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# MEADOWBROOK NEWS

*December 2018*

*Newsletter of Meadowbrook Baptist Church*

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**Pastor:** David Van Bebber

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*Please join us !*



Week of Prayer  
Dec 2-9

You are part  
of reaching every nation  
with the gospel.

IMB Lottie Moon  
Missions Offering

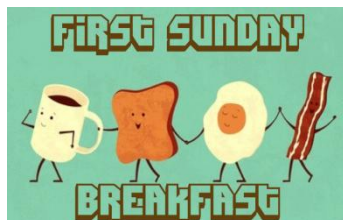
Prayer guides available in the bulletin and on the foyer table. Special offering envelopes are in the pews.



*Christmas  
Open House*

*December 21<sup>st</sup>  
6:00 - 9:00pm*

*Van Bebber's  
446 So. 7<sup>th</sup> St., Auburn*



**FIRST SUNDAY**

**BREAKFAST**

Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>  
9:00am



Saturday  
Dec 15<sup>th</sup>

*Ladies  
Christmas  
Brunch*

10:30-12:30am


@ Patricia's

Bring a wrapped Christmas ornament



*Christmas  
Eve SERVICE*

December 24<sup>th</sup>  
8:00pm

*From My Heart  
to Yours*  
  
*by Pastor Van Bebb*

Christmas is a time when we think about giving! Well, at least some of us. When I was a kid, I was thinking more about what I was going to get for Christmas. As we mature and grow older we think more, hopefully, about giving. Christmas should remind us most of all about the Greatest Gift-- that "God so loved the world that He gave His One and Only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." I hope that as we give and receive gifts this Christmas we will remember the Greatest Gift of all is Jesus and the best gift we can give to others is the Good News about Him!

Meadowbrook Baptist Church now has online and text giving. To give online go to [meadowbrookbaptistchurch.org](http://meadowbrookbaptistchurch.org) and click on Online Giving. To give by tex, text the following: meadowbrookbaptist to 73256. More information regarding online giving will be forthcoming.

Please remember as well our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. We will make a difference as we not only give to this special offering but as we personally get involved in taking and sharing the message of Jesus Christ around the world.

Christmas is a time of giving, but the greatest thing you can give is yourself to the Lord which first and foremost means giving your heart and life to Him. Have you received Jesus as your Lord and Savior?

As always, I love you all very much and want to wish you a very Merry Christmas!



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or text meadowbrookbaptist to 73256 to give to Offering using text messaging. Standard text message rates do apply.

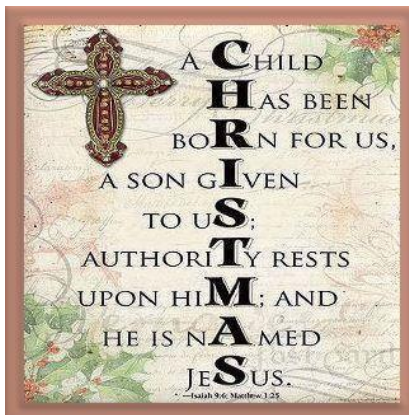


If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for the auditorium in memory/honor of a loved one, please complete the bulletin insert and place in the offering plate along with \$6.



Sunday mornings  
9:30am  
for all ages

Build relationships while  
studying the Bible  
in a small setting.  
The coffee is always on!



## Al's ½ Note

Eons ago when I was young, we would have problems trying to get an acceptable "focus" on our television. We had what we called rabbit ears to get a signal (we didn't have cable back then). If the rabbit ears didn't perform well enough, we would resort to using metal coat hangers and/or aluminum foil draped across the rabbit ears hoping for an improvement in clarity. We would exert all of this effort to get the correct "focus" for our pleasure and enjoyment.

