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# MEADOWBROOK NEWS

*June* 2020

Newsletter of Meadowbrook Baptist Church

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**Pastor:** David Van Bebber

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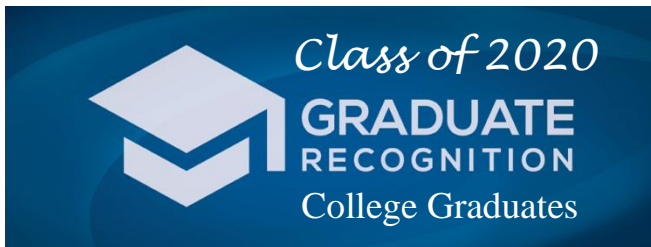
Join Pastor David Wednesday evenings at 7pm and Sunday mornings at 9:00am for ZOOM small group-

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

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

We will hold outdoor services on Sundays at 10:30am as we begin transitioning back. Bring your own lawn chairs and physical distancing protocols will be observed. If you don't feel ready to come, or are in a high risk category, we completely understand and encourage you to stay home.

Sunday morning sermons will be posted on the church Facebook page and Youtube.



*Jordan Beagle    Heather Labuy*



Western Carolina University  
Bachelors of Science  
in Anthropology




Lincoln Land Community College  
Associates in Art



Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm  
Zoom Ladies Group

Join us for a time of sharing and Bible Study on the 15<sup>th</sup>! Be watching for the email/text invite to join the meeting.

Also, coming up July 13<sup>th</sup> - we have a special guest for our Zoom you won't want to miss! I want to encourage all ladies to join us July 13<sup>th</sup>.

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

On Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, we will hold our first outdoor service on the front lawn of the church using social distancing and safety guidelines. It is hard to believe that it has been ten Sundays since we last met at our property at 111 N. Iris Dr. Of course, this was due to the mitigation efforts in order to help stop the spread of Covid-19. But even though we have been unable to meet together in person, the church has continued to meet online and through various means these past 2 ½ months. The church is definitely not the physical building but the living Body of Christ built together as living stones on the foundation of the Chief Cornerstone, Jesus Christ. I am so thankful for all who have continued being faithful in so many ways during this time. The Deacons and I will continue to work together to make a safe transition towards being able to reopen the building. I have been a part of numerous meetings and received training and materials about how to safely reopen our facilities for public worship. A few of the guidelines and practices in safely reopening and keeping everyone protected include blocking off every other row of pews. This will help keep people at a proper distance from one another. Only people from the same household should sit in the same pew together. It is recommended that cloth face coverings of some type be worn whenever people are transitioning in and out of the building or any other time they come within 6 feet of one another. Boxes will be available for you to drop your offering in, or you can give online or mail or drop your offering off at the church. We also will not be able for the foreseeable future to hug or shake hands. Entry doors will be propped open during times of entrance and exit to avoid touching potentially contaminated surfaces. Before we ever meet in the building, all surfaces will be disinfected and will continue to be

disinfected after every time we meet. The Deacons and I will keep you informed as to when we will be able to safely reopen and want you to contact us with any questions. We also realize that even when we do reopen it will be awhile before some of our more vulnerable members will feel comfortable to return due to health and safety precautions. We understand and support your decisions entirely. In the meantime, even when we begin meeting in person, we will continue to have the Pastor's video recorded messages on the church website and on Facebook. We will also continue to have online Zoom meetings. We love each of you and want to continue to work together safely to worship the Lord and reach others for Christ. We plan as well in some modified way, again using health and safety precautions, to creatively have VBS July 26-31. I want to wish my fellow fathers a "Happy Father's Day!" As always, I love all of you and look forward to being with you, and I love being your Pastor!

*With deepest sympathy*

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Louise Dudley in the passing of her husband, Sonny. Please keep Louise and her family in your prayers during this difficult time.

**Al's ½ Note** 

We are in a situation like never before with this virus. We as Christians need to be strong and rely on our Lord and God, His spirit and His Holy word. I would like to share some verses that have helped me now and will continue to do so. As Christians, we need to be addressing everything in a viewpoint that is acceptable to God, and according to His will, not ours.

