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& College
Steve Housley, Pulpit
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SCHEDULE:

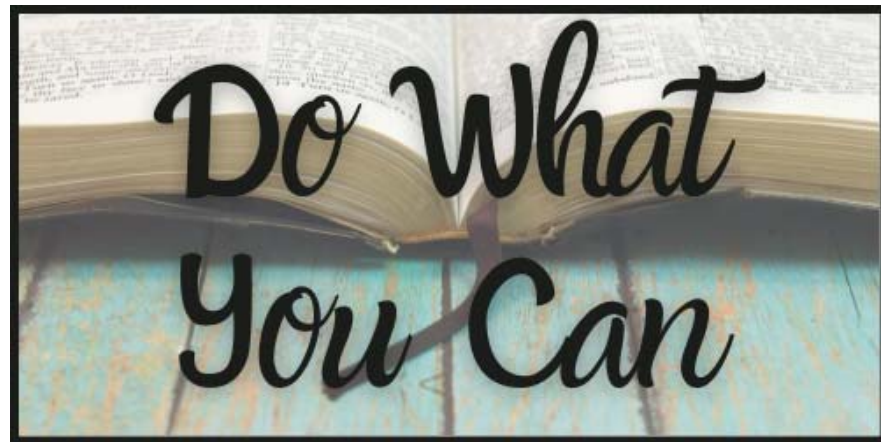
Sunday:

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

Wednesday:

6:30 p.m. Bible Study

WELCOME!



Our “DO WHAT YOU CAN” effort for the end of 2020 is now in its second week with good signs of several things happening. Ladies, Involvement, Fellowships, Mission, Technology, Finance and other areas are showing increased activity. Thank you! Please make yourself available when you can. One focus for November is the 5 Sunday push to make up ground in our budget with two Sundays down and three to go. Please consider additional contribution for each of these Sundays. Remember, we are not asking you to Do What You Can't, just “DO WHAT YOU CAN” when you can. We are greatly appreciative of all you do!

Your elders

Budget: **\$12,000.00** Contribution, 11/8: **\$11,831.00**

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 three weeks ago, 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.**

Do What You Can!

A Final Word. I have enjoyed the study of Proverbs related specifically to "40 Reasons People Don't Like You." Perhaps you heard every lesson. There was not time to review from week to week. I am including these 40 reasons below. Why not read them over for a review/reminder? (These lessons were first preached by David Shannon and were developed from a chapter in the book, *The 12 Essentials of Godly Success*, by Tommy Nelson).

40 Reasons People Don't Like You

1. Are you a loner? (Proverbs 18:1)
2. Are you a bad listener? (Proverbs 18:13)
3. Are you quick to give an opinion? (Proverbs 12:23)
4. Are you argumentative? (Matthew 5:9)
5. Are you unforgiving? (Proverbs 20:3)
6. Do you cut someone down? (Proverbs 12:18)
7. Do you explode when mad? (Proverbs 18:19)
8. Are you too blunt? (Proverbs 29:11)
9. Do you drop the ball? (Proverbs 10:26)
10. Are you a selfish person? (Proverbs 11:26)
11. Do you make fun of people? (Proverbs 17:5)
12. Are you two-faced? (Proverbs 10:6)
13. Can you not keep a secret? (Proverbs 11:13)
14. Are you inflexible and controlling? (Proverbs 14:4)
15. Are you an insensitive person? (Proverbs 27:14)
16. Are you unsympathetic? (Proverbs 25:20)
17. Do you use other people? (Proverbs 23:1-3)
18. Do you have uncontrolled anger? (Proverbs 19:19)
19. Are you rude? (Proverbs 18:23)
20. Do you have a critical spirit? (Proverbs 16:21)
21. Are you a mooch? (Proverbs 30:15)
22. Are you a liar? (Proverbs 19:5)
23. Are you sarcastic? (Proverbs 14:9)
24. Do you admit when you are wrong? (Proverbs 14:8)
25. Are you a pessimist? (Proverbs 15:15)
26. Are you inconsiderate? (Philippians 2:4)
27. Are you self-centered? (Proverbs 25:27)
28. Are you overly sensitive? (Proverbs 12:16)



29. Are you co-dependent? (Proverbs 25:16-17)
30. Are you jealous? (Proverbs 27:4)
31. Do you run hot and cold? (Proverbs 17:17)
32. Are you cold? (Proverbs 27:5)
33. Are you lazy? (Proverbs 20:4)
34. Are you arrogant? (Proverbs 16:18)
35. Do you raise your voice? (Proverbs 15:1)
36. Do you slander others? (Proverbs 25:23)
37. Do you make false promises? (Proverbs 25:14)
38. Do you have a problem with authority? (Proverbs 30:17)
39. Do you always think you are right? (Proverbs 26:16)
40. Are you pompous? (Proverbs 12:9)

The Local Church Is Essential

If I were to tell you that we live in a lonely, unsocial, and disconnected society, would you believe me? After all, there are many ways in which our society is more connected now than ever before. We can Facetime, Skype, Zoom, send text messages, make phone calls, deliver emails, and interact with countless others across a wide variety of Social Media platforms. We are more connected than ever before, but the research suggests that our society feels more disconnected than ever before. In fact, according to a recent survey conducted by Cigna, a global health service, nearly half of Americans report feeling alone, 1 in 4 people feel like nobody really understands them, 2 in 5 people feel like their relationships are not meaningful, and 1 in 5 people feel like there is nobody they can really talk to. Our culture is starving for socialization. We are craving connection. We are longing for true relationships.