We must also have the correct "focus" on Christmas or we will miss the real picture. We run all over the place obtaining the perfect gift for all of our friends, relatives, etc. We make elaborate plans for parties, purchase all of the right clothing, and spend so much of our time for OUR ideal celebrations. We plan lavish dinners and put even more efforts on parties... Celebrating this way is ok as long as we see the real reason behind Christmas.

Jesus came to earth, leaving the greatest place ever. He came and didn't experience gratitude of any form. He was rejected, mocked, cursed, almost stoned, whipped, scorned, abused beyond comprehension, and finally crucified in a cruel and inhumane death on the cross. He gave this sacrifice because of His love for all mankind. He paid for all of our sin in full, willingly.

This Christmas why don't we give Jesus our all, and focus on the greatest gift ever given to us, all paid for. He is coming back one day, and we don't even know when, only God the Father knows. When He returns, is He going to find us having the wrong focus in our celebrating? We must always remember that Jesus is the reason for the season. In all of our plans let's keep Jesus the center of everything.

Merry Christmas and God's blessing on you and yours.

Luv ya'll,  
Al



**Youth Events Coming Up:**

- Dec 2 Breakfast- 9am
- Dec12 Youth Party- 7pm
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service

Join us weekly for:  
**The Gathering**  
 Sunday 9:30am



No youth group Dec 19- Jan 2  
 Enjoy time with your family.



Bring a wrapped gift \$5 or less

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Keep up with Meadowbrook happenings.....



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



Pre-K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
 Wednesdays  
 7:00-8:00pm



Sunday School teachers  
 Nursery/Preschool volunteers  
 TeamKID helpers  
 Contact Pastor for more info.



To our Family and Friends

**December**

- 3 Jodi Wright
- 7 Alice Van Bebber
- 9 Haleigh Brummett
- 11 Brayden Sink
- 12 Ray Lancaster, Jr
- 17 Carrie McElyea
- 27 David Van Bebber

We want to include all of our church family. Please let us know if we have overlooked your birthday.

**Building Cleaning Sign-ups**

Volunteers are needed to clean the building once a month. Sign-up sheet for November & December 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 for some much needed repairs and updates to the building. Thank you for giving above and beyond.

**Financial News Year-to-Date**

As of Nov 25 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>Needed to date</b>	<b>\$ 93,530.00</b>
Received to date	\$ 73,556.59
Checking Account	\$ 3,712.75
Building/AC to date	\$ 351.00
Lottie Moon to date	\$ 85.00

†Faithful Servants in December†

Nursery: Babies - Two's

2<sup>nd</sup> Cinda Cain  
9<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
16<sup>th</sup> Cinda Cain  
23<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
30<sup>th</sup> Cinda Cain

Three's - Five's

Kristi Lancaster  
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Sherri Dugger  
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Safety

Terry Silveus  
Brian Rector  
Mike Crocker  
Todd Brummett  
John Cribbett

Ushers

2<sup>nd</sup> Nick Rector, Albert Eller, Todd Brummett  
9<sup>th</sup> Albert Eller, Todd Brummett, Jesse Brummett  
16<sup>th</sup> Todd Brummett, Jesse Brummett, Pat Stuhmer  
23<sup>rd</sup> Jesse Brummett, Pat Stuhmer, Mike Crocker  
30<sup>th</sup> Pat Stuhmer, Mike Crocker, Lonnie Cain

Counting Team

Louise Dudley & Sarah Brummett  
Jodi Rector & Hettie Crocker  
Brian Rector & Pat Stuhmer  
Kim Brown & Kristi Lancaster  
Louise Dudley & Sarah Brummett

MARK YOUR CALENDARS -- IF YOU CANNOT SERVE ON THE DATE INDICATED, PLEASE TRADE WITH SOMEONE ELSE.

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**Sunday Schedule**

9:30a.m. - Bible Study for all  
10:40a.m. - Morning Worship

**Wednesday Schedule**

6:15p.m. - Praise Team  
7:00p.m. - Adult Bible Study  
- TeamKID  
- Youth IGNITE