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# MEADOWBROOK NEWS

**FEBRUARY** 2020

Newsletter of Meadowbrook Baptist Church

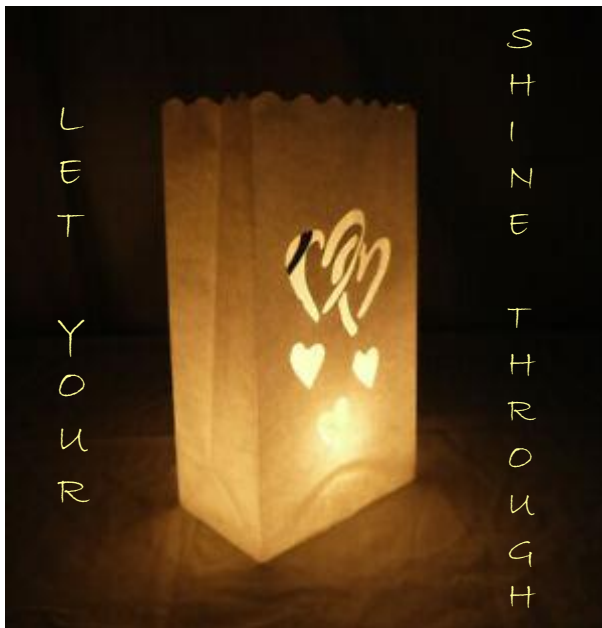
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**Pastor:** David Van Bebber

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## Valentine Banquet



Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

6:00pm

\$7/person

Russian Chicken  
Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, Salad  
Red Velvet Brownies

Sign up by Thurs, Feb 6<sup>th</sup>

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## The Lesters



in concert March 1<sup>st</sup>


6:00pm

Invite your friends & neighbors to join us for a great evening of worship!

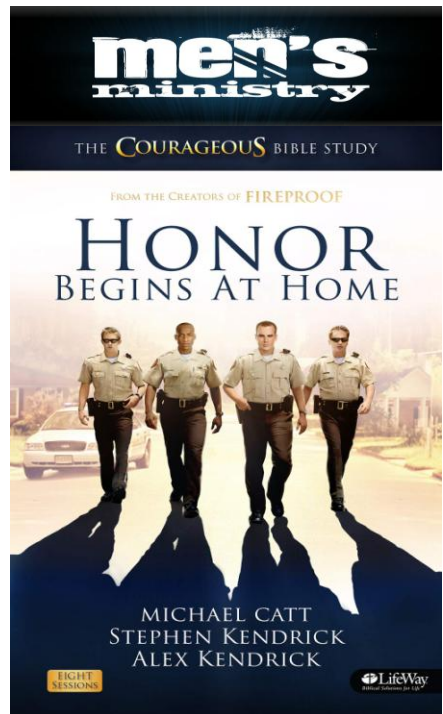


Monday, Feb 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

Place to be determined

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

Paul wrote in Ephesians 5:1-2, "Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." As we come to Valentine's Day, once again I am reminded that there is no greater example of love for us to follow than our Heavenly Father's love for us in sending His Son Jesus Christ to give up His life as a sacrifice for our sins. We are called, according to these verses, to walk in the way of love that has been exemplified to us through Jesus. Love calls for sacrifice and forgiveness. Loving others is not always easy, and to be honest, not always enjoyable. Without a doubt, the greatest expression of love ever shown to us in Christ's death on the Cross was not enjoyable but extremely painful for Jesus. When we come to Valentine's Day we often revel in the thrill and expectation of romance, but the reality of true love involves something much different that can be challenging, distasteful and painful. We see that love can challenge us to the core of our being. Those that we truly love and are dearest to us are those we are willing to give all for regardless of the cost or inconvenience. So this Valentine's Day when you say I love you, consider the cost and depth of commitment of true love because to love others as Christ loved us costs all. On the other hand, there is no greater love that can be experienced than to be loved by the love of Christ. It is only when a person has discovered the love of Christ that that person has discovered true love. And we only can give true love when we love just as Christ loved us. Please know that as always, in and through Christ Jesus, I love you and I love being your Pastor!



