Happy July 4th

God bless America!

Ladies’ Backyard Brunch
Saturday, August 14 – 10:00am
@ Patricia’s
Join us for a time of food, fellowship, & fun!
Bring your favorite brunch food & a lawnchair
Plates, utensils, & drinks provided.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
July 25-30

Pre-K thru completed 6th grade
Register on-line:
www.meadowbrookbaptistchurch.org
I love the United States of America! But, no nation is perfect. Every nation I have studied has had many practices in their history that dishonored God and treated some of their enemies and their own citizens horribly. Having said that, God has blessed our country immensely despite our failures, and I am thankful for the rich Christian foundation that God blessed our country with. America was founded by many Christian men and women who came here seeking religious freedom. God has blessed America both materially and spiritually. Psalm 33:12- “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.” The problem today is that our nation has turned far from the Lord. King Jehoshaphat prayed- “We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.” (II Chronicles 20:12) As King Jehoshaphat and the people of Judah turned their eyes to focus on the Lord, He delivered them and brought about a great spiritual renewal. This Fourth of July, let’s turn our eyes back to Jesus!

Destination Dig! VBS is July 25-29. As spiritual archeologists, we will be helping kids and their families unearth the truth about Jesus! Our theme verse Jeremiah 29:13 says, “You will seek me and find me when you search for me with all your heart.” You can make a major difference by helping with “Destination Dig!” Be praying and inviting children and their families to this fantastic week!

I want to thank everyone who helped make Kid’s Camp possible this year! Nineteen of us had an amazing week at Streator!

You are needed as part of the Meadowbrook Baptist Church family. God has gifted you spiritually to make an eternal difference! Let us labor together to reach people for Christ! I love you and I love being your pastor!

Over two hundred years ago some very brave men gathered who were tired of being under the control of Great Britain and allegiance to the British Crown. They wanted to sever all connections to this abusive foreign power and declare their full independence from them. This brought about the Declaration of Independence. Then, these brave and wise men came up with the Constitution of the United States which spelled out and declared all rights and privileges that we enjoy today. In it is where we look to for our freedoms, such as freedom of speech, press, right of the people to assemble, right to worship, and this document goes on to spell out many other rights that we hold so dear and precious.

Two thousand years ago, the Son of God willingly came to earth to save all mankind from the sin and transgressions that had bound up all creation. Sin had become common and acceptable for all. Some people even believed that they were righteous in their standing before God. Jesus came and told them of their shortcomings. “For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.” In His ministry, Jesus explained to everyone what must be done to receive forgiveness of sin, that there is a price for sin that must be paid, and He would willingly go to the cross and pay the price for our sin. “For it is appointed once unto man to die, and after this the judgement”. We are also told, “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord”. Back in the 1700’s our forefathers gave us freedom from foreign oppression. Jesus came and gave us freedom in Him. He paid the price for all of our sin. We must accept this free gift, confess with our mouth, believe in our heart, and call upon Him to be saved. I pray for this July 4th that you will recognize the freedoms we have in this country, but more importantly, freedom from all our sin— paid for by Jesus. That will be true freedom. Let freedom ring. God Bless!!!
Youth Group will begin August 22\textsuperscript{nd} 4:00-5:30pm

PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN-
"Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

Pray for our schools! Last month a majority of Illinois lawmakers in both General Assembly chambers voted in favor of expanding radical “comprehensive” sex education in public schools for K thru 12\textsuperscript{th} grade and passed the “Tampons for Boys” bill requiring all boys’ restrooms in our schools to provide female hygiene products. Both bills are on the governor’s desk. Pray that God will raise up Christian school board members, teachers, & administrators to stand against Satan’s agenda.

The Auburn School District relies on donations from the community to help with school supplies for children in need. During July and August there will be a collection box in the church foyer for donations. Below is a list of items:
- Crayola classic color markers
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- Crayola crayons
- Fiskar pointed scissors
- Glue sticks
- Headphones or earbuds
- Watercolor paints
- Wide ruled spiral notebooks
- Wide ruled paper
- Mead Composition notebooks
- Plastic snap lid pencil boxes
- Large 3” zip around binders
- 1” white binders
- Pencils and mechanical pencils
- Red pens/blue pens/black pens
- Plastic folders with 3 holes
- TI-30X IIS Scientific Calculators
- Lice kits
- Deodorant (boys and girls)
- Larger backpacks for Jr. High & High School

**Lists are posted on the bulletin board if you would like to fill a complete backpack.

Financial News Year-to-Date
As of June 30\textsuperscript{th}
Budget Needs- $ 51,740.00
Undesignated rec’d $ 49,175.11

Checking Account $ 4,728.15
Debit Account $ 128.95
Deacon Fund $ 66.70
Youth/Missions Fund $ 396.00
Building Fund $ 8,948.79
Kid’s Camp $ 1,985.00

We want to include all of our church family. Please let us know if we have overlooked your birthday.
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Sunday Schedule
9:30 a.m. - Bible Study
   Begins in September
10:40 a.m. - Morning Worship

Wednesday Schedule
6:30 p.m. - Praise Team
7:00 p.m. – TeamKID
   Begins in September