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Adam Bass
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Tim Gotkiewicz
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Steve Housley
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Jimmy Mathews
Danny Moore
Lindsey Mulkey
Dean Norton
Randy Porterfield
Steve Sewell
Jeff Simpson

MINISTERS:

Tim Gotkiewicz, Youth
& College, 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!

Bible Classes



Begin Again

SUNDAY, OCT. 4, 9:15 AM

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7, 6:30 PM

There will be classes for all ages. Children, from Cradle Roll—6th grade, will meet in the Fellowship Hall and Tea Room. Adults and teens, from 7th grade up, will meet in the Auditorium.

Budget: \$12,000.00 Contribution, 9/27: \$ Revised YTD: -\$

The guidelines for keeping safe are still in effect. Please come Sunday for 9:15 Bible Class and 10 a.m. worship. Remember it will be a sanitized, masked face, social distanced class and worship assemblies. I look forward to seeing you then! -Steve

GOODBYE TO THE HESTERS



Sometimes you just can't say adequate goodbyes. David's years here at Eastern Meadows have been very good for us. We have had some very good teachers but I believe David may be the best I've seen here. I've never seen him tired of teaching. To have had a full time position at the V P Black School of Biblical Studies at Faulkner University that we funded, we got a lot out of him, especially teaching. His knowledge, presentation and willingness to serve are exemplary. We will miss he and Brenda and hope to be able to see them here from time to time. We wish for them the best in all of

their endeavors.

— Ted Norton, for the Elders

As was announced by the Elders last Sunday, Brandon Baggett will begin working with Eastern Meadows, beginning November 1st.

WELCOME TO THE BAGGETT FAMILY

Brandon Baggett is a native of Montgomery, AL, the product of a Christian family, and a 2013 graduate of the Northwest Florida School of Biblical Studies in Pensacola, FL. Brandon has been married to the former Caitlin Adams of Carrollton, GA since January 14, 2012. God has richly blessed Brandon and Caitlin with an incredible and fun-loving five year old son named Morgan, and the family is excited to be expecting another baby boy in January 2021. Since 2011, Brandon has served the Lord in various capacities, including his role as the part-time minister for the Leakesville church of Christ in Leakesville, MS during his two years in Bible School. Since his graduation in 2013, Brandon has served as the full-time minister for local churches in Georgia and Alabama. The Baggett family has most recently been laboring with the North Lowndes church of Christ in Hope Hull, AL where they have helped the congregation establish its first eldership and aided the congregation to nearly double in attendance. In addition to Brandon's local work, he enjoys regular opportunities to conduct Gospel Meetings throughout the country and participates in a variety of Lectureships each year in several states. Caitlin is a 2011 graduate of Faulkner University, is a proud stay at home mom, and enjoys teaching Bible Class and homeschooling Morgan. The Baggett family has a deep love for Jesus and His church, and they are looking forward to the opportunity to become a part of the Eastern Meadows team.



FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

Brandon and Caitlyn Baggett. We will welcome the Baggetts to Eastern Meadows in one month, November! Brandon, Caitlyn, and Morgan worshipped with us for about a year before Brandon started preaching at North Lowndes. We learned to love this good family then and are excited to welcome them

back to Eastern Meadows. Brandon will be working in several areas – not completely parallel to what David did – and will be a great addition to the staff at Eastern Meadows. One thing he will be doing – same as David – is bringing excellence to the Sunday morning Auditorium Bible Class. Read Brandon’s bio. Even before he comes, he will be submitting some articles for the bulletin. I encourage you to read them, and in this little way come to know Brandon.

Coming Back – Good News! Beginning in October we will begin having Sunday morning Bible classes and Wednesday evening Bible classes. There will be no Sunday evening service yet. The Sunday morning class will begin at 9:15 a.m. (note the time change from pre-pandemic). We will begin with only one adult class in the auditorium and classes for children in the Fellowship Hall and Tea Room. All classes will conclude by 9:45 a.m. Worship will begin at the usual 10 a.m. Classes for Wednesday will be from 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. with a devotional in the auditorium from 7:05-7:15. As with Sunday, there will be one class for the adults in the auditorium and then classes for children in the Fellowship Hall and Tea Room. This is the beginning. This schedule is not considered a permanent schedule, but gets us started coming back for Bible Classes. (By the way, it makes *sense* to be coming back to Bible classes. All area schools except for the Montgomery County schools have been attending classes for weeks now since the beginning of school. Now we at Eastern Meadows can attend classes too!) *All adult classes in the auditorium and the Sunday Morning worship assembly will be streamed.*

Ladies Zoom Class. Thanks to Gwen Mann for having taught the Ladies Zoom Class the past few Wednesdays. The subject was Unity, and was a great class, enjoyed by all who participated. The future of this class is *to be determined* as we are returning to “in person” Wednesday Night classes. Thanks to Gwen for the good job she did teaching this class!

Adult Bible Classes in October

Sunday and Wednesday, Steve Housley and Tim Gotkiewicz will be Team Teaching *Luke* (the goal is to finish Luke by November, if not before).

Adult Bible Classes in November

Sunday Morning, Brandon Baggett teaching. Subject: Epistles of John (of course starting with 1st John).

