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DEACONS:

Adam Bass
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Ryan Gotkiewicz
Tim Gotkiewicz
Tim Hatch
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
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!

BENEVOLENCE SUNDAY – AUGUST 30

Fifth Sunday's have been designated "Benevolence Sunday". On Benevolence Sundays a special contribution will be taken for the EASTERN MEADOWS BENEVOLENCE FUND. The EMBF helps fund:

- Congregational Needs
- Community Needs
- Rainbow Omega
- Mount Dora Children's Home
- North Alabama Christian Children's Home

This is to be separate from the regular contribution. Checks for this effort should be made out to: Eastern Meadows Benevolence Fund. All contributions made to this fund are tax deductible as are regular contributions.

Funds are running low and we need your help to replenish them. Please give serious consideration to what you can contribute.

—Roy Mulkey, for the Elders



MOUNT DORA
CHILDREN'S HOME



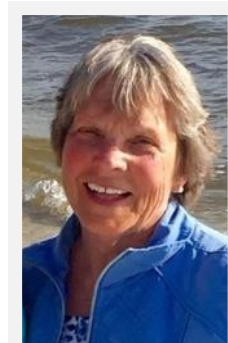
Budget: **\$12,000.00** Contribution, 8/23: **\$9,038.00** YTD to Revised: **-\$3,396.00**

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

SISTER MARGARET DAVIS

1936 – 2020

Margaret Davis was born in Decatur, Alabama and attended Athens Bible School. She and husband Norman raised three children in the Atlanta area. They were members of the Sandy Springs church of Christ. Her oldest son, his wife, and five grandchildren live in Birmingham. Margaret's youngest son and his wife live in the Montgomery area. Her daughter, Carla Armstrong, has two children who remain in the Atlanta area.



Margaret faithfully attended church services and was very involved in church activities. She loved tennis and played until almost the age of seventy. Margaret Davis moved to Montgomery in October, 2017, along with daughter, Carla Armstrong, and became a part of the Eastern Meadows church. Carla said, "The most important thing to my mom was her church. Although Eastern Meadows only knew her during her quiet time, at one time she shouted from the mountain tops about her God and her church."

Unfortunately, she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's but bravely fought with the assistance of her daughter, Carla, until very recently when her condition required her to be placed with skilled nursing care. Margaret passed away Tuesday, August 18, 2020.

Margaret is survived by her three children, seven grandchildren, and three siblings. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Norman Davis; and her parents, Orlan and Helen Wade. A graveside service was held on Sunday, August 23, at Arlington Memorial Park in Sandy Springs, Georgia.

FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

Rain. What a blessing. Many, many folks have labeled 2020 in various ways, all derogatory! If I were to list bad things that have happened in 2020, I could write a book. But something as simple as *rain* has been a great blessing this year. Even as we near September, we have had hardly a week without rain. Now, as I write this, Louisiana and Texas may get too much with the hurricane bearing down on them, but in Montgomery, we have been so greatly blessed with rain. *Count your many blessings, name them one by one.*

Sunday Sermon. This Sunday I will present the lesson "Unity Among Brethren #5: Unity in Doctrine." This lesson is the last on Unity for a long while! I doubt that this subject will diminish in my heart, but I guess five lessons over the summer should suffice Eastern Meadows on this subject for a while. I just hope and pray, that with everything we do and say, we consider its impact on unity among brethren. No, I do not believe in unity at all costs. That compromises the gospel and truth. However, I do believe that *what God says about unity must be lived in our lives.* That has been what this series has been about.

Sunday Evening Evangelism. Each Sunday morning packets of 5 cards along with the Sunday Evening Prayer List are to be found in the wire basket on the foyer counter. Some are also on the round table in the midway foyer. Though there is no card assignment within the packet you can choose those you think need encouragement and drop them a note. Thank you for your help with this good work.

