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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
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

SUNDAYS, 9:15 AM

WEDNESDAYS, 6:30 PM

There are 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: \$12,253.00	Revised YTD: -\$9,220.00
Budget: \$12,000.00	Contribution, 10/4: \$12,356.32	Revised YTD: -\$8,863.68

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

FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

Great Day Sunday. Seriously, this was the best Sunday in quite some time. It started with classes. First time since March! (By the way, classes and worship are shorter to lessen the aggravation of wearing masks the entire time.) We are blessed with a large auditorium, fellowship hall, and tea room, that allows teachers and children/adults to sit apart – albeit, still wearing masks. Then in worship we had the largest number present since March. It was a joy to witness Wesley Berry baptize his granddaughter, Madison Medina! Madison is the granddaughter of Wesley and Wilma Berry; and great granddaughter of Jean Berry and Margaret Graves. This was our first “streamed” baptism. And Christian Williams responded asking for prayer. Christian faces a lot – and is very deserving of all of us praying for his living the Christian life. I am so thankful for Christian!



Madison Medina & Wesley Berry

Sunday’s Baptism. If you would like to see the baptism Sunday, go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J9rr_9fmgUA The baptism is at the 1:04:26 mark.

Thank You Teachers. As already mentioned we had classes Sunday! Lest anyone think it was “classes as usual” it was not. The children moved from their usual classes to larger venues, the Fellowship Hall and the Tea Room. Care was taken to be sure everything was clean/sanitized. The children were at a greater distance from one another than the usual pre-pandemic class. The teachers and most of the children were wearing masks. Thank you to teachers for making these necessary changes to keep all safe. The adults were in the auditorium. With children and teachers not in class and not every from worship present, the adults were at a further distance from one another than worship. Thanks to all.

The Lord’s Supper. One thing has changed. We don’t pass trays. By the way, when Jesus instituted the Lord’s Supper, they would not have passed trays. Passing trays is only an expedient. It is the way we get the emblems in the hands of those partaking. Due to the pandemic we have been using the pre-packaged emblems. Sometimes I have called these little packs the “portable” Lord’s Supper emblems. Instead of a tray passing, you pick it up as you enter the building and have it with you in your pew when we partake of the Lord’s Supper. This is certainly more sanitary in a time that we are so very conscience of germs. *What has not changed!* Just as Jesus gave thanks for the bread and juice, we continue to follow his pattern and pray for the bread, then giving thanks for the juice. As Jesus said of the bread, “this is my body,” and of the cup, “this is my blood,” so we see represented in these emblems Jesus’ body and blood. Just as Jesus instructed to remember him as we eat of the bread and drink of the cup, so we remember him. No we don’t take as long with the Lord’s Supper. *The significance of the Lord’s Supper was never how long it takes to pass the trays. The significance is in remembering Jesus as we eat and drink.* These things have *not* changed.

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. Epistles of John, beginning with 1st John.

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



Jesus For President

It's election season in America! In just a matter of days, the American people will cast their vote for the next president of the United States of America. Unfortunately, this exciting and special time in our nation has become a mudslinging session on both sides that is overflowing with all sorts of lies, defamation, and animosity. There's simply so much hatred, jealousy, partyism, and pride in this country! If the truth be told, most folks are probably ready for the election to be finished so we can just move on.

Nonetheless, there has been at least one positive trend in our surrounding communities as of late. One of the refreshing things I've observed during this operose election season is the growth of signs in front of many homes and churches which read "Jesus 2020." The thought behind these placards is that our country needs Jesus above all else – and that's something I can stand behind! The single greatest need of mankind, our communities, our country, and our world is to turn to Jesus in Biblical faith. Our hope is not found in any individual, bill, or political party – it's found in God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ! To me, it's refreshing to see so many at least acknowledge this truth.