Wednesday, Karl Strother teaching. Subject: Paul’s Missionary Journeys

Seeing the Great “I AM” in the Storms of Life

– Brandon Baggett –

Of all the miracles Jesus ever performed, one of the most memorable was the time when He walked across the Sea of Galilee. This impressive miracle is recorded in three of the four Gospel accounts (cf. Matthew 14:22-33; Mark 6:45-52; John 6:15-21). Matthew’s account reveals that Peter actually tried to join the Lord on the water before sinking due to his lapse in faith. John’s account helps us to visualize that this event happened just after the multitude fed by the loaves and fishes tried to crown Jesus as king and eventually left from following Him. When we put all three accounts together, however, we clearly see how this moment was a true turning point for the apostle’s faith. Evidently, the Savior’s apostles were still struggling with some doubts and questions until this unforgettable evening, but this miracle helped them to see more clearly who Jesus was, is, and forever more will be!

Turning our attention to Mark 6, we learn that Jesus has just sent His apostles away towards the other side of the Sea of Galilee after a politically charged scene erupted following the feeding of the multitude. Several miles out to sea, however, the apostles encountered a powerful storm in which “they were making headway painfully” (v.48). With each moment that passed, the chasm between Jesus and the disciples grew larger in this terrible storm. The disciples were likely rowing for close to nine hours just to

keep the boat upright (see vv.47-48). They were getting weary and likely feeling hopeless. But just when all hope seemed to be lost, Jesus appeared in the blackness of the storm tossed sea, and the text says He “meant to pass by them” (v.48). In the Bible, when God is said to have “passed by”, a reference is being made to God displaying glimpses of His divinity, glory, and power (cf. Exodus 33:18-23; 1 Kings 19:11). Jesus, therefore, intended for the weary apostles to see His power and might as God. This is why He said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." (v.50). Literally, in the Greek, that phrase looks something more like this – “I AM” – a phrase used in the Bible to refer to God’s deity, power, and eternal existence (cf. Exodus 3:15; John 8:58). Jesus wanted His weary, discouraged, and doubting apostles to see Him as the one true God – the great I AM! Indeed, this miracle had such an effect on their doubting hearts; it caused them to confess “truly you are the Son of God” (Matthew 14:33). This storm and the miracle helped the doubting apostles to see Jesus as the great I AM!

At the end of the day, we aren’t much different from the apostles. We all struggle with doubts, fears, anxieties, and uncertainties. Even the strongest children of God needed to be reminded of the power of the Lord Jesus Christ. Our Savior wants us to see Him as the great “I AM”, especially in the midst of the storms of life. He wants us to know that He sees what we are going through, He knows our problems and struggles, and He deeply cares about our soul. Our storms might seem strong and powerful, but we need to be regularly reminded that our God is even greater!

ANNOUNCEMENTS 10/1/20

October 4, 2020 / Leading the congregation in:			
Scripture Reading:	Main Prayer:	Closing Prayer:	Singing:
A.M.: Christian Williams	A.M.: Alan Kaye	A.M.: Randy Johnston	A.M.: Jon Timbes
Security (During Services): Danny Moore /		Security (Building Lock-up After Services): Ron Hoskinson	

With the restrictions caused by COVID-19, it is difficult to have an accurate report of our members who are ill.

SICK: ANNEGENE DAVIS has tested positive for Covid-19. AARON FERRELL'S COVID test was negative. DIANNE HOSKINSON'S test results were negative, but will be scheduled for surgery soon. JOE HOOKS underwent shoulder-replacement surgery Sept. 30 at Baptist East. BETSY YATES continues to recover from surgery. Continue to remember our members listed on our Sunday-Evening-Evangelism Prayer List. Shut-ins: LANETTE TAYLOR, OPAL SULLIVAN, MARIAN SIKES, and MARGARET GRAVES. Battling Cancer: MIKE NORMAN, HOLLY THOMASSON, CHARLES HENDERSON, JAY ROBERTS, ALICE HANDLANG, SARAH HOUSLEY, DUSTY POUNCEY .

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: Congratulations to MARGARET GRAVES in the birth of her great-grandson, OTTO OWEN MOORER, born Tuesday, Sept. 29. Otto weighed 6 lbs. 6 oz. and was 19 in. long. The proud parents are JORDAN & CHERISH MOORER.

PRAYER REQUEST LIST: (Various Issues): CARSON DAVIS, DON SIMMONS, KATHRINE LESTER, LINDA DOBYNS, JUDY MILLER, MARTHA HUGGINS, MYRA HUGHES, BUTCH ROYAL, NANCY HOLT. (Battling Cancer): LANISE KIRK, DARNELL STROTHER, NINA JOSEPH, LISA DOBBS, BJ BUCHMANN, PAT NORMAN, SANDRA MISSILDINE, ANDY MULLINS, DANNY MOORE (*This is the Sutton's nephew, Not EM's Danny Moore*), CHRIS HETHCOX, JUDY CURTIN. (Other) The SPIRITUALLY ILL—weak and wayward members.



IT'S A WRAP: Thanks for your help in filling the boxes for Operation Christmas Joy (Panama Missions). Now it is time to get the boxes wrapped. We will meet next Friday, October 2, 4 PM, in the fellowship hall to get this accomplished. Please bring a roll of Christmas wrapping paper with you. Thanks, again, for all your help in brightening the life of a child! For more information, contact Sarita Strother, Latasha Kelley, or Sally Gotkiewicz

OCTOBER STANDBY TEAM—#2

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