**"Courageous"**  
**movie and meal**  
**Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00pm**  
**for all men & teen boys**  
**Sign up on bulletin board**

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**Marriage Retreat**  
**March 13th & March 14th**  
**Country Inn & Suites in Forsyth.**

The retreat is facilitated by Doug & Leslie Davis, Pastor & wife of Arthur Southern Baptist Church. Doug & Leslie will lead you through an exploration of "Love and Respect: Becoming One! God's plan for your marriage" and "Living Intimately: How to affair-proof your marriage" and "Say What? Skills for effective communication". So, whether you are newly married or a seasoned veteran, this retreat will be informative, encouraging, and entertaining.

Registration of \$150 includes meals, room, and sessions. Reservations due by February 28th.

**Al's ½ Note** 

W just had Christmas a few weeks ago. January is almost gone, and now February is here. With this new month I have, and probably always will, associate it with several things, one being Valentine's Day. I want to honor my wife and show how much I appreciate her and all that she does. I also want to use this time to honor my Lord and God, Jesus Christ by keeping Him as King of my heart. As long as I roam this earth, I want to walk, talk and work with Him on a daily basis until He comes and takes me home. Two Bible verses come to mind: "Whatever you do, do it for the glory of God". This means that in my daily journey, I should be aware of His constant presence in my life. When I accepted Him as my Lord and Savior, I wanted His overwhelming presence to be part of my life. In everything that is done I want to keep Him in mind, because He is walking right beside me, helping me to keep Him in tune with all my life and worshipping Him in all I do and accomplish or have Him tug at my heart when I fail to make His expectations. The other verse that comes to mind is: "pray without ceasing". I am, and we should always be, in constant contact and communication with Him in all we are involved in. We (or maybe just me) get so involved in THINGS that we forget that He wants to walk with us everywhere we go and to be in close communion with us. When Jesus was talking with His disciples and telling them of His departure, He told them that His Spirit would be with them. He described His Spirit as "paraclete" one who walks along side of us. In the Garden of Eden, the Lord came and walked with them. When we go to Heaven we will have His constant presence there. So while we walk with Him on this earth, let us worship and be aware of His walk with us, and make Him King of Our Heart! Luv ya'll



Sunday Bible Study 9:30am



Sunday nights at 5:00pm

Bring a friend and come find out the answers to these questions:  
 "Why do I need Jesus?"  
 "What does it mean to be a Christian teenager in today's world?"  
 And, don't forget to bring your Bibles!  
 #teensforChrist



There's a place for everyone of all ages each Sunday at 9:30am!



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



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



4<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grades  
 \$165 per child

We need YOU.....



Invest in the lives of a child..  
 Sunday School teacher  
 Nursery/Preschool volunteers  
 TeamKID teacher & helpers  
 Contact Pastor for more info.



To our Family and Friends

**February**

- 7 Zach Stuhmer
- 7 Bekah Van Bebber
- 8 Sharon Eddings
- 12 Jackie Buckingham
- 17 Candy Wilson
- 19 Pat Stuhmer
- 20 Donna Burton
- 20 Rachel Van Bebber
- 24 Josh Sprague

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

**BUILDING CLEANING**  
 Volunteer once a month  
 Sign-up sheet for February & March is in the church office.

**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.

Financial News Year-to-Date	
As of January 31 <sup>st</sup>	
<b>Needed to date-</b>	<b>\$ 7,960.00</b>
Received to date-	\$ 6,988.00
Checking Account	\$ 322.71
Debit Account	\$ 151.44
Building Fund	\$ 4,238.79
Lottie Moon Christmas	\$ 180.00

†Faithful Servants in February†

Nursery: Babies - Two's

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

Three's - Five's

Sarah Brummett  
Kylie Tournear  
Sherri Dugger  
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Safety

Brian Rector  
Mike Crocker  
Todd Brummett  
John Cribbett

Ushers

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

Tellers

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  
5:00p.m. - Youth IGNITE

**Wednesday Schedule**

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