

# MEADOWBROOK NEWS

*December* 2019

Newsletter of Meadowbrook Baptist Church

[www.meadowbrookbaptistchurch.org](http://www.meadowbrookbaptistchurch.org)

**Pastor:** David Van Bebber




Monday, Dec 9<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm

@ Patricia's - 446 S. 7<sup>th</sup> St.

Bring 6 dozen cookies and a printed  
recipe card



*From My Heart  
to Yours*  
  
*by Pastor  
David Van Bebber*

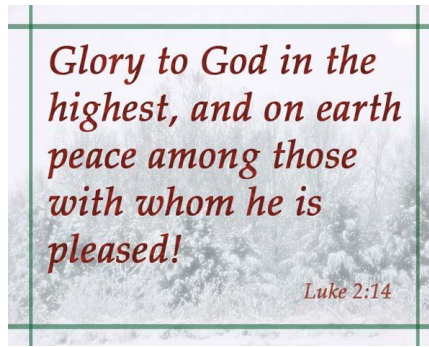
Along with “It’s A Wonderful Life”, the 1951 version of “A Christmas Carol” starring Alastair Sim as Ebenezer Scrooge has to be one of my all-time favorite Christmas movies. I love the story of repentance and redemption found in Charles Dickens’ Christmas time classic. Ebenezer Scrooge, the ruthless businessman living in 19<sup>th</sup> century England, is visited by the ghosts of Christmas past, present, and future who provide him with a grim picture of the selfish life he has lived. Of course the story ends with Scrooge repenting and finding redemption. But you know what? When it comes to the real story of Christ’s birth, it should bring about the same and even greater results of repentance of sin and the receiving of redemption from the One who was born to be our Lord and Savior.

Christmas is a great time to invite people to come and worship with you at church. Along with Easter, Christmas is a prime time to share with others the Good News of Christ’s birth, life, death and resurrection. Please invite folks to come worship with you this Christmas season.

Please remember our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. Our International Mission Board supports 3700 missionaries around the world. We can help bring joy to the world literally this Christmas by giving to this special offering that takes the Gospel to all nations.

Stay tuned for an exciting 2020 here at Meadowbrook! I’m looking forward to all the Lord has in store. As always, I love you and I love being your Pastor!

Merry Christmas!



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/plant.



**who's your ONE?** -ONE person to pray for & share the gospel with in 2019.  
Be intentional!  
Every ONE counts!

 **SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
*Make the Connection*  
as we grow together in Christ while building relationships with one another.  
There's a place for everyone of all ages!

**Al's ½ Note** 

And just like that, Thanksgiving is in our past. And that means Christmas is right around the corner! All kinds of things come to mind when we think of Christmas, and all of them will be here before we realize it. One thing in our Christmas that doesn't take center stage is the star. The shepherds in the field received an announcement like no other and the angels told them of the greatest declaration ever given to mankind- a Savior has been born. God placed that star over the stable pointing to the greatest person ever born, ever! The wise men came from quite a distance away following the star until they arrived in Bethlehem. The star is the greatest announcement card ever given. It was seen for many, many miles. Jesus was born-- God's One and Only Son. Jesus came into this world and declared that He is the light of the world. Guess what???

We need to be a star and point others to Jesus. Our actions, life, and everything in us need to point to Jesus. Matthew 5:14 says “You are the light of the world. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” In John 8:12, Jesus said- “I am the light of the world”. When Jesus is our Lord and Savior, we become His light showing all around us. Starting this Christmas may we be that light, a star pointing to Jesus. We need to live our life as a billboard pointing others to Him. Father God, make us a light, a star, pointing to Jesus this Christmas. Luv ya'll!







Sunday Bible Study 9:30am



Wednesday 6:00-7:00pm



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



Pre-k thru 6<sup>th</sup> gr  
Wednesday Nights  
6:00-7:00pm



Bring a friend for pizza & games

TeamKID  
Christmas Caroling at Eastland



Wednesday, Dec 4<sup>th</sup>  
6pm

We need YOU.....



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

**BUILDING CLEANING**

Volunteer for once a month. Sign-up sheet for December and January is on the bulletin board.

**HAPPY Birthday**

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
- 31 Ryleigh Brummett

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

**Building/AC Fund...**

Money will be used for some much needed repairs and updates to the building. Mark your check & envelope "Building Fund". Thank you for giving above and beyond.



2 convenient ways to give:  
**ONLINE**- visit [meadowbrookbaptistchurch.org](http://meadowbrookbaptistchurch.org) and click **Online Giving**.

or  
**TEXT**- text the word "meadowbrookbaptist" to 73256.

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name

**Jesus**  
for he will save his people from their sins.

Matthew 1:21

Financial News Year-to-Date	
As of November 29 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>Needed to date-</b>	<b>\$ 93,530.00</b>
<b>Received to date-</b>	<b>\$ 75,995.73</b>
Checking Account	\$ 254.22
Debit Account	\$ 157.15
Building Fund to date	\$ 3,527.79
State Mission to date	\$ 165.00

†**Faithful Servants in December†**

Nursery: Babies - Two's

1<sup>st</sup> Cinda Cain  
 8<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
 15<sup>th</sup> Cinda Cain  
 22<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
 29<sup>th</sup> Cinda Cain

Three's - Five's

Kylie Tournear  
 Sherri Dugger  
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 Sarah Brummett  
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Safety

Mike Crocker  
 Todd Brummett  
 John Cribbett  
 Ray Lancaster  
 Nick Rector

Ushers

1<sup>st</sup> Todd Brummett, Jesse Brummett, Pat Stuhmer  
 8<sup>th</sup> Jesse Brummett, Pat Stuhmer, Mike Crocker  
 15<sup>th</sup> Pat Stuhmer, Mike Crocker, Lonnie Cain  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Mike Crocker, Lonnie Cain, John Cribbett  
 29<sup>th</sup> Lonnie Cain, John Cribbett, Zack Rector

Tellers

Louise Dudley & Sarah Brummett  
 Jodi Rector & Hettie Crocker  
 Brian Rector & Lonnie Cain  
 Kim Brown & Kristi Lancaster  
 Louise Dudley & Sarah Brummett

**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.

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**Sunday Schedule**

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

**Wednesday Schedule**

6:00p.m. - TeamKID  
 Youth IGNITE  
 7:00p.m. - Praise Team