These findings shouldn't come to us as a surprise since God created mankind to be social. In fact, the first thing in all the Bible that God ever labeled as "not good" was that "man should be alone" (Genesis 2:18). At the very heart and core of every human being is an intense yearning to find connection and be a part of a community. God knows these intrinsic needs of man best, and He has designed the local church to be the place where these needs are met. The local church is the level of God's plan where people find their connection to God and others, where they can be cared for physically and spiritually, where they can grow and develop in their walk with Him, and be equipped to minister to others. The local church is the place where we can be shepherded, be mentored and mentor another, cultivate our God-given talents and abilities, gain the skills and receive the encouragement to cope with the trials of life, and forge lasting relationships in the family of God. The local church is a Biblical concept, it is ordained by God, and it is absolutely essential for our emotional, spiritual, mental, and physical health. God calls every person to be associated with and be involved in a healthy local church family. To deny our need for the local church is to deny our need for God, His plan, and His people!

Let's never again view the local church as being non-essential! Instead, let's comprehend the vital need for the local church in the plan of God. Let's discover and embrace our place in this local congregation. Let's utilize every opportunity to cultivate our relationships in the church and allow this congregation to impact our lives in every substantial way! Let's attend worship services, be there for our Bible Classes, take part in other church events, and really be a part of the ecosystem of this church. In a world that's craving connection, let's find sanctuary in the essential local church!

— Brandon Baggett

November 15, 2020 / Leading the congregation in:			
Scripture Reading:	Main Prayer:	Closing Prayer:	Singing:
A.M.: Aiden Futral	A.M.: Brandon Baggett	A.M.: Jeff Simpson	A.M.: Paul Clements
Security (During Services): Randy Porterfield / Security (Building Lock-up After Services): Tim Gotkiewicz			

ANNOUNCEMENTS 11/12/20

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

SICK: GEORGE DAVIDSON is in Jackson Hospital following colon cancer. STANFORD JONES underwent surgery Thursday, Nov. 5. PHYLLIS ALLEN is scheduled for surgery Monday, Nov. 16. SARA BLACK NORTON is recovering from her second carpal tunnel surgery. MIKE NORMAN is scheduled for a heart ablation on Nov. 9 in Birmingham. Sick at home Sunday: BONNIE CROW, BECKY NEUENSCHWANDER. 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, 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.

LADYBUGS' MEETING TO FINALIZE PLANS FOR 2021: Ladies that would be involved in finalizing plans for 2021 will meet this Sunday, Nov. 15, following morning services in the fellowship hall.

BIBLE CLASSES: SUNDAYS @ 9:15 AM & WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30 PM

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.

THANK YOU: Dear Eastern Meadows Church of Christ, Thank you all so much for the Bible! Y'all really do mean a lot to me! I love coming to visit my grandmother, Wilma Berry, grandfather, Wesley Berry, and Great-Grandmothers, Jean Berry and Margaret Graves, and getting to go to church and seeing all of you! I hope you are doing well and staying safe. Again, thank you so much. Hope to see y'all again soon! Love, Your sister in Christ, Madie Medina

THANK YOU: Dear Eastern Meadows Quilters, Thank you so much for the beautiful quilt. Nancy Holt

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.

What's Your Final Destination?

I remember I was once in a foreign country on a mission trip. When I arrived at the airport to begin my flight home, the ticket agent asked me if Jackson, Mississippi was my final destination. I replied "no". She was confused because JAN was what my ticket said. I explained to her that heaven is my final destination.

In this day we live in, it's good to remind ourselves that if we are Christians, "This world is not our home. We're just a passing through."

— Ken Gardner

The Difference between God's Love and God's Salvation

Years ago, I taught that there was nothing that could ever separate you from the love of God except yourself. I would look at passages like Romans 8:35ff and show that there was no external thing that could pry you away from God but then turn around and show that Christians absolutely could fall from grace (Galatians 5:4). The problem is that though Christians can fall from grace, as a number of other passages clearly demonstrate (like virtually the entire book of Hebrews), God never stops loving us. The whole point of Romans 5 and Ephesians 2 demonstrates this perfectly. God's love is magnified in that while we were dead in sin, He (through Jesus Christ) still loved us enough to come and die for us. It is important to note this distinction because while we can never be removed from God's love (no matter how hard we try), we can be removed from His salvation — they are not the same thing. Both are never-ending, but God loves us **unconditionally** while His salvation is **conditional** on us being in Christ (Ephesians 1:3) and continuing to walk in the light (1 John 1:7; Acts 8:22).

— Thomas Baxley, *Gospel Gazette Online*