Praise Report
What a great week of “Concrete & Cranes” Outside VBS! There was one profession of faith and 2 more to follow up with. We had an enrollment of 36 children and 27 workers for a total enrollment of 63. We averaged 27 children each night. Health guidelines were followed and everyone had a great time! PRAISE THE LORD! Thank you to everyone who helped teach, build &/or set up decorations, or donated financially.

Monday, August 17th - 7:00pm
Ladies Night
@ Patricia’s- 446 S. 7th St.
Bring a lawn chair and your Bible.

August Sermon Series...
Maintaining Sanity in an Insane World

Weekly sermon videos are available on the Meadowbrook Facebook page and the website @
www.meadowbrookbaptistchurch.org
Concrete & Cranes was a true blessing. We had 36 children enrolled and 27 workers. But even more importantly, we had one child pray to receive Christ and others interested in doing so. I am so thankful for all who helped not only during the week of Vacation Bible School, but also in the weeks leading up to it. The Lord certainly worked in a mighty way in the midst of this pandemic to still be able to safely minister and witness to children and their families.

These continue to be difficult times in which we are living right now. On Sunday mornings during August I will be preaching a series called “Maintaining Your Sanity in an Insane World” based on Psalm 34. Please take time to read and reflect on one of King David’s most famous Psalms.

I want to thank everyone for your continued faithful giving during this challenging time. Several donated above their regular giving to help with Vacation Bible School and every penny was used to buy prepackaged refreshments, craft and decorating supplies. Lives are literally being blessed and changed as you give to the Lord.

I believe in the not too distant future we are going to be able to have in-person Bible Study and Sunday School classes once again. There would be nothing stopping a group meeting outdoors under one of our many shade trees on the Meadowbrook property. If you would be interested in doing a shade tree Bible Study here on the church property or at your home let me know.

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

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**With deepest sympathy**

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Donna Burton, Donna Moore, & Dave Beck in the loss of brother/uncle/brother-in-law John MacMurdo. Also, to the family of Ruby Moore who passed away Aug 3rd.

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**School Supplies Collection**

The Auburn School District relies on donations from our community to help with school supplies for children in need. There is a list of items needed for the 2020-2021 school year posted on the bulletin board. There will be a collection box in the foyer.

Thank you

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**Al’s ½ Note**

The city of Auburn is recuperating from last week’s powerful storm. While driving around, we saw a lot of damage to homes, grain bins, barns, storage facilities, trees and so much more. One thing that I noticed was that some trees were completely uprooted. There are a lot of trees that have extensive root systems going down to almost the same depth as the height of the tree above ground. Also, in times of drought, we see trees dying because of a lack of an acceptable depth of roots to get the much needed moisture for their survival. It’s the same thing in the lives of Christians. Pastor just finished a series of sermons about our foundation, showing us that we need to have the right foundation in our lives- Jesus Christ and His Word on which to build.

In VBS, we saw that the Lord is going to complete the building up of our lives- “that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”(Phil 1:6) If the good Lord is going to “complete” the work in us, are we working in conjunction with Him? Are we being faithful, expecting Him to do everything while not being submissive?

Every day of our life needs to be different than the day before. Every day we need to be growing in Christ, having deeper roots in living & working in Christ, being more receptive to His Spirit and even growing in His Word. We need to make progress in growing in Christ every day. Then, when storms come in our life, we will have the right foundation to overcome anything that comes our way.

We will have trials and tribulations in our life. Belonging to Christ doesn’t exempt us from the storms of life, but He will be with us through them. John 16:33 says, “In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world”. We will also overcome. The Lord also said, “I will never leave or forsake you” (Josh 1:5)

So, we see that we need the right foundation to build and grow on, fully realizing that He will see it to completion with His presence! What comfort that gives us! Amen? AMEN!

Be safe, God Bless.
Sunday Bible Study 9:30am

Virtual Youth Group
Sunday, August 30th @ 6pm.
Fall study:

We will be meeting virtually until further notice. Join us for an hour of virtual games & Bible study. I will be contacting each youth family with details before our first meeting.

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Sunday School- TBA

Pre-k thru 6th gr- TBA

VBS 2020

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!

Financial News Year-to-Date
As of July 31st
Needed to date- $ 61,690.00
Undesignated to date $ 54,625.47

Checking Account $ 5,117.79
Debit Account $ 225.76
Deacon Fund $ 66.70
Building Fund $ 6,238.79

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Sunday Schedule
9:30a.m. - Bible Study
suspended due to COVID-19
10:40a.m. - Morning Worship

Wednesday Schedule
6:30p.m. - Praise Team

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.