This month’s verse…..

**THEREFORE IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST**

**He is a NEW CREATION,**

**the old is gone the new has come**

2 Corin. 5:17

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**VBS 2022**

**July 24-29**

**SPARK STUDIOS**

**CREATED in CHRIST**

**DESIGNED for GOD’S PURPOSE**

All hands on deck as we prepare for VBS- the greatest outreach opportunity we have! Let Patricia know how you can help with this exciting week.

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**Who’s your ONE?**

-ONE person to pray for & share the gospel with. Be intentional!

Every ONE counts!

Who’s Your One Rally
Sunday - March 6 – 6:00pm
First Baptist O’Fallon
Let Pastor know if you plan to attend.

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**The Lesters in concert**

Sunday, March 13th
6:00pm
From My Heart to Yours

by Pastor David

Who’s Your One?

Who is one person you know that is not a Christian that you would commit to praying for the next thirty days? Maybe there is someone in your family or a friend that as far as you know has never accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. Perhaps, there is someone you work with that could be the one you pray for or a neighbor that isn’t a part of a church. Who’s your one? On Sunday morning March 6th during the morning worship service, you will have the opportunity to personally commit to praying for one person, who does not know Christ, for the next thirty days. You will each receive a bookmark where you can write the name of the one you will be praying for. You will also receive a devotion book that will give you a scripture and prayer you can pray each day for your one. On Sunday evening March 6th, I want to invite you to go with me to a Who’s Your One Rally at 6PM at First Baptist Church, O’Fallon, IL. We will meet and leave from the Meadowbrook parking lot at 4PM. I also want to encourage you to each invite one to come worship with us on Easter Sunday, April 17th. In Luke 15:10 Jesus said, “There is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” Wouldn’t it be marvelous if the one you are praying for accepted Jesus as Savior and Lord? Not only will the angels rejoice, but there will be much rejoicing at Meadowbrook over each of the ones that we pray for who come to trust in Christ!

So, who’s your one?

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

-Al’s ½ Note

America spends $113 billion on mental health and $600 billion on substance abuse each year. That is a staggering amount. We, as Christians, can help many people with life’s difficulties and problems by leading them to Jesus, the Great Physician. No, we are not psychiatrists, but we can possibly point those in need in the right direction. And Jesus is one great answer.

There are many ways to approach our Lord, and one way is through song. We can lift our hearts in love and adoration to Jesus, and also, recognize the value of song which can be beneficial to ourselves. Songs are great tools to lead us closer to the Lord, to sing of His great worth, to open our hearts to Him, praise and worship Him as Lord and God and share it with others. “I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore. Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more; But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry. From the waters lifted me, now safe am I. Souls in danger, look above, Jesus is the Master of the sea, billows His will obey; He your Savior wants to be, be saved today.” (Love Lifted Me)

“Are you weary, are you heavy-hearted, are you grieving over joys departed? Do tears flow down your cheeks unbidden? Have you sins that to men’s eyes are hidden? Do you fear the gathering clouds of sorrow? Are you anxious what shall come tomorrow? Are you troubled at the thought of dying?” (Tell It to Jesus)

I haven’t even scratched the surface of how songs can help us in our everyday life. Song is communication. Maybe all of us need to put more effort into our daily lives and recognize our creator and sustainer Jesus Christ. Why not start right now? Songs are not just entertainment. They can be a lifeline to us and those around us.

Saturday, March 26th
9:30am
Ladies- we will be putting together “Easter Invite” bags to be given to prospects inviting them to Easter services.

Our Deepest Sympathy is extended to Bob Burton and family in the loss of his wife Donna this past month.

Thank you~
“Thank you to all who helped with the funeral dinner. Everything was delicious and we appreciate your love & caring. Meadowbrook is very dear to my heart, and I love each of you!”

Love in Christ,
Judy Dodd & family

Al’s ½ Note

Women’s Conference
April 29-30
@ BOS Center, Springfield
$55/person with
Kimberly Sowell * Kim Hardy
* Richard Blackaby
Register @ IBSA.org/Priority2022

Women’s Ministry
Youth Group
Sunday, March 27th, 5pm

continued... Sing!

How Worship Transforms Your Life, Family, & Church

by Keith & Kristyn Getty

“God made us to be powerfully engaged in our senses and memories by music. ‘The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.’” Ps 19:1-2 Melodies matter. Words matter. Our songs always say something... Singing together organizes notes and words in beautiful ways to shine God’s dazzling truths into the relativistic grays of our culture... We are designed not only to be able to create songs about God but to God. We sing knowing that our Lord’s ears are open and listening as we lift our voices to Him with intelligent, sincere, and joy-filled words and notes. Our singing is not like prayer—it is prayer.

As we sing to God and about God, together with the people of God, we reflect the truth that we were designed for community, both with God and with each other... Singing together engenders and expresses that we are family... We were designed to use our God-given voices to sing praises together to the One who gave us those voices.

When we sing as God’s people, it brings us into line with the whole of the rest of creation. (See Ps 98:4-9)

Don’t sing primarily because you love singing or keep quiet because you do not. Sing because you love Who made you, and formed you, and enables you to sing.

Children's Ministry

Sunday School- 9:00am

Pre-k thru 6th gr

Wednesdays 6-7pm

*There will be no TeamKID Wednesday, March 16th.

Volunteers are needed for TeamKID and children’s Sunday School. Contact Pastor if you are interested in helping in either of these areas.

Summer Camp

June 20-24th

Students who have completed 3rd-6th gr and 7th – 12th gr

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

Happy Birthday

March

1 Hettie Crocker
1 Richard Van Bebber
2 Dave Capella
22 Alby Eller

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 repairs and updates to the building. Mark your check & envelope “Building Fund”. Thank you for giving above and beyond!

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Financial News Year-to-Date

As of February 28th

Budget Needs $ 17,910.00
Undesignated rec’d $ 15,286.25
Checking Account $ 13,623.65
Debit Account $ 166.35
Deacon Fund $ 6.70
Youth/Missions Fund $ 396.00
Building Fund $ 13,506.79
Burton Memorial to date $ 100.00
Int’nl Mission to date $ 25.00
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Sunday Schedule
9:30a.m. - Bible Study
10:