteronomy 6:6-7)

1. Fathers must be _____.

2. Fathers must be _____.

B. Children are "sharpened" through proper _____. (Proverbs 19:18; 22:15; 29:15).

C. Children are "sharpened" through _____ companions (Psalms 1:1).

II. THE BOW MUST BE _____.

III. THE _____ MUST BE TRUE.

IV. THE ARROW MUST BE _____.

- Note the story of the prodigal son.

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.