Upcoming Benevolent Sunday. Eastern Meadows members are aware that benevolence needs are funded by the extra contributions we make "Benevolence Sundays" and from the weekly "envelope" that is passed in

adult classes. Of course, we have not had the envelope passing since last March. So presently funding benevolence is largely dependent on "Benevolent Sundays." Just as the contribution was trending downward resulting in a revised 2020 budget and a great need for us to give faithfully, the same can be said of the Benevolence Funds. Please consider what you can do for Benevolence Sunday.

Good-bye. This Sunday will be Jeff, Katie, Trey, and Kendall Coverdale's last Sunday at Eastern Meadows. They will be moving to the Washington D.C. area for Jeff's next military assignment. We wish them well in their new home and hope they will find their way back to Montgomery!

Ephesians 4 "Ones"

Ephesians 4:4- "There is one body," a living organism. The "one body" is the church (1:22,23) over which Christ is head (5:23). It is the "one body" that all are reconciled to God (2:14-16). We are "members of his body" (5:30) and each member must do his part so the body can increase "unto the edifying of itself in love." (4:16) Christ is the savior of the body (5:28). We must strive for unity in the "one body".

"And one Spirit." Christians are all "sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise" (1:13,14); "have access by one Spirit unto the Father" (2:18); "are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit" (2:22); enjoy the message "revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit" (3:5); are "strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man" (3:16); to walk so as not to grieve "the Holy Spirit of God" (4:30); and "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit" (6:18).

"Even as ye are called in one hope of your calling." Unity in desire and expectation. Hope means "to desire with expectation or with the belief in the possibility of obtaining" (Webster). Hope means desire and expectation; and nothing is properly a subject of hope unless we expect as well as desire. The farmer that plows, sows, and cultivates his crop hopes to reap the fruit of his toil; that is, he desires and expects. So the faithful Christian hopes - desires and expects - to have "his fruit unto holiness and the end everlasting life." (Rom. 6:22). The ultimate consummation of God's purpose is for His people to be glorified with Christ and see him face to face (1 Jn. 3:1, 2) "and every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure" (1 Jn. 3:3). We live "in hope of eternal life" (Tit. 1:2) and look for "that blessed hope" (Tit. 2:13). We must not be "moved away from the hope of the gospel" (Col. 1:23) which is laid up for us in heaven (Col. 1:5). When we consider that before conversion we had "no hope" (2:12) we can understand why Paul prayed that we might "know (fully understand and grasp) what is the hope of his calling" (1:18). Just as two strangers meeting for the first time on the deck of an emigrant ship, both bound for the same land, and purposing to pursue the same occupation, so believers are drawn together into unity by a consideration of their common hope.

"One Lord." Unity in authority. It was vital then, and is now, to acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord. "Because they had but one Lord, they refused to give the title 'Lord' to others who claimed it, notably to the Roman Emperor, when it was claimed in a sense that implied divinity . . . but there was every objection to using it in a sense which meant that the unique Lordship of Christ was being infringed." (Bruce). He is both Lord and Christ (Acts 2:36); with all authority (Mt. 28:18); "angels and authorities and power being made subject unto him" (1 Pt. 3:22), "head over all things to the church" (Eph. 1:22). When all listen to Him there will be unity and peace "for he is our peace, who hath made both one" (2:14).

"One faith." Unity in message. The "one faith" refers to the gospel, the truth revealed to the apostles by the Spirit. ". . . a great company of priests were obedient to the faith" (Acts 6:7) Elymas the sorcerer sought to turn away the deputy from "the faith" - - the word of God. (Acts 13:5,7, 8). Saints are to "earnestly contend for the faith" (Jude 3). The "mystery" which in other ages had not been revealed "as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit (Eph. 3:3-5) was "the faith" which both Jews and Gentiles heard and believed (Eph. 1:12, 13). It is only by "speaking the same thing" (1 Cor. 1:10), preaching the same gospel (Gal. 1:6-10) and continuing in the same doctrine that unity can prevail (1 Tim. 1:16). "Only those whose faith is regulated by the word of God and whose purposes and daily life are conformed to the will of God can be one in Christ." (Lipscomb).

