



Eastern Meadows Church of Christ

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ELDERS:

Alan Kaye
Roy Mulkey
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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:

Brandon Baggett,
Involvement
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!



**Don't forget to set your clocks BACK one hour
at bedtime this Saturday night, Oct. 31.**



Budget: **\$12,000.00** Contribution, 10/25: **\$9,389.00**

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:

Special Announcement by Ted Norton. If you were not present Sunday, I encourage you to watch the announcement from Ted Norton for the elders. If you are a member at Eastern Meadows and on Eastern Meadows Members please listen to Ted's announcement. <https://www.facebook.com/EasternMeadowsChurchofChrist/videos/1231695693873459>. We can appreciate the leadership from the Eastern Meadows shepherds in all matters.

Giving Tray on the Lord's Supper Table. For those who are coming in the from the back parking lot through the back midway foyer door and sitting in the front, there is now a Giving Tray located on the Lord's Supper Table you can use. This will allow you to have maximum social distance and still be "in person" at worship.

Thanks. Thanks to **Jerry and Lillie Thompson** for putting together the cards in the packets that you can pick up each Sunday. Thanks to **Lucy Summerlin** for "bagging" a box of masks. Thanks to those who each month "bag" the Lord's Supper emblems for us to pick up in the foyer and mid-way foyer. Things have been a bit different recently, and I appreciate those who have volunteered to get it done!

Welcome to Brandon, Caitlin, and Morgan. Brandon's official first day is Sunday! He will be teaching our Sunday morning auditorium Bible Class among the many other things he will be doing. Brandon is an excellent teacher and preacher as you already know. He "moved in" this week and is ready to go! Welcome Brandon, Caitlyn and Morgan!

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

Giving GOD Glory!

There are literally dozens, if not hundreds of scriptures that teach us that we should be giving glory to God. As great as Moses was, he and Aaron were not allowed to enter the Promised Land. In a moment of anger with the children of Israel, they failed to give God the glory for the water coming from the rock. Numbers 20:11-12. God narrowed Gideon's army from 32,000 all the way down to 300 because He knew His people would try to praise themselves instead of Him after their victory over the Midianites, Judges chapter seven. In Acts chapter 12, a king lost his life because he didn't give God the praise, choosing to try to take the glory for himself. So, as we begin this day that God has blessed us lets not forget to "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." God bless everyone.

– Ken Gardner



"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).

WELCOME!



To Brandon, Caitlin, and Morgan Baggett!

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. Caitlin is a 2011 graduate of Faulkner University, is a proud stay at home mom, and enjoys teaching Bible Class and homeschooling Morgan. God has richly blessed Brandon and Caitlin with an incredible and fun-loving five year old son named Morgan, who enjoys music, books, and imagining. 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. 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. We welcome the Baggett's to Eastern Meadows!

ANNOUNCEMENTS 10/29/20

November 1, 2020 / Leading the congregation in:			
Scripture Reading:	Main Prayer:	Closing Prayer:	Singing:
A.M.: Christian Williams	A.M.: Joel Kelly	A.M.: Mark Evans	A.M.: Jon Timbes
Security (During Services): Marquez James /		Security (Building Lock-up After Services): Allen Clements	

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

SICK: STANFORD JONES is scheduled for surgery today, Oct. 29. GEORGE DAVIDSON is scheduled for colon cancer surgery Friday, Oct. 30, at Jackson Hospital, where he will be in ICU for several days following surgery. LEIGH SANDLIN underwent a heart cath Monday, Oct. 19, and is being treated with medication. ALICE HANDLANG has returned to Country Cottages after being in rehab. MIKE NORMAN is scheduled for a heart ablation on Nov. 9 in Birmingham. Sick at home Sunday: WESLEY BERRY, GWEN MANN, SARA BLACK NORTON. 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, LINDA DOBYNS, JUDY MILLER, MYRA HUGHES, NANCY HOLT, 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.

THANK YOU: Thank you for the cards, phone calls and most of all for your prayers in the past month while I was dealing with Corvid 19 and pneumonia. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness. In Christian Love, Annegene Davis

THANK YOU: Dear Eastern Meadows Family, We express with sincere gratitude for the outpouring of love and support you all have shown during our time of bereavement. Thanks for the acts of kindness shown through phone calls, cards and comforting prayers. Love, Carrie and Andrew Long and Harold Tatum-

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.

TEEN CLASSES: Beginning this Sunday, Nov. 1, the Sunday and Wednesday teen classes will be held in the teen room.

BRIDAL TEA: Please join us for a Bridal Tea in honor of CAROLINE THOMPSON this 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 theknot.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.

EXPOSURE YOUTH CAMP: Tim Gotkiewicz needs to know by this Sunday, Nov. 1, whether or not you and/or your teen will attend Exposure Youth Camp

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, 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).

AREA WIDE YOUTH DEVO AT EM / HELP NEEDED: Eastern Meadows will host the Area Wide Youth Devo on Sunday, Nov. 8 at 5 PM. We need volunteers to wipe down the auditorium after morning worship, help with the set-

up the fellowship meal, serving, and clean-up. Please let Tim, Sally, or Dean know if you can help.

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 Sarita Strother or Shirley Kaye by November 11.**

NOVEMBER STANDBY TEAM—#3

ELDER OF THE MONTH / ON CALL: The Elder of the Month for November is **TED NORTON**. Contact information for Ted: (334) 850-5675; tnorton1946@gmail.com.



God's Favorite Day

What's your favorite day of the week? It might be Friday, the final day of a long, possibly frustrating, and tiring work week. It could be Saturday, a day of catching up on chores, spending time with your family, and refreshing your body through some needed relaxation. It could be Sunday, the day when God's people come together as a body to worship and remember the sacrifice of Jesus for our sins. In truth, there's probably something you like about every day of the week. But have you ever thought about God's favorite day?

I would venture to say that God's favorite day is today! No, I'm not necessarily referring to this specific day of the week, but I'm talking about today – this very moment in time – the present! God's favorite time is right now, and I think it's pretty safe to say that God wants us to see and appreciate the tremendous importance of today in our lives too. But what's so special about today?

For one thing, today is all we really have. It was wise Solomon who reminded us to "not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring" (Proverbs 27:1). Tomorrow isn't promised to anybody. The sun may never rise for us tomorrow. Our last day on earth could very well be today. Tomorrow is only written for certain on the calendar of fools. "Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that" (James 4:15).

Additionally, today is all we can really control. It is impossible to go back in time and rewrite our past, and we will never be able to completely predict the future. The past is history, the future is uncertain, but the present is a day we can do something about. With this in mind, our challenge is to learn the art of "forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead" (Philippians 3:13). At the same time, we must be careful to "not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble" (Matthew 6:34).

Ultimately, God wants us to recognize that "now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2). You may have failed God in your past. You may have really missed the mark yesterday. Today, however, is a fresh start and a brand new opportunity. How will you serve the Lord today? How will you prepare for eternity by surrendering to His will right now? Friend, don't wait on tomorrow to start serving God – it may never come. Also, don't just coast along on past spiritual successes for Him. Serve God today!



— Brandon Baggett



Bible Character Dress Up Night

