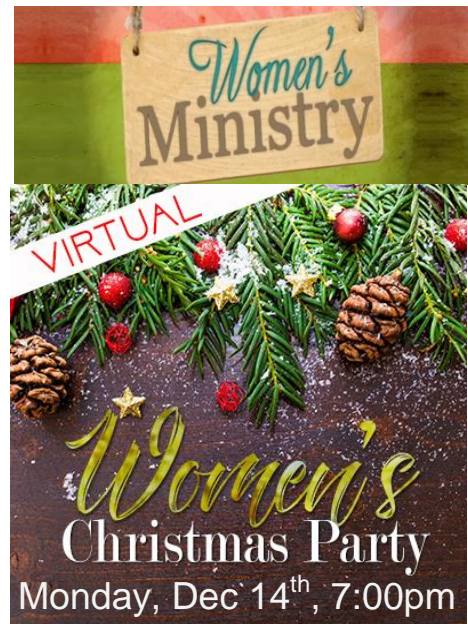

MEADOWBROOK NEWS

December 2020

Newsletter of Meadowbrook Baptist Church

www.meadowbrookbaptistchurch.org

Pastor: David Van Bebber



Wear your ugly Christmas sweater & join us on ZOOM for a fun evening of virtual fellowship & games. Prizes will be awarded. Watch for an email/text from Patricia for the ZOOM link.

Week of Prayer for International Missions
Nov 29-Dec 6

A Great *Multifude* + You

imb | LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING®

Help support our international missionaries

8:00P.M.

Christmas Eve
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

&
Lord's Supper



If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for the auditorium in memory/honor of a loved one, please complete the form on the foyer table and place in the offering box along with \$6/plant. Poinsettias may be picked up at the Christmas Eve Service.

*From My Heart
to Yours
by Pastor David*

Christmas lights and decorations seemed to go up earlier than ever before this year. I am not sure that a few people may have put up their lights and decorations even before Halloween. But certainly by the second week of November I began to see Christmas trees and lights going up in and on people's homes. I have heard several people mention how they needed the uplift of the Christmas lights and decorations now more than ever because we have been through so much this past year of 2020. I've always enjoyed looking at Christmas lights, but this year I believe these lights have meant more. Because of the pandemic and all of the turmoil and confusion there seems to be a darkness hanging over our country. I believe that just as the people of Israel were living in deep spiritual darkness back in the time of Isaiah, we are equally, if not more so, today. Isaiah, however, had good news to announce in Isaiah 9:2: "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned." That great light, of course, that came to shine on us is Jesus, the Light of the world. As you display your lights this Christmas, share with others about how Jesus is the Light! Then, join me for our Christmas Eve Candelight service at 8pm where we will let His light shine!

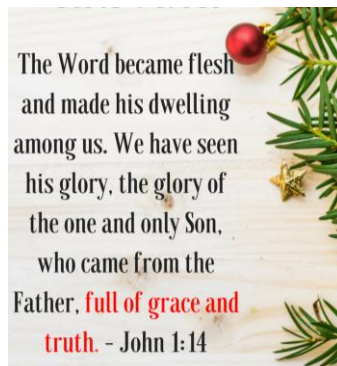
If you haven't signed up for your free subscription to rightnow Media, please click on the banner at www.meadowbrookbaptistchurch.org. There are several good Christmas video series to watch, like *The Case for Christmas* by Lee Strobel.

I want to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas!

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



Helping Hands provides gifts for many children in our school district. However, high school students are too old to be included. Our church has adopted two high school girls to provide Christmas gifts for this year. If you would like to adopt one student, or donate items, contact Patricia for a list.



Biblical Financial Management

is an eight-part video series offering useful tools and a practical approach to managing God's resources every day. Contact Pastor if you are interested in this course.

***God & Money:** How does what (& who) we believe influence our day to day behavior with money?

***Budgeting & Margin Creation:** Daily application of Biblical principles creates a lifestyle of wise financial management

***Debt Management:** Avoiding & eliminating toxic debt & managing responsible debt well

***Saving & Investing:** From Emergency Funds to Life Events: preparing & counting the cost

***Risk Management:** When insurance makes sense

***Incapacity Planning:** Getting "helpers" when you need them

***Stewardship Transfer:** Who manages God's resources after me?

***Opportunities for Generosity:** Embracing the best of Christian life

AI's ½ Note

Having a problem with that perfect Christmas gift? How about giving those individuals a gift that will last FOREVER and have out-of-this-world benefits? Give them eternal life through Jesus Christ. It's easy. Just go through the Bible with the following scripture verses, read and briefly explain each one. It's really easy. They are all in Romans in the New Testament. Pray to the Lord to help you in this endeavor. Start with Rom 3:23- "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

Rom 6:23- "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Rom 5:8- "But God demonstrates His own love for us in this, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Rom 10:9- "If you declare with your mouth "Jesus is Lord", and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

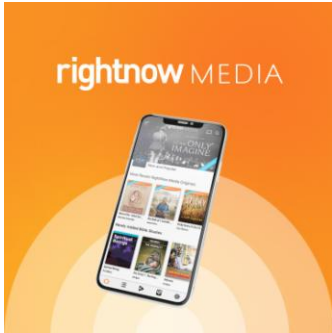
Rom 10:13- "For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

It's that simple. Read each verse and briefly explain the meaning in your own words. Ask if the individual understands and then ask them if they would like to ask Jesus into their heart and receive eternal life.

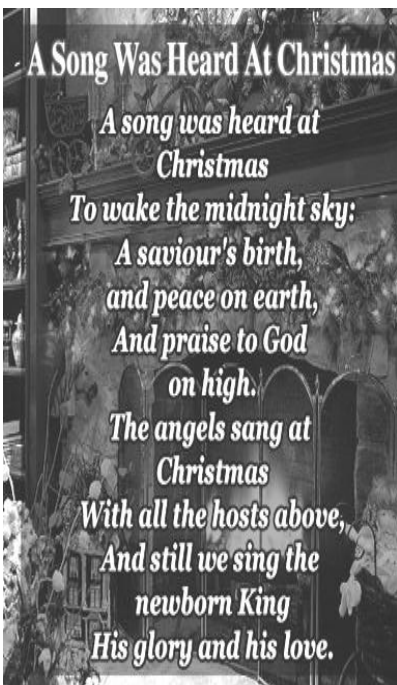
At this time, lead them in a prayer asking them to repeat these words after you: "Lord Jesus, I believe that You are the Son of God. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. Please forgive me and give me the gift of eternal life. I ask You to come into my heart and life and be my Lord and Savior. Starting today I want to live for You. In Your name I pray, amen.

Then, make sure you point them to a godly Bible believing, Christ centered church and help them on this new journey. The angels in heaven will be rejoicing!

The gift that will last FOREVER!!!!!!!



Youth parents- check out the youth videos and Bible studies available on rightnow MEDIA (link is on the church website & Meadowbrook Facebook page). These last few months have been difficult with not being able to get together as a youth group. It is important that our youth stay connected and stay connected in God's Word. Please encourage your teen to read their Bible daily.



Sunday School- TBA



Pre-k thru 6th gr- TBA

Parents— check out the children's Christmas videos, Bible studies, on RightNow Media (link is on the church website & Meadowbrook Facebook page). Make it a priority to do a Christmas activity with your children each week leading up to Christmas day.



Weekly sermons are available on the church website- www.meadowbrookbaptistchurch.org and the Meadowbrook Facebook page.



To our Family and Friends

December

- 3 Jodi Wright
- 7 Alice Van Bebber
- 9 Haleigh Brummett
- 11 Brayden Sink
- 12 Ray Lancaster
- 17 Carrie McElyea
- 27 Conner Bowling
- 27 David Van Bebber
- 31 Ryleigh Brummett

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 November 29th

Needed to date- \$ **97,510.00**
 Undesignated to date \$ 84,178.11

Checking Account	\$ 3,451.07
Debit Account	\$ 114.23
Deacon Fund	\$ 66.70
Youth/Missions Fund	\$ 61.00
Building Fund	\$ 7,483.79

†Faithful Servants in December†

	<u>Nursery: Babies - Two's</u>	<u>Three's - Five's</u>	<u>Safety</u>
6 th	No nursery until further notice	--	Ray Lancaster
13 th	--	--	Nick Rector
20 th	--	--	Lonnie Cain
27 th	--	--	Josh Brummett

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Tellers</u>
6 th	--	--
13 th	--	--
20 th	--	--
27 th	--	--

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
 7:00p.m. - TeamKID
 suspended due to COVID-19