"One baptism." Unity in action. It's "by one Spirit" (by the direction of the Spirit) that we are "all baptized into one body" (1 Cor. 12:13). We are "all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:26) for we "have been baptized into Christ" (Gal. 3:27). We put "off the body of sin" with "the circumcision made without hands"

when we were "buried with him in baptism" (Col. 2:11, 12). We were sanctified and cleansed "with the washing of water by the word" (5:26). And in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female; for ye are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:28).

"One God and Father of all." It is this God who has "blessed us with all spiritual blessings" (1:3), who predestinated us and adopted us into his family (1:4, 5), who has revealed his wonderful plan unto us (1:8,9), who has made his mighty power available to us (1:19,20), who has extended the riches of his glory (1:18), mercy (2:4), and grace (2:7) to us, who dwells in us through the Spirit (2:22), and who made it possible for us to be filled with His fulness (3:19).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS 8/27/20

August 30, 2020 / Leading the congregation in:			
Scripture Reading: A.M.: Aiden Futral	Main Prayer: A.M.: Alan Kaye	Closing Prayer: A.M.: Landon Evans	Singing: A.M.: Paul Clements
Security (During Services): Randy Porterfield / Security (Building Lock-up After Services): Tim Stevens			

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

SICK: BETSY YATES had shoulder replacement surgery Wednesday, Aug. 26. KALLIE FUTRAL continues to recover from surgery. Sick at home Sunday: WILMA BERRY, WILMA MILLICAN. 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.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy to Dawn Chandler and family in the passing of her step-father, JIM REINHARDT, who passed away Sunday, Aug. 23. Funeral will be today, Aug. 27, at Leak Memory.

PRAYER REQUEST LIST: (Various Issues): CARSON DAVIS, DON SIMMONS, KATHRINE LESTER, LINDA DOBYNS, JUDY MILLER, MARTHA HUGGINS, MYRA HUGHES, JUDY CURTAIN. (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. (Other) The SPIRITUALLY ILL—weak and wayward members.

BENEVOLENCE SUNDAY: Benevolence Sunday is this Sunday, Aug. 30. Funds are running low and we need your help to replenish them. Please give serious consideration to what you can contribute.

SUNDAY-EVENING-EVAGELISM: Packets containing a prayer list and cards are available at the front and midway foyers. Pick up a packet!

PANAMA MISSIONS OPERATION CHRISTMAS JOY: The empty shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Joy, Panama Missions are available for pickup in the Resource Room. Please indicate the number of boxes taken as well as your name on the sign-up sheet. If you would like to donate money to purchase candy or to have someone else purchase items to fill a box, please do so. The filled boxes are to be returned to the Resource Room no later than Sunday, September 13, 2020. Please indicate that you have returned your filled box(es) in the space indicated on the sign-up sheet. If you have any questions, please see Sarita Strother, Latasha Kelley, or Sally Gotkiewicz. Thank you so much for your willingness to brighten the life of a child!

SONGS & OUTLINE FOR SUNDAY'S WORSHIP: The songs and sermon outline for Sunday's worship will be emailed on Saturday to EM members.

AUGUST STANDBY TEAM—#3 (GOTKIEWICZ) / SEPTEMBER STANDBY TEAM—#1 (PORTERFIELD)

ELDER OF THE MONTH / ON CALL: The Elder of the Month for August is **MIKE NORMAN**. Contact information for Mike: (334) 306-7583; mikenorman7583@yahoo.com. The Elder of the Month for September is **ALAN KAYE**. Contact information for Alan: (334) 322-7363; nantahalan@gmail.com.



Ted Norton and Karl Strother having some "rival" fun with their masks!

"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).