"Be very strong; be careful to obey all that is written in the book of the

Law of Moses, without turning aside to the right or the left".  
Joshua 23:6

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones". Proverbs 3:4-8

"O Lord, my strength and my fortress, my refuge in time of distress". Jeremiah 16:19. And in 17:7 we read: "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord".

"For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline." 2 Tim 1:7

"Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God". Psalm 20:7

"In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid.  
Psalm 56:4

"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". Isaiah 41:10

This next scripture has the answer to this dilemma that we have gotten ourselves into--

"When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:13-14

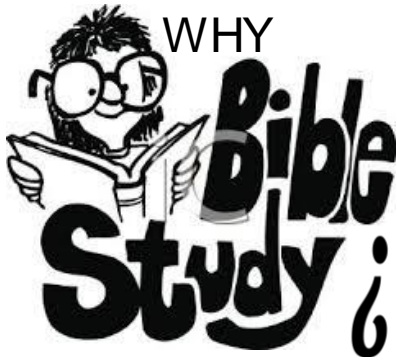
God willing, we'll see ya'll soon.



Sunday Bible Study 9:30am



Youth Group at HOME  
on-line Bible study  
Be watching for the link!



#teensforChrist



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



Pre-k thru 6<sup>th</sup> gr

Cancelled for the summer  
Will resume September 2<sup>nd</sup>

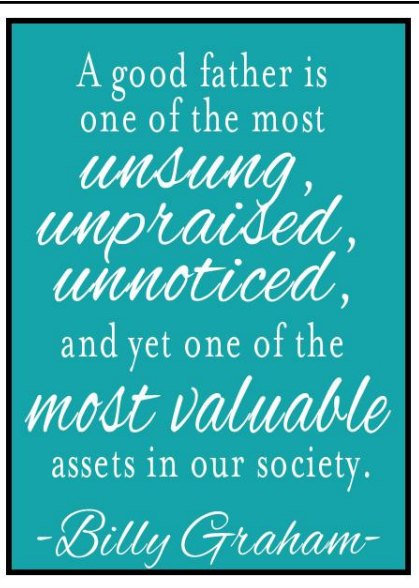


July 27-31

Contact Patricia if you would like to help but haven't signed up yet. Plans and logistics are being worked out to safely hold VBS. We will be having a Zoom workers meeting this month, so watch for the text/email invite.

**Items to collect for VBS:**

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



**HAPPY Birthday**

*To our Family and Friends*

**June**

- 1 Teddy Jordan
- 3 Colin Jordan
- 6 Justin Burtle
- 12 Patrick Longmeyer
- 14 Alex Jarrard
- 14 Carolyn Kumler
- 26 Sharon Eller
- 30 Sarah Jordan

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

**Building/AC Fund...**

This fund 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!

PRAISE GOD for His faithfulness to provide! The CHURCH (God's people) is still very much at work despite not being able to meet together in person.

**meadowbrookbaptistchurch.org**  
and click **Online Giving**.

or

**TEXT- meadowbrookbaptist**  
to 73256.

Financial News Year-to-Date	
As of May 29 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>Needed to date-</b>	<b>\$ 41,790.00</b>
Undesignated to date-	\$ 36,781.24
Checking Account	\$ 2,581.88
Debit Account	\$ 49.59
Deacon Fund	\$ 60.95
Building Fund	\$ 5,248.79
Annie Armstrong	
Easter Offering	\$ 360.00
Baptist Children's Home	\$ 120.00

†Faithful Servants in June†

	<u>Nursery: Babies - Two's</u>	<u>Three's - Five's</u>	<u>Safety</u>
7 <sup>th</sup>	--	--	Zack Rector
14 <sup>th</sup>	--	--	Terry Silveus
21 <sup>st</sup>	--	--	Brian Rector
28 <sup>th</sup>	--	--	Mike Crocker

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Tellers</u>
7 <sup>th</sup>	--	--
14 <sup>th</sup>	--	--
21 <sup>st</sup>	--	--
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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.

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**Sunday Schedule**

9:30a.m. - Bible Study for all  
 10:40a.m. - Morning Worship  
 7:00p.m. - Youth IGNITE

**Wednesday Schedule**

7:00p.m. - Praise Team