January 2015
Newsletter of Meadowbrook Baptist Church
www.meadowbrookbaptistchurch.org
Pastor: David Van Bebber

Saturday, January 17th, 8:00am

Deacon Meeting - Tuesday, Jan 6th
6:00pm

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JANUARY BUSINESS MEETING
Sunday, Jan 18th
6:00pm
I am anticipating in prayer that 2015 will be a fantastic year for Meadowbrook Baptist Church, and I am praying it will be a fantastic year of great spiritual blessing for you and your family as well. As we begin this new year of 2015, I am putting forth a challenge to each person in our congregation to “Make It 15!” “Make It 15” involves three specific achievable challenges for each of you to consider committing to this year. The first is to take 15 minutes a day to read the Bible and pray. The average person spends 40 minutes a day on Facebook looking at posts. Fifteen minutes a day is a very attainable goal for each of us to commit to. The second challenge is to pray for 15 people you know who are not followers of Christ or don’t go to church. Write down the names of family members, friends, coworkers, fellow students, neighbors, etc. who don’t follow Christ or go to church. The third “Make It 15” challenge is to share the Good News about Jesus 15 times this year. This month on Sunday mornings I will be giving you helps for doing each of these three things. Please consider and commit to these “Make It 15” Challenges. God will help you to do it and it will bless your life and will literally save lives as we rejoice in people coming to know Jesus!

Men, Saturday, January 17th at 8am we will be having a special breakfast for men. I hope you will come and bring some men with you for this special time of fellowship and challenge.

I love very much and I love being your Pastor!

Thank you so much for the generous Christmas Love Offering and all the gifts. We are truly blessed by your love and support for our family.

Pastor David, Patricia, Sarah, Rachel, & Bekah

Building Cleaning Sign-up

As of January 1st, we will no longer have a custodian. There is a sign-up sheet on the foyer bulletin board for volunteers to clean. Cleaning can be done any time Thursday-Saturday. Contact Pastor if you have any questions.

Al’s ½ Note

Another year has passed. This one more quickly than the previous year. We just had Christmas where we worshiped the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This coming year we need to have a better agenda than all of our previous years. Instead of leaving Jesus in the manger till next year, why not take Him with us throughout 2015? When Jesus left this planet and returned to His heavenly home, He said that He would leave us His Spirit. When we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, His Spirit becomes part of us. Our heart becomes the throne room, allowing Jesus to become the single most important aspect of our life. What I am proposing for the new year is this: we are to make each and every day a day of worship. No matter what is going on in our life, make worship a daily routine. No matter how busy, make worship the most important aspect of each day. If there is strife, turmoil, adversity, fear, no matter what is going on, make worship a part of each and every day. Let us praise Him throughout the coming year on a daily basis, period! The LORD has done so much for us why not commit our new attitude to be one of gratitude. We make sleeping, eating and many other things in our daily life a routine that have only temporary results. Why don’t we incorporate something in our life that will have eternal ramifications? This new endeavor will also have a positive effect on those around us. Let us pledge here and now, to make worship part of our daily routine. In the midst of anything and everything, let us worship the King of Kings and Lord of Lords for He is worthy!

Amen and Amen.

Luv Ya’ll
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Youth Events Coming Up:
- Jan 4  Breakfast  9am
- Jan 7  Youth group resumes
- Jan 18  Youth Hang-time

Join us weekly for:
**IGNITE**
Wednesdays - 7pm
New study: “fuel”
IGNITING NEW LIFE
WITH GOD’S STORY

Sundays
**The Gathering** - 9:30am
**Hang-time** - 5-7pm

**WINTER JAM 2015**
Scottrade Center
St. Louis
January 24th, 6:00pm
Cost - $10
Doors open - 5pm
Artists: Jeremy Camp, Francesca Battistelli, Skillet, Building 429, Newsong, & others.
Speaker - Tony Nolan

**2015 IRON Sharpens IRON**
Men’s Conference
March 21, 2015
One-day conference
8:30am-4:55pm

**Children’s Ministry Day**
March 14
A one day hands-on missions opportunity specifically designed for kids in 1st-6th grade with projects designed to be age-appropriate.
Registration begins Jan 12th
Cost - $15/person which includes t-shirt, lunch, and some ministry supplies.
Project locations include Alton, Decatur, Peoria, Champaign, & Springfield.

**All State Youth Choir Auditions**
Saturday, Jan 24th
Rochester First Baptist
For youth (grades 9-12) who love to sing. Auditions may also be sent in a MP3, CD, or video format. Cost $10
Contact: DebbieMuller@IBSA.org
Audition material can be found at www.ibsa.org/worship.

**Financial News**
As of Dec 28th:
Receipts to date - $84,906.61
Needed to date - $121,264.00
Checking Account: $7,030.88
Deacon Fund - $200.00
Building Fund - $185.00

Happy Birthday
To our Family and Friends

January
2 Henry Dugger
2 Michael Dugger
2 Austin McElyea
6 Pat Silveus
8 Dana Beck
10 Megan Burtle
13 Marg Rebbe
21 Rayna Clouse
24 Kayla Metcalf
26 Alexa Crocker
27 Tammy Cribbett

Please let us know if we have overlooked your birthday. We want to include all of our church family.
### Sunday Schedule
- 9:30a.m. - Bible Study for all
- 10:40a.m. - Morning Worship
- 5:00p.m. - Youth Hang-time
- 6:00p.m. - Evening Worship

**Wednesday Schedule**
- 6:15p.m. - Praise Team
- 7:00p.m. - Adult Bible Study
  - TeamKID (Pre-K thru 6th gr)
  - Youth IGNITE (Gr. 7-12)