This month’s theme…

**LET TODAY BE THE START OF SOMETHING NEW**

Live today & every day in the image of God and give Him priority in your life.

**SMALL GROUPS [GET CONNECTED]**

Sunday mornings 9:30am for all ages

Build relationships & study the Bible in a small setting.
The coffee is always on!

**Quarterly Business Meeting**

Sunday, Sept 9th
6:00pm

**September 2nd**

**Children's Ministry Promotion Sunday**

Classes for all ages. Come find out what Sunday School is all about… and bring a friend!

**September 2nd**

PreK thru 6th gr begins

Wednesday, Sept 5th
7-8pm

**Mission Illinois Offering & Week of Prayer**

September 9-16
Pray for the work we do throughout our state and for mission opportunities in Illinois. This year the Mission Illinois Week of Prayer focuses on building up pastors, leaders, and churches. Without generous gifts through this offering, some of that vital work would go undone.

*church planting  
*ministry to pastors  
*women’s leadership ministry  
*children’s/youth ministry  
*summer camps
Back in July, Patricia and I went to my 35th High School Class Reunion. Can it be that 35 years have gone by that quickly? Some of the people from Northwestern High School Class of “83” I hadn’t seen since graduation. Others, who live around here I probably see once or twice every year or so. Many of them had gray hair and some had very little hair. I’m just glad my appearance hasn’t changed all that much in the last 35 years! (Yeah right! LOL) But one thing I noticed, is that even after all these years, we still share a special bond of experience and care for one another. Why do we still bother to stay in touch if not for the fact that we spent that important time in our lives together as a group learning and sharing life together.

As Christians, we need to be in a group where we are growing, sharing our lives and caring for one another. Meadowbrook has, of course, Sunday School classes and Ladies Bible Studies to be a part of. We could start other small groups as well at various times and places. We all need to be part of a small group of others to encourage one another and to share life in Christ together. If you are not part of a Sunday School Class, there is a class on Sunday mornings for you or we will start one. Maybe you would like some other type of small group where you would meet together and grow in Christ. Let me know what you’re thinking. Just like the example of my graduating class, we can enjoy and greatly benefit by being part of a small group of other believers.

I love you, and as always, I love being your Pastor!

---

**Living Proof Live Simulcast**
with Beth Moore
September 15th
IBSA Building
$15/person
Contact Patricia if interested.

---

**Disaster Relief Training**
October 19-20
Lake Sallateeska Baptist Camp
If you are interested in helping with Disaster Relief, register by Oct 5th
IBSA.org/DR

---

**Al’s 1/2 Note**

Worship and church attendance is down in every corner of this nation. There are numerous amounts of books that have been published stating many different reasons for this. The many reasons and excuses for this dilemma are so numerous, too many to even list them in this short article. Worshiping the God of all creation, the Sustainer, and Savior, the most important aspect of our lives, is put on the back burner of our lives. Jesus Christ came 2000 years ago to show us how important it is to have the correct and only way to have the right relationship with God through Himself, that being Jesus. If it would have been possible, Jesus would have avoided the crucifixion, but He said, “Not My will but Thine be done”. Jesus was thinking of US when He went to the cross. He put US on the front burner and didn’t have a thousand different excuses to accommodate Himself. He put us first, even before Himself. We grow up or find this relationship and then, for the many reasons that we think justifies ourselves, we drift away to our own thinking or that of this world. We have one chance and one chance only to get this right. There will be no do-overs or excuses that will be acceptable to God on judgment day. We must get this done right, and we can only get it right through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Every Sunday we come together to worship the King of all creation—the King of all kings and Lord of all lords, the One that went through a horrific death on the cross, FOR US. He put us first. What do our actions show of His priority in our lives? Like the song, “Let others see Jesus In you”—do they see Jesus in YOU?

Next month, Lord willing, I will tell of a story about a man that goes to Hell and strikes a bargain with Satan. Pray to see you this Sunday.

Luv Ya’ll

Al
Join us weekly for:

**The Gathering**
Sunday 9:30am

Wednesday, September 26
7:30am
Pray for our students as they meet around the school flag pole to pray for their friends, teachers, administrators, and families.

**Youth Events Coming Up:**
- Sept 2  Breakfast  9am
- Sept 26  See You at the Pole

**Mark you calendar...**

**October 7th**
3:00-9:00pm

Sunday School for all ages every Sunday- 9:30am

**Building Cleaning & Mowing Sign-ups**
Volunteers are needed to clean the building once a month & also for mowing. Sign-up sheet for September & October is on the office door. Thank you for serving with a servant’s heart!

**Building/AC update...**
If you feel led to continue giving towards the Building/AC fund please mark your check & envelope “Building/AC. Money will be used to replace the air conditioning on the educational wing. Our goal is $7,000. Thank you for giving above and beyond.

**Financial News Year-to-Date**
As of Aug 26th

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Needed to date</td>
<td>$67,660.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Received to date</td>
<td>$51,563.59</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Checking Account</td>
<td>$4,464.73</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Boiler/AC to date</td>
<td>$4,733.99</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Faithful Servants in September

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Nursery: Babies - Two's</th>
<th>Three's - Five's</th>
<th>Safety</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2nd</td>
<td>Sherri Dugger</td>
<td>Lonnie Cain</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9th</td>
<td>Cinda Cain</td>
<td>Josh Brummett</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16th</td>
<td>Stacey Mitkos</td>
<td>Zack Rector</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23rd</td>
<td></td>
<td>Terry Silveus</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>30th</td>
<td></td>
<td>Brian Rector</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Ushers

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>2nd</th>
<th>John Cribbett, Zack Rector, Brian Rector</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>9th</td>
<td>Zack Rector, Brian Rector, Nick Rector</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16th</td>
<td>Brian Rector, Nick Rector, Albert Eller</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23rd</td>
<td>Nick Rector, Albert Eller, Todd Brummett</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>30th</td>
<td>Albert Eller, Todd Brummett, Jesse Brummett</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Counting Team

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>2nd</th>
<th>Kim Brown &amp; Kristi Lancaster</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>9th</td>
<td>Louise Dudley &amp; Sarah Brummett</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16th</td>
<td>Jodi Rector &amp; Hettie Crocker</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23rd</td>
<td>Brian Rector &amp; Pat Stuhmer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>30th</td>
<td>Kim Brown &amp; Kristi Lancaster</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS -- IF YOU CANNOT SERVE ON THE DATE INDICATED, PLEASE TRADE WITH SOMEONE ELSE. If you would like to serve as an Extended Session helper, please let Pastor know.