## MEADOWBROOK NEWS



Newsletter of Meadowbrook Baptist Church www.meadowbrookbaptistchurch.org

Pastor: David Van Bebber





Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>





Start collecting now to fill a shoebox. Labels/instructions are on the foyer table. You can also pack a shoebox online without leaving home. Go to: samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-

samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmaschild/buildonline/. You can select toys and other fun items to include in your box and they pack and ship the shoeboxes overseas.



Women's Get-together Saturday morning, Nov 7<sup>th</sup> 10:00am Donuts provided



Men's Fireside Fellowship
Saturday, Nov 7<sup>th</sup>
Fire starts at 5:00pm
Bring your coffee & lawnchair and enjoy the fellowship around the fire.



By now you are probably ready for this election to be over with. But as you read this, I of course want to encourage you to exercise your duty as a Christian and as an American to vote, but I believe you and I have a much greater choice that we need to be making. 2020 has been a year like none other in my lifetime and I believe and know there is a choice that we need to be making now more than ever. Our lives have been filled with stress and confusion over the pandemic and everything else. But, there is a choice that regardless, we need to make right now. Our daily plans and life schedules are far different than they were a year ago, but there is a choice that we need to be making right now. Far more important than who will be our President the next four years is this choice that needs to be made. That choice is whether or not we are going to recommit our hearts and lives to the Lord Jesus Christ and serve Him wholeheartedly. There have been many distractions this year, but for the remainder of 2020 we need to refocus our lives on knowing Jesus Christ and making Him known. Never before have I witnessed the spiritual emptiness that our world exhibits today. Folks, only Jesus is the answer. We have got to get back to focusing on Him in our daily lives. I want each of you to ask "what percentage of my life is about seeking worldly things and what percentage of my life am I personally seeking the Lord and leading my family to do the same?" If we want to experience the life the Lord wants for us and our families, we've got to get back to seeking Him first. Take time to be thankful this month. I'm expecting this to be one of the greatest Thanksgivings ever. I have found that some of the greatest times of thanksgiving in my life have been in times when I am going through, or have just gone through, tough times. I am grateful, in spite of this worldwide pandemic and

unrest, because God is on His throne. I am thankful that Jesus is still the answer and even when the world is falling apart He still holds my life together in His hands. I am thankful as Scripture often says "for the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness throughout all generations." Let us enter His courts with thanksgiving this month as we gather together as Meadowbrook to worship and praise His Holy Name.

As always, I am thankful for you, I love you and I love being your pastor!



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# Our deepest sympathy & prayers go out to

Dave & Susie Capella in the loss of Dave's mother.

Al Crocker and his family in the loss of his sister-in-law.

Austin & Samantha Stuhmer in the loss of Samantha's father.

## Al's ½ Note

November – Thanksgiving... I have such fond memories of Thanksgiving growing up. We would always go to my grandparents' farm and everyone would bring a dish to share. Boy, did we ever have a lot of food! After eating, all of the guys would either go hunt rabbits, squirrels, or just shoot at something. After my grandparents got up in years, we would meet at my parents' house and continue the tradition of eating, but no guns. Not in town.

I love the recollection of Thanksgiving, but now I want to think of the blessings that we seem to forget. We have the most unique country in the entire world, present and past. We have grown up amidst these blessings and take them for granted. We have always had a bountiful country. Yes, our nation had several times of enduring strife, even now. But we still need to focus on the tremendous blessings. The good Lord has lavished blessings on us over and over. First and foremost, Jesus' death on the cross giving us forgiveness of sins. We live in a country where we are free to worship Him. I think the opportunity of worship is a great and tremendous blessing that we seem to overlook and forget about. Many countries in the world don't have this opportunity, and we seem to take it for granted. If we lost this opportunity, it would be the most horrific thing that this nation would encounter. We can never, ever let this happen. Let's make a vow to embrace Christ as our Lord God and Savior, and worship Him til He returns by taking advantage of every opportunity to worship. We have an AWESOME God.

Let's nail it this year and show our Lord how thankful we are. And may we show all people with our actions and attitude how much we love our God and King. Let's have an attitude of gratitude.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Luv ya'll





We will be doing some fun virtual activities and devotions during the next couple of months.



There are several students in our school district who don't get much of a Christmas and are too old for Helping Hands. Our church has been given two high school girls to provide Christmas gifts for this year. If you would like to adopt one, or donate items, contact Patricia for a list.





Sunday School-TBA



Parents— check out the children's videos, Bible studies, sing-along videos, & more on RightNow Media. Lots of things for children, teens, adults, and families.



Pack a shoebox together as a family. This is a great way to involve children in giving to those who are less fortunate. There are activity/coloring sheets on the foyer table for children to include in their shoebox.



Weekly sermons are available on the church websitewww.meadowbrookbaptistchurch.org and the Meadowbrook Facebook page.



To our Family and Friends

#### November

- 1 Rita Brummett
- 1 Tyler Lancaster
- 6 Brian Rector
- 9 Kaye Rector
- 12 Parker Beard
- 12 Baleigh Jordan
- 14 Anna Lippert
- 17 TJ Lancaster
- 19 Kinleigh Brummett
- 23 Marc Brown
- 28 Mary Crocker

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



#### Building/AC Fund...

to 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 and click Online Giving.

or

TEXT- meadowbrookbaptist to 73256.

Financial News Year-to-Date

As of October 30 <sup>th</sup>		
Needed to date-	\$	87,560.00
Undesignated to date	\$	76,327.65
Checking Account	\$	2,095.51

Debit Account \$ 2,095.51

Debit Account \$ 108.22

Deacon Fund \$ 66.70

Youth/Missions Fund \$ 61.00

Building Fund \$ 7,273.79

State Missions to date \$ 50.00

†Faithful Servants in November†			
	Nursery: Babies - Two's	Three's - Five's	<u>Safety</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	No nursery until further notice		Terry Silveus
8 <sup>th</sup>			Brian Rector
15 <sup>th</sup>			Mike Crocker
22 <sup>nd</sup>			Todd Brummett
29 <sup>th</sup>			John Cribbett
	<u>Ushers</u>		<u>Tellers</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>			
8 <sup>th</sup>			
15 <sup>th</sup> .			
22 <sup>nd</sup>			
29 <sup>th</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 suspended due to COVID-19 10:40a.m. - Morning Worship

## **Wednesday Schedule**

6:30p.m. - Praise Team