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# MEADOWBROOK NEWS

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Newsletter of Meadowbrook Baptist Church

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## Easter Celebration ideas.....

Below are just a few suggestions to help you worship, celebrate, and remember Christ's resurrection together as a family.



Read the account of The Triumphal Entry in Luke 19:28-40. If you have young children, have them act it out and make a video. Make palm leaves out of construction paper or whatever you have on hand. Be creative!



Get your family up and dressed in your Easter clothes just as you would if you were actually going to church and take pictures. Read together Luke's account of the resurrection in Luke 24. Sing and share together why we celebrate Easter. Go to the link below for activities to do each day between Palm Sunday and Easter-

<https://likeabubblingbrook.com/christian-easter-ideas/>

There are also lots of suggestions on Pinterest. Be creative and make it a special time together!



While this COVID-19 crisis continues, Pastor David will be hosting an online prayer gathering through Zoom each Wednesday evening through May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

<https://zoom.us/j/991120499>

You can also join the meeting by downloading the Zoom App on your smart phone.



Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

We will have a virtual ladies' night on April 6<sup>th</sup>. I will be sending you all an email/text invite to join us.

Look forward to "seeing" you on the 6<sup>th</sup>!

*From My Heart*

*to Yours*



*by Pastor David*

## HE IS RISEN!!!



ALL hands on deck  
for VBS!

I'm praying this will be our  
best VBS year ever!!!!

Join me in this exciting  
ministry opportunity this  
summer. Families are going  
through some tough times  
during this COVID-19 "shelter  
in place" and are looking for  
hope. God is that hope and  
He promises to complete the  
work He has started in each  
of us (Phil 1:6 theme verse).

Let's share this with the  
families in our community.  
VBS isn't just about bringing  
children in for one week of the  
year, but more importantly,  
about reaching their families  
for Christ for a lifetime.

We will postpone meeting  
together until this crisis is  
over. However, I do have the  
teaching packets for those of  
you who would like to get a  
jump-start on planning. If you  
would like to help, let me  
know what age group/rotation  
and I will get you connected.

### **Items to collect for VBS:**

Rocks to paint  
White spray paint  
White construction paper  
Thin painters tape

### **Al's ½ Note**

James Montgomery Flagg was born in 1877 in Pelham, NY. From early childhood, he was a gifted artist contributing illustrations to national magazines at the age of 12. He attended the Art Students League of New York from 1894–1898 and studied fine art in London and Paris from 1898-1900, later returning to New York. He created his most famous work in 1917, a poster to encourage recruitment in the U.S. Army during WWI showing Uncle Sam pointing at the observer with the caption: "I want YOU for the U.S. Army". Over four million copies were printed during WW I; and it was used again for WW II. Flagg used his own face, adding age enhancements and the white goatee. In the same way, when Jesus left this earth, He gave His followers similar orders: to recruit new members for His army. Matt 28 says- "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." This order is still relevant today, nothing has changed. We need to be so active, doing what our Lord God has told us, even in these trying times. There are so many people in this world that don't know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. We need to be looking for others wherever we go- doing recruitment for Jesus. COVID-19 is all over the world, killing people and making many others extremely sick, causing hardship, pain and even death. It has caused panic and fear. There are people that the Lord will put before us that might need a helping hand. Let us look to all peoples, sharing what the Lord has done for us. "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand" Is 41:10. Let's be a recruitment poster for Jesus by our walk, actions, witness, talk and works.

The words of Mark 16:6 "He has risen!" have never been any more powerful than they are still today in the midst of the Coronavirus COVID-19 crisis. These are the words of hope that we have put our faith in-- that Jesus Christ Died for our sins on the cross providing the ultimate cure from sin and forever made eternal life a reality by rising from the dead! Yes, Christ the Lord has risen indeed and we have the certainty of our hope made forever secure in our resurrected Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

During the midst of this health emergency we have not been able to meet together in person at our church building. But, PRAISE THE LORD, the real Meadowbrook Baptist Church has continued because the church is not the building at 111 N. Iris Dr in Auburn. The church is the body of believers that continues to not only meet virtually together online, but has been calling and checking on one another, continuing to minister and pray for people, and to give in worship of our Lord.

We are able to view the Sunday morning sermons online, and also several of our members have met online Wednesday nights at 7pm and Sundays at 9:30am through Zoom and online video conferencing. Contact me if you have tried but not been able to get online for these meetings. Please pray for those infected with COVID-19. Pray for our healthcare and other frontline workers, and pray for our church that we might be powerfully used by the Lord to witness and minister during these difficult times. I also want to invite you to register for free at [www.BlessEveryHome.com](http://www.BlessEveryHome.com) which is an online ministry that enables you to pray, minister and witness to your neighbors. When you register, select Meadowbrook Baptist Church as your church.

As always, I love you and I love being your Pastor!



Sunday Bible Study 9:30am



Youth Group at HOME  
on-line Bible study  
Wednesday @ 7:00pm  
If you haven't received  
the link, let me know.  
After the Bible study we  
will meet briefly on ZOOM  
for a short discussion  
time.

#teensforChrist



We are still collecting for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions. Please mark your check or envelope "Annie Armstrong Offering".



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



Pre-k thru 6<sup>th</sup> gr  
Wednesday Nights  
6:00-7:00pm  
Will resume when  
school resumes.

We need YOU.....



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

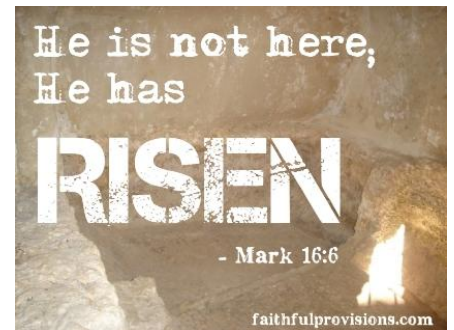
**HAPPY Birthday**

To our Family and Friends

April

- 15 Brenda Smith
- 21 Lonnie Cain
- 22 Cody Jones
- 30 Lori Jones
- 30 Terry Silveus

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.



[meadowbrookbaptistchurch.org](http://meadowbrookbaptistchurch.org)  
and click **Online Giving**.

or

**TEXT** - meadowbrookbaptist  
to 73256.

Financial News Year-to-Date	
As of Mar 31 <sup>st</sup>	
<b>Needed to date-</b>	<b>\$ 25,870.00</b>
Undesignated to date-	\$ 22,996.60
Checking Account	\$ 2,131.82
Debit Account	\$ 15.19
Building Fund	\$ 4,996.79



†Faithful Servants in April†

Nursery: Babies - Two's

5<sup>th</sup> Cinda Cain  
12<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
19<sup>th</sup> Cinda Cain  
26<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Three's - Five's

Kylie Tournear  
Sarah Brummett  
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Sherri Dugger

Safety

Terry Silveus  
Brian Rector  
Mike Crocker  
Todd Brummett

Ushers

5<sup>th</sup> Nick Rector, Albert Eller, Todd Brummett  
12<sup>th</sup> Albert Eller, Todd Brummett, Jesse Brummett  
19<sup>th</sup> Todd Brummett, Jesse Brummett, Pat Stuhmer  
26<sup>th</sup> Jesse Brummett, Pat Stuhmer, Mike Crocker

Tellers

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

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