



# Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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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  
Steve Housley, Pulpit  
& Education

## SCHEDULE:

### Sunday:

9:15 a.m. Bible Class  
10:00 a.m. Worship

### Wednesday:

6:30 p.m. Bible Study

**WELCOME!**



Budget: **\$12,000.00** Contribution, 10/18: **\$9,4800.00** Revised YTD: **-\$14,597.23**

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 assembly. I look forward to seeing you then! -Steve

### FROM THE MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

**Pray for Kimberly Wilson.** Sunday a week ago, Kimberly gave me a prayer request on her way out after worship. With her permission, I posted it on the Eastern Meadows Members FB page. Then Sunday I read her prayer request and we prayed as a congregation. Continue to remember Kimberly in your prayers as she faces many things getting her life back on track.

**Safest Way to Assemble.** I know that many people are concerned with attending worship during a pandemic. Unfortunately, the news media has “scared off” folks thinking that all religious assemblies are the same as each other and that they are the same as a year ago. Eastern Meadows is not assembling as we were a year ago. In fact, we have had far less in worship since beginning to meet again than we did a year ago and a number of things are done differently to ensure safety for those attending. *For our older, more vulnerable, here is the safest way you can attend.* Park in the back parking lot. Come in the back midway foyer door. Upon entering retrieve your Lord’s Supper packet from the round table. Enter the auditorium and sit in the front, any section, but in the front. When worship is over immediately leave out the back door. Doing this will keep you away from most of those assembled. If you do this, you will be near less people than any store you might go to. You miss out on any fellowship, but you are able to be in worship and keep a distance from people.

**Thanks Tim Hatch.** Tim has provided Eastern Meadows with more of the “state” masks. If you need one, get one. There are plenty.

**Luke Bible Class.** We are not going very fast, but classes are only 30 minutes! However, we must finish Luke by Wednesday, October 28. *New classes begins in November!*

## Adult Bible Classes in November

*Sunday Morning*, Brandon Baggett teaching. Epistles of John, beginning with 1<sup>st</sup> John.

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

## Shakespeare Was Illiterate

– Brandon Baggett –

William Shakespeare is widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language. He was an English playwright, poet, and actor who produced most of his known works between 1589 and 1613. His most famous works include some 39 plays, 154 sonnets, and 2 long narrative poems. Shakespeare’s plays have been translated into every major living language, and they have been performed more often than the works of any other playwright in history. Though Shakespeare passed from this life at the age of 51 on April 23, 1616, his works continue to live on from generation to generation as they are ever studied, performed, and reinterpreted.

The name “Shakespeare” is almost synonymous with the English language, but did you know that Shakespeare was actually illiterate? Susanna and Judith Shakespeare, that is, the two daughters of William Shakespeare who lived to adulthood! While nobody knows for sure, it is commonly believed that both of William Shakespeare’s parents, John and Mary, never learned to read or write, though William attended grammar school and mastered reading, writing, and Latin. Additionally, history reports that his wife and neither of their children ever learned to read or write. This is perplexing! How did William Shakespeare, the man recognized as the world’s greatest English writer, allow his own daughters to grow up illiterate? I really don’t have the answer to this puzzling question, but I do have a far better

question for us to consider – how do Christians allow their children to grow up Biblically illiterate?

One of the greatest disservices a parents can commit is to allow their children to grow up without a knowledge of God and His Word. Parents often do well at safeguarding the physical, social, and educational growth of their children, but many forget the importance of being active in the spiritual development of their children. Our children and grandchildren may grow up and be great athletes, successful businesspeople, or even award winning doctors, but we have utterly failed them if we don't give them the tools and resources to commit their lives to Jesus and be right with the Lord. God has given us the important task of giving the children He has given us back to Him. We all need to be reminded of the importance of our roles as fathers, mothers, and grandparents in the lives of our children. Take the time to read Psalm 78 this week, and give special emphasis to verses 1-8 of the Psalm. If we don't work to instill a knowledge of God in the next generation, then who will?

## ANNOUNCEMENTS 10/22/20

<b>October 25, 2020 / Leading the congregation in:</b>			
<b>Scripture Reading:</b>	<b>Main Prayer:</b>	<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	<b>Singing:</b>
<b>A.M.: Tim Stevens</b>	<b>A.M.: Karl Strother</b>	<b>A.M.: Marquez James</b>	<b>A.M.: William Dill</b>
<b>Security (During Services): Michael Crow / Security (Building Lock-up After Services): Allen Clements</b>			

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

**SICK:** LEIGH SANDLIN underwent a heart cath Monday, Nov. 19. STANFORD JONES is scheduled for surgery Thursday, Oct. 29. ALICE HANDLANG is in Encompass Rehab after being in the hospital. SARA BLACK is recovering from surgery. MIKE NORMAN is to be scheduled for a heart procedure in Birmingham. JOE HOOKS continues to recover from surgery. DIANNE HOSKINSON is home recovering from surgery. GEORGE DAVIDSON will be scheduled for surgery soon. JOY JACKSON will have surgery on her leg soon. ANNEGENE DAVIS is now negative for Covid-19. BONNIE CROW and ELLA HANKINS were home sick on Sunday. 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, EMORY & BECKY TUCKER, MARY SEARIGHT. (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, LEIGH BROWN. (Other) The SPIRITUALLY ILL—weak and wayward members.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** CHUCK NORTON and SARA BLACK were married last Friday, Oct. 16. Congratulations, Chuck & Sara!

**THANK YOU:** Thank you so much for the concern shown for Aaron and myself over the past few weeks. We appreciate the phone calls, texts, cards and most of all your prayers. In Christian Love, Dianne Hoskinson

**SUNDAY-EVENING-EVANGELISM:** There are packets containing SEE Prayer List and cards are posted at the front and midway foyers. Be sure to pick up and packet and send cards to the ones you choose.

**BRIDAL TEA:** Please join us for a Bridal Tea in honor of CAROLINE THOMPSON on Sunday, Nov. 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 [the-knot.com/robertandcarolineroyalwedding](http://the-knot.com/robertandcarolineroyalwedding).

**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE PROJECTS:** The Sunshine Committee has two projects remaining for 2020. Rather than collecting items for our bags for the college students and shut-ins, we will be collecting money for one person to do the shopping for all of the bags. If you would like to make a donation to help with these projects, please see Cindy Mulkey. We will collect through Nov. 1.

**VETERANS DAY CHAPEL INVITATION AT FAULKNER:** Faulkner University invites veterans to a special chapel program and luncheon in their honor on Nov. 10. The chapel program will be at 10:30 AM in the Tine Davis Gymnasium with

the complimentary luncheon at 11:15 AM in the Multiplex, connected to the Gym. Social distancing, face coverings, and other health protection measures will be in place for the safety of all who attend. Please RSVP by Sunday, November 1st to Ms. Pam Winstein at [pwinstein@faulkner.edu](mailto:pwinstein@faulkner.edu), or by phone at (334) 386-7300 with the number of individuals coming in your party (limited to no more than 3 people per group).

**LADYBUGS HOLIDAY THANKSGIVING PROJECT:** The LadyBUGS' will be providing gift cards this year for 5 Family Sunshine Center Families. Because of COVID, they are asking for Walmart Gift Card donations. We will be collecting money for this Thanksgiving Project and then we will purchase the gift cards. You may make your donation through Eastern Meadows' PayPal with a notation that is for the LadyBUGS Holiday Project. **Please give your monetary contributions to Sarla Strother or Shirley Kaye by November 11.**

**OCTOBER STANDBY TEAM—#2 / NOVEMBER STANDBY TEAM—#3**

**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](mailto:roymulkey43@yahoo.com).



**BIBLE CLASSES: Sundays @ 9:15 AM & Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM**

## AS LONG AS THERE IS AIR IN YOUR LUNGS

Just a few days ago, the stuff of science fiction actually happened right here in America. In Detroit, paramedics came to the aid of a 20-year-old woman who was unresponsive at her home. They performed life-saving techniques for about half an hour, but there was no response. After their efforts, the woman was pronounced dead, the family was informed, and a funeral home came to get her body to prepare for a service.

Only, when morticians got ready to start their work, they realized the woman was breathing. She was still alive!

As you can imagine, they were surprised, but they also did what you would expect: they immediately called a local hospital and had an ambulance come to care for the woman.

It's almost unimaginable that could happen, especially with how advanced our knowledge of the human body is. But here is what struck me: the workers cared for this woman, even when there was barely any breath in her lungs.

Why? Because even that tiny sign of life is a sign of hope.

When I found that story and let it roll around in my mind for a few minutes (and after I got over how weird it must have been), it just made me think about hope. In a lot of ways, hope is the breath in our lungs. What I mean is that, there are seasons in our life where hope is what gets us through and causes us to be able to put one foot in front of the other.

But I also want to think about this from another angle. Spiritually speaking, so long as there is breath in our lungs, we are not hopeless. I just wonder how many people are walking around our towns and neighborhoods who think they have done too much bad stuff or been away from God for so long that they are a hopeless case. I just wonder how many people honestly believe they are too far removed from the Lord to find forgiveness. I imagine the answer to that is a higher number than any of us can really consider.

But the beauty of the Gospel is that, so long as we have breath in our lungs, we are not a hopeless case. So long as we are here in this life, there is the hope of seeking and receiving God's forgiveness. So long as we are breathing, there is the chance to return to Him. Until our actual final breath is taken, God will forgive.

Did you need to hear that today? Can we help you find His forgiveness?

— Adam Faughn [Faughnfamily.com](http://Faughnfamily.com)