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# MEADOWBROOK NEWS

*December 2014*

Newsletter of Meadowbrook Baptist Church

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**Pastor:** David Van Bebber

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## Annual Christmas Play



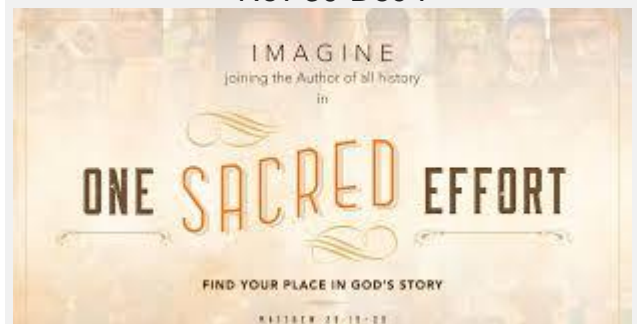
Sunday evening, Dec 21<sup>st</sup>  
6:00pm  
Invite a neighbor or friend!



Pastor & Patricia would like to invite everyone to their annual Christmas Open House  
Friday, Dec 19<sup>th</sup>  
6:30-10:00pm  
446 S. 7<sup>th</sup> St., Auburn



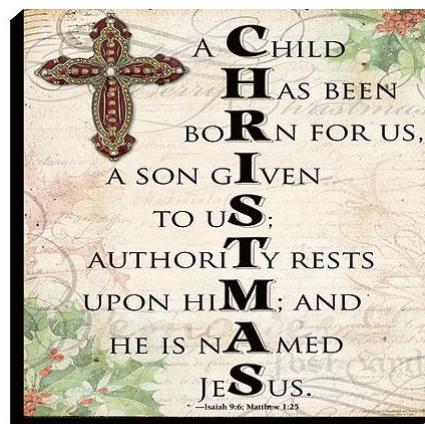
Week of Prayer for International Missions  
Nov 30-Dec 7



Wednesday, Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 8:00pm



Booth Brothers, Legacy Five,  
 Greater Vision  
 December 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Lewis & Clark Community  
 College,  
 Godfrey, IL  
 7:00pm – Doors open at  
 6:00pm  
 \$30 at the door  
 Advanced Reserved Seating-  
 \$25  
 Call 1-800-965-9324



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.

**December Breakfast  
 Sunday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, 9am**

## Al's ½ Note

Christmas is coming whether we are ready for it or not. We will be celebrating in a vast variety of ways, even giving and receiving gifts. But we must always remember who gave the greatest gift that has ever been given. Our Father gave the most precious gift throughout eternity- His Son. In John 3:16 we read, “For God so loved the world, that He GAVE His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life”. Our Father gave the most precious thing He had, His one and only Son to die a horrible death on a cross for you and me. What are we going to do with this gift? The first and most important thing would be to accept this gift and let Jesus take control of our life with total submission to Him. The next most important thing we should be doing as disciples of Christ is sharing this gift with others. We have an EVERLASTING LIFE that we can share with others. Jesus even commanded us before His departure to go and tell others the Good News (Matt 28). We have the gift that will last forever. Instead of giving a gift that will only last for a very brief amount of time, why not give a gift that will last forever and ever? This is a gift that will keep on giving and that “moth and rust” won’t diminish. Let us be obedient and tell others about Jesus. Meadowbrook has many opportunities to invite people to our worship services for all ages. We have an upcoming play that will be a witness to the unsaved. Let us not squander any opportunity that we have to give the GIFT that will keep on giving. May we all be bold and tell others about the greatest give that we have ever received-- Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. He is the King of kings, and Lord of lords.

Have a God-filled Christmas!

Luv Ya'll  
 Al

“He’s making a list and checking it twice...” is a familiar line associated with Santa Claus and Christmas. I would hope Santa has a super computer of some sort to keep track of such a list. There are a lot of lists associated with Christmas. There is a list of all the people you want or need to buy Christmas gifts for. Then there is a long to do list of other things that need to be done before Christmas gets here. A list of groceries is needed to make sure you have everything you are going to make or bake for holiday parties and Christmas. Then you might have a list of all the addresses of people you want to send cards to. Perhaps somewhere in the mix of lists you have your own personal wish list of gifts you want or of things you are hoping will occur at Christmas. But as you think of your Christmas lists make at least one other list. Make a list of people who may or may not be on your gift list already who have not received the Greatest Gift of All-- Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. Make this your Christmas prayer list that they would come to know Him. Pray for the Lord to show you some way this Christmas to share the Good News with these persons on the list. In addition to making this Christmas Prayer List, make a list of people you will invite to come with you to the Christmas Eve Service or to the Christmas Play on the 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 PM. Please make a list and check it twice to see who around you needs the Lord Jesus Christ!

I love you and I want you to know you are on the list of people I care for and pray for not only at Christmas but throughout the year. Merry Christmas! I love you and I love being you Pastor!



Meadowbrook Youth Ministries

**Youth Events Coming Up:**

- Dec 7 Breakfast- 9am
- Dec 14 Youth Christmas Party
- Dec 17 NO youth group
- Dec 19 Pastor's Open House
- Dec 21 "Stuck on Christmas" Presentation
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve service
- Dec 29-30 Youth Encounter

Join us weekly for:



**IGNITE**

Wednesdays- 7pm  
 New study:  
 "fuel"  
 IGNITING NEW LIFE  
 WITH GOD'S STORY

Sundays

**The Gathering-** 9:30am  
**Hang-time-** 5-7pm

**Youth Encounter**



IBSA's annual student evangelism conference @ Convention Center \$40; after Dec 5<sup>th</sup>- \$45



for grades 7-12  
 Sunday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm  
 @ the Van Bebber's  
 Bring a \$2 wrapped gift

**\*\*\*NOTICE to Youth group**  
 No Wednesday night youth group on Dec 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, or 31<sup>st</sup>.

All State Youth Choir Auditions  
 January 24<sup>th</sup> for students in grades 9-12 @ Rochester FBC  
 Contact:  
[DebbieMuller@IBSA.org](mailto:DebbieMuller@IBSA.org)

2015 IRON Sharpens IRON Men's Conference  
 March 21, 2015  
 One-day conference  
 8:30am-4:55pm

Church Technology Conference  
 January 30-31  
 For staff and volunteer leaders  
 IBSA Building, Springfield.  
 Contact:  
[CathyWaters@IBSA.org](mailto:CathyWaters@IBSA.org)

**Financial News**  
 As of Nov 29<sup>th</sup>:  
 Receipts to date- \$ 74,696.61  
 Needed to date- \$109,604.00  
 Checking Account: \$ 2,640.50  
 Deacon Fund- \$ 200.00  
 Building Fund- \$ 192.50

**Children's Ministry**  
 Sunday School  
 9:30am  
 every Sunday



Kids in pre-k thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
 Wednesdays  
 7:00pm



- Dec 19** Pastor's Open House
- Dec 21<sup>st</sup>** Christmas Play
- Dec 24<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Eve Service
- Dec 29-30** Youth Encounter
- Jan 30-31** Technology Conf.
- March 21** Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference



To our Family and Friends

**December**

- 7 Alice Van Bebber
- 9 Haleigh Brummett
- 11 Braden Sink
- 12 Ray Lancaster, Jr.
- 16 Brooke Longmeyer
- 17 Carrie McElyea
- 27 David Van Bebber
- 29 Brooke Brummett

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

†**Faithful Servants in December†**

Nursery: Babies - Two's

7<sup>th</sup> Cinda Cain  
14<sup>th</sup> Rachel Van Bebber  
21<sup>st</sup> Sherry Dugger  
28<sup>th</sup> Kristi Lancaster

Three's - Five's

Jordan Beagle  
Stacey Mitkos  
Bekah Van Bebber  
Mary Atkinson

Security

Gale Cockrum  
Terry Silveus  
Brian Rector  
Mike Crocker

Ushers

7<sup>th</sup> Jerry Atkinson, Gale Cockrum, Lonnie Cain  
14<sup>th</sup> Gale Cockrum, Lonnie Cain, Zack Rector  
21<sup>st</sup> Lonnie Cain, Zack Rector, Brian Rector  
28<sup>th</sup> Zack Rector, Brian Rector, Nick Rector

Counting Team

Carol Cockrum & Brian Rector  
Pat Stuhmer & Kim Brown  
Mary Atkinson & Jodi Rector  
Louise Dudley & Hettie Crocker

MARK YOUR CALENDARS -- IF YOU CANNOT SERVE ON THE DATE INDICATED, PLEASE TRADE WITH SOMEONE ELSE IN YOUR AREA. If you would like to serve as an Extended Session helper, please fill out the form on the foyer bulletin board.

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**Sunday Schedule**

9:30a.m. - Bible Study for all

10:40a.m. - Morning Worship

5:00p.m. - Youth Hang-time

6:00p.m. - Evening Worship

**Wednesday Schedule**

6:15p.m. - Praise Team

7:00p.m. - Adult Bible Study

- TeamKID (Pre-K thru 6<sup>th</sup> gr)

- Youth IGNITE (Gr. 7-12)