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ELDERS:

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DEACONS:

Adam Bass
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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!



**DAVID HESTER
SPEAKING
THIS SUNDAY
September 13, 10 AM**

**"An Ancient Recipe for
Peace and Prosperity, Psalms 122"**



Ladies' Bible Class

A ZOOM Ladies Bible Class will begin Wednesday, September 9, from 7:15-7:45 pm. Gwen Mann will be leading our class in a study of "Church Unity." All ladies are invited to participate via zoom each Wednesday night. Please let Shirley Kaye know if you are planning to participate. We will also list the ZOOM information to join the class on the Eastern Meadows LadyBUGS' group on Facebook.



GWEN MANN

Budget: **\$12,000.00** Contribution, 9/6: **\$12,149.00** Revised YTD: **-\$3,099.00**

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

FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

This Sunday's Sermon by David Hester. This Sunday David will present the message, "An Ancient Recipe for Peace and Prosperity" (Psalms 122). David presents an excellent Bible lesson in an easy-to-listen-keep-your-attention manner. I suspect that this is a "timely" message as we all want peace, but especially in troubled times. Read Psalms 122 before coming to worship! I will not be here Sunday, but I will be listening to David's lesson on YouTube.

Visitors. Most Sunday's we do have some visitors under those masks. With the masks, and often getting to worship minutes before worship begins and the manner in which we dismiss, it is often hard to identify and greet visitors. But, please make a special effort to identify and speak to our guests. Even in the day of "social distancing," though we get "closer" to speak to them, we can still keep a distance too.

I Miss You. I readily admit that I miss you. I miss you who have not been assembling in fear of the virus. I miss seeing you who are assembling. There is just little time to speak and hold even a semblance of a conversation before or after the assembly. I love my church family more than ever and feel a bit of grief at not having the usual and normal association. Yes, it is better than the weeks of not assembling, but I miss you and love you.

I Appreciate You. Perhaps more than most times since I have been preaching, I have appreciated the faithfulness of the faithful. I guess that is the way to put it. Even when we were not assembling, which I would have never thought would happen, the faithful were diligent to worship in spite of not assembling. The "streaming" worship was an aid to help in that worship at home. At least one I know had no means of streaming, but still spent time singing the songs we were singing, personally praying, having the Lord's Supper, giving, and using the sermon outline we sent out as a means of study. The most of Eastern Meadows continued to give as faithfully and regularly as you did when we were meeting. Some have even told me they have given "extra" or even doubled their contribution because they realized the need. To all of you, I appreciate you.

Unity. Even after having preached five lessons on Unity this summer, I still find myself thinking about this subject. All of the things that could divide God's people in June certainly still exist. And there are more things than, I think, at any time in my life. Let me say this with all the emphasis that I can muster in a written sentence, *We must be very careful about judging and distancing ourselves from a brother or sister over an opinion, even if we strongly disagree with their opinion. We must unite upon the doctrine of God, but realize that this world is full of things over which we might differ and still be brothers. Let us love and accept our brothers and let our brother know that we love and accept them.* As Paul said, be "eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." (Ephesians 4:3). Let every action and word be filtered through these words of Paul in Ephesians 4:3.

Tim Gotkiewicz. Tim has been preparing video lessons that he puts up on YouTube for his Youth Class since March. He has always done a good job teaching these lessons. The lessons remain excellent. However, his "production" has advanced by leaps and bounds. He now has his own channel "Tim Gotkiewicz" on YouTube. If you can go to YouTube and just search for his name you may come up with his Sunday Night sermons at Eastern Meadows. However, if you go to <https://>

www.youtube.com/channel/UCdIvTtMERrII9RMv237OonQ you will see these lessons he has prepared for his Youth Class. He puts a lot in 15-20 minutes and with his increased production skills, you will find them very easy to watch. I encourage you to go to the top right and click “subscribe” and then click on the bell and you should get a notification when a new lesson goes up. Thanks Tim for the good job.

Sick Folk. Each week we always had a “Sick on Sunday” in the announcement section of the bulletin. In those days it was easier, though it took some time to ascertain that list. These days it is very difficult. We have a number who are still staying in due to the virus. But we also have a number, with ordinary aches and pains that make moving around difficult. We also have some who may even have surgeries that don’t necessarily alert the office. If we do not have your name in the bulletin please forgive us, there is no intention of an oversight.

ANNOUNCEMENTS 9/10/20

September 13, 2020 / Leading the congregation in:			
Scripture Reading:	Main Prayer:	Closing Prayer:	Singing:
A.M.: Norton Sewell	A.M.: Nathan Futral	A.M.: Jeff Simpson	A.M.: Jon Timbes
Security (During Services): Tim Hatch /		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: CHUCK NORTON is recovering from cataract surgery. BETSY YATES continues to recover from surgery. JUDY CURTAIN, Kristy Hatch’s mother. Is recovering 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 .

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.

LEADERSHIP MEETING: There will be a Leadership Meeting for all the Elders, Deacons, & Ministers this Sunday, Sept. 13, 9 AM.

SHEPHERD’S TALK: The elders will give a brief update on business, news, and events immediately following the worship service this Sunday, Sept. 13.

PANAMA MISSIONS OPERATION CHRISTMAS JOY: The Operation Christmas Joy, Panama Missions Boxes are due this 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!

MOUNT DORA CHILDREN’S HOME FOOD & SUPPLY DRIVE: Due to the pandemic, the truck will not be sent around to congregations to pick up food and supplies. Instead, they are requesting gift cards from Walmart or Publix. The gift cards or money to purchase gifts cards may be given to Wilma Berry or mailed/dropped off at the office by Sunday, Sept. 27.

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

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

SEPTEMBER STANDBY TEAM—#1 (PORTERFIELD)

ELDER OF THE MONTH / ON CALL: The Elder of the Month for September is **ALAN KAYE**. Contact information for

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- **Sept. 12:** Youth Group Movie Night, 7 PM
- **Sept. 26:** Youth Group Movie Night, 7 PM

COLLEGE EVENTS:

- **Sept. 20:** College Dinner & Movie, 5 PM

“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).



We Have an Anchor

As a ship would need an anchor to prevent it from being driven by the wind and waves onto a rugged, rock-infested shore and destroyed, without exception we all need an anchor for our lives to keep us from the storms of life that would destroy us. Our faith in Christ is just such an anchor—and especially we would view the resurrection of Christ in this regard. While all religions have their revered founders and gurus, all are powerless against the winds of time that would drive us onto the shores of God’s judgment. Only Christianity has a founder who died for our sins and been raised from the dead. Death is not the ultimate conqueror. Though even Jesus, in death, willingly gave up His spirit into the Father’s hands, yet, as a verse in one of our hymns declares, “Death could not keep his prey.” He arose in triumph over death, and holds within His hands “the keys of hell (hades) and of death” (Rev. 1:18). Ours is not a dead savior, but the Living One. Without the assurance of a living Savior, we would be at the mercy of all that is spiritually destructive to our souls. We would not even be assured of who Jesus is—the Son of God. After all, anyone could make the claim. Of Jesus alone can it be said that He was “declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead” (Romans 1:4). We know who He is because of His resurrection.

Without His resurrection we would have no assurance of our own. Death would be the great ultimate destroyer. But because He was raised, we, too, will be raised. In 1 Corinthians 15, the apostle Paul linked our resurrection to His, saying, “If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain: ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man (Adam) came death, by man (Christ) came also the resurrection of the dead” (15:17-20). Hebrews 6:19-20a compares His resurrection to the believer’s anchor, declaring, “which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil, whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus.” This hope is secure—“within the veil,” that is, beyond the veil of death into heaven itself, where the risen Christ has entered as the “forerunner”, preparing the way for our resurrection. Our eternal welfare is established only in the crucified, risen and glorified Son of God. For the believer, it is as one hymn declares: “We have an anchor that keeps the soul, Steadfast and sure while the ages roll....”

The greatest question we could ask is: Is your faith anchored and made secure in Christ. Have you accepted Him, who, by the grace of God, “tasted death for every man?” (Hebrews 2:9) Have you identified yourself with Him in being “buried with Him in baptism” and raised with Him to walk “in newness of life” (Rom. 6:3-4). Is it your hope to continue that walk till you share in “the likeness of His resurrection” (6:5)?—to share His glory?

--Ron Bartanen, *BulletinGold*