MEADOWBROOK NEWS

January 2019
Newsletter of Meadowbrook Baptist Church
www.meadowbrookbaptistchurch.org
Pastor: David Van Bebber

Church-wide Breakfast
Sunday, January 6th
9:00am

CMEAT THANS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART
2 convenient ways to give:
ONLINE- visit meadowbrookbaptistchurch.org
and click Online Giving. Enter the amount you
want to give, select a fund, and enter your email
address. Click GIVE and enter your payment
information to complete the transaction.

or

TEXT- text the word “meadowbrookbaptist”
to 73256. Click the link you receive in your
text message response. Follow the prompts
to give. Text giving even saves your payment
information so you can quickly give again.

Contact Pastor to sign up for these events

FBC Petersburg

nBN Sportsmen’s
Banquet
January 26
6 pm
Billy Jargus
World Champion
Turkey Caller

For men and boys
Bring a food dish and a
friend.

$25 general registration ends Jan 25th
includes sessions, materials, & meals
7:30am registration/breakfast
8:00am conference begins
10:45am early lunch

Springfield IRON SHARPENS IRON
Men’s Conference
March 23rd
for men ages 13 thru senior adults
As 2019 begins, I want to challenge you to take some important steps in your spiritual journey that will help this to be a year of growth and advancement in your life. First, I want to encourage you to get into a small group or Bible Study. We have several, of course, on Sunday morning for you and your family to take advantage of. But if none of these work for you, we can start a new group to meet your need to be involved with a group of other people who need the Lord and each other, which we all do. We have Sunday morning groups at 9:30 for everybody. Being part of a group will help you to take the next step of getting healthy spiritually as you study God’s Word and pray together and encourage one another. Third, getting involved in a group of believers in Christ will not only help you get healthy but get stronger. You will get stronger spiritually and holistically for that matter when you begin to put the things you learn into practice. As you read, study and pray together you will learn things and begin to apply them in your life which will help you grow stronger as a parent, spouse, friend etc. Finally, as you get involved, get healthier, and get stronger, you will also discover that you have a God-given purpose to accomplish that God has uniquely gifted and empowered you for. This fourth step will help you to get going in what God has called and gifted you to be and do. Begin the New Year by getting involved in a group that is studying God’s Word. I will help you find one to be involved in.

As always, I love you and I love being your Pastor and looking forward to 2019 as we get involved, get healthy, get stronger and get going in the purpose and plan He has for each of us and the church as a whole.

**MASS MISSIONS**
SPECTACULAR June 1 &/or August 3
This is an opportunity for families, students and senior adults to partner with churches/organizations across our state.
Beginning January 15th, you will be able to find and adopt the project date and location you would like to serve. The $20/person participation cost covers a project shirt, lunch, and ministry funds for the project.

**ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION TRIPS**
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@ Prince of Peace
January 5th @ 10:00am
Trips this year:
- Streator Baptist Camp- May 6-9
  -$40/person
- Phelps, Kentucky- July 13-20
  -$175/person
- Rio de Janeiro Brazil- Aug 12-21
  -$2,500/person

**TRIVIA night**
Jan 18th @ 6:30pm
Community Center
Mission Trip Fundraiser for Rachel Van Bebber’s trip to Bogota, Columbia
Cost- $10/person
10 people/table

**VALENTINE BANQUET**
Sunday, February 10th
6:00pm

**COMING MARCH 10th...**
The Lester’s in concert

**AL’S ½ NOTE**
Have you ever forgot something and then later remembered? I think all of us can identify with that. A few years ago, the movie “Home Alone” came out about a family going on a long trip and accidentally leaving their son behind. In the same way, we can do the same thing-- starting out this New Year and forget what we just celebrated, the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him will never perish but have eternal life.” We rejoice in the coming of Jesus, but do we embrace this perfect gift, accept it and take it with us? Or do we forget it and leave it behind? If we truly accept this gift, how are we handling it? Do we grasp it with so much of our being and hold onto this gift or take it out when it is convenient for us? If we tell ourselves that we have accepted Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior and promise to follow Him, are we really taking Jesus with us wherever we go, or leaving Him behind? Just before Jesus’ departure, He said He would not leave us alone. He would leave us His Spirit to guide and direct us, a helper who would go beside us. Are we really accepting this gift, embracing it with all of our being, and taking it with us in to the New Year? Jesus gave us two important commands: love God and then love our neighbor. There is nothing in these commands about us! We need to accept the gift given us, embrace it with all of our being, trust the Lord, and then live for Him. Jesus’ Spirit will be with us in our daily walk. He promised His presence, so walk with the Lord, accept, acknowledge, worship, and praise Him with every step we take. We sing: “Take the Name of Jesus with You” …do you? Or do you forget and leave it behind? “Dear Lord, help us to accept this perfect gift, take it with us, and live for You in this coming New Year. AMEN!”
Join us weekly for:
**The Gathering**
Sunday 9:30am

Wednesday 7:00pm

**Youth Events Coming Up:**
- Jan 6  Breakfast- 9am
- Jan 9  Youth Group

New study beginning in January –

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January Sermon Series…

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

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**Pre-k thru 6th gr**
Wednesdays at 7:00pm

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**Children’s Ministry**

“Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray.”
Proverbs 22:6

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**Happy Birthday**

To our Family and Friends

**January**

2 Henry Dugger
2 Michael Dugger
2 Austin McElyea
8 Dana Beck
13 Marg Rebbe
21 Rayna Clouse
26 Alexa Crocker
27 Tammy Cribbett

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

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**Building Cleaning Sign-up**

Volunteers are needed to clean the building once a month. If you have questions contact Pastor.
Sign-up sheet for January & February is on the office door.
Thank you for serving with a servant’s heart!

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**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.

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**Financial News Year-to-Date**

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Checking Account: $4,027.79
Boiler/AC to date: $527.00
Lottie Moon to date: $265.00

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**Financial News Year-to-Date**

As of Dec 31st

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**Meadowbrook Youth Ministries**

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**Make a Difference**
**Sunday Schedule**
9:30a.m. - Bible Study for all
10:40a.m. - Morning Worship
6:00p.m. - Evening Service

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

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**Faithful Servants in January**

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**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.