But Jesus 2020 – that cannot be found on a ballot. In fact, even if it could be found on the ballot, the masses of mankind sadly wouldn't choose Jesus. The last time Jesus was on the ballot, the people of the day chose Barabbas, a man "among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection" (Mark 15:7). Yes, you read that right! Between the sinless Son of God and a murderer, the people of the first century chose a convicted murderer. The Lord has never been the popular vote. Even Jesus warned that the masses of the world's populous would reject Him and choose the path that is "easy that leads to destruction" (Matthew 7:13).

Our world will never turn to Jesus in a large scale fashion, and our country will never wholly get behind Jesus as their leader. Our hope, however, is found in personally submitting to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. If we want to see changes in our communities, country, and world, we must individually allow Jesus to take over the driver seat of our life. The Savior invites, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me" (Luke 9:23). The time is now to truly "confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord" (Romans 10:9). Crown Him your King by repenting from sin, trust Him for salvation, be washed in His blood, and submit to Him as Lord.

– Brandon Baggett

October 11, 2020 / Leading the congregation in:			
Scripture Reading:	Main Prayer:	Closing Prayer:	Singing:
A.M.: Carter Benson	A.M.: Steve Sewell	A.M.: Norton Sewell	A.M.: Allen Clements
Security (During Services): Russ Chandler / Security (Building Lock-up After Services): Adam Bass			

ANNOUNCEMENTS 10/8/20

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

SICK: MIKE NORMAN is home after being in the hospital last weekend and will be scheduled for a heart procedure next week in Birmingham. JOE HOOKS and BETSY YATES continue to recover from surgery. DIANNE

HOSKINSON'S test results were negative, but will be scheduled for surgery soon. GEORGE DAVIDSON will be scheduled for surgery soon. JUDY CURTIN, Kristy Hatch's mother, is scheduled for a mastectomy Oct. 14. NANCY HOLT, friend of Jean Berry, has returned home as she continues to recover from kidney transplant surgery. ANNE-GENE DAVIS continues to be sick with Covid-19. Continue to remember our members listed on our Sunday-Evening-Evangelism Prayer List. Shut-ins: LANETTE TAYLOR, OPAL SULLIVAN, MARIAN SIKES, MARGARET GRAVES, LEON & CHARLOTTE JACKSON. Battling Cancer: MIKE NORMAN, HOLLY THOMASSON, CHARLES HENDERSON, JAY ROBERTS, ALICE HANDLANG, SARAH HOUSLEY, DUSTY POUNCEY.

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.

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS FOR:

- LEIGH BROWN, Charles Brown's step-mother, has been diagnosed with cancer.
- EMORY & BECKY TUCKER, grandparents of Kelly Norman – Mike & Barbara's daughter-in-law, who are suffering with health issues.

ADDRESS: If you would like to send a card to MADISON MEDINA, Wesley & Wilma Berry's granddaughter who was baptized Sunday, mail to 26646 Harbor Ridge Drive, Orange Beach, AL, 36561.

2021 PLANNING MEETING FOR THE LADIES: The ladies will have a meeting in the fellowship hall on October 18, at 8:30 am, to gather ideas to plan for 2021. We will wear masks and social distance. We encourage you to think and pray about the plan of work for the LadyBUGS for 2021. Please write down your ideas and bring them to the meeting so we can have a record of them. For those of you that are not getting out yet, you may send in your ideas to: emladybugs@gmail.com, or contact Shirley Kaye. After this meeting, there will be a group of ladies that will meet to finalize the plan. If you would like to be a part of this group, please let Shirley Kaye know.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE: There will be a Celebration of Life Service for JESSE PERKINS, former EM member, on Sunday, Oct. 18, 2 PM, at Vaughn Park Church of Christ.

BRIDAL TEA: Please join us for a Bridal Tea in honor of CAROLINE THOMPSON on Sunday, November 1, 2020, 1:30—3:00 PM. This will be a Come and Go event held at the Eastern Meadows church of Christ Fellowship Hall (social distancing precautions will be followed). Caroline Thompson and Robert King are registered at Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond, and Amazon. Caroline and Robert are Faulkner students who attend EM. Learn more about Caroline & Robert at theknot.com/robertandcarolineroyalwedding.

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.

