First day of school- August 18th
Pray for the students, teachers, administrators, and staff as they begin this new school year.

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.

VBS THANK YOU!!!
Thank you to everyone who helped with and/or donated to VBS. We had a great week!
Total enrollment- 95 (70 children)
Avg attendance- 70
From My Heart to Yours
by Pastor David

A huge thanks goes to everyone who helped make Destination Dig Vacation Bible School a huge success! I want to thank everyone who donated money, refreshments, decorations and particularly their time to reach out to children and their families this past week. The generosity, spirit and teamwork were incredible!

August is back to school month. Summer is going by way too fast, but already stores have stocked their shelves with back-to-school items. Here at Meadowbrook, it is time to go back to school as well. It is time for Bible Study groups for all ages to begin once again this Fall. Please be praying for us as we seek the Lord’s direction for staffing our Sunday School. I would like to see us start having classes for all ages beginning the Sunday after Labor Day.

To prepare for Sunday School and other activities to begin again, we need to prepare the building as well. Much of the downstairs has not been used since Covid began. Please let me know if you would be willing to help clean and get the building ready for renewed activity. We will be scheduling a workday soon.

Men, this fall a couple of thousand men will be putting on suits each Sunday as millions of people around the world watch them play football on TV. But I want to encourage men to get in a much bigger game, not just on Sundays this fall, but to suit up with the armor of God for the battlefield of life. Men, join me in praying and leading our families back to the Lord!

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

Determine what you will set your mind on.
This month’s verse…..

May we be individuals seeking God daily!

Refocus Retreat for Men
Sept 10-11 @ Streator
or
Oct 22-23 @ Lake Sallateseka
A time to rest, be encouraged, and deepen your knowledge of the Word.
Register: BenJones@IBSA.org

ignite THE MOVEMENT
Tabernacle Baptist Church & Decatur Inn & Conference Center
With Fred Luter, Scott Harris, JJ Washington, & breakout sessions led by Illinois Baptist pastors.
$25 fee includes materials & meals.
Register @ IBSA.org/ignite

Al’s ½ Note

Starting in the year 2019, and still going on, is a virus. Covid 19 has caused so many changes to our world, country, families, churches, schools, and even in our relationship to our Lord God and Savior. It has had an adverse effect upon our personal lives, physical and mental health. It would seem that people might recognize the many difficulties that are happening and grow closer to the Lord and seek a closer relationship with Him and with fellow Christians. But that isn’t the case. Churches and worship services are being done away with. Churches are closing because of non-attendance. Fellowship and relationships with other Christians are being forsaken. People are withdrawing into themselves. And that should not be happening.

Hebrews 10 tells us “not to forsake the meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but to encourage one another, and all the more as you see the Day (Jesus’ return) approaching”. On an individual basis, we need to see if we are complying with God’s Word, or are we going to do it “MY WAY” as a song of old states?

Many of us fail to express our love, relationship, and importance to others. We need each other! I think it’s time that we all do our best to live, breathe, and walk according to the Word of God- encouraging and loving everyone.

What’s prioritized in your life? Can others see it? Christians need each other. Are you depriving others of your life, love and participation?
Youth Group will begin August 22nd
4:00-5:30pm

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
- Crayola classic color fine line Markers
- 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.

Congratulations to Donna Moore on the birth of her first grandchild - Archer Nicholas Buie. Congratulations to Connie Gwinn on the birth of granddaughter - Magnolia Jane Gwinn.

Sunday School- begins Sept 12th

Pre-k thru 6th gr
Begins Sept 8th
Wednesdays 6-7pm

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

Building/AC Fund…
to be used for some 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 30th

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Deacon Fund $66.70
Youth/Missions Fund $396.00
Building Fund $9,308.79
VBS Donations $700.00

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Sunday Schedule
9:30a.m. - Bible Study
   Begins in September
10:40a.m. - Morning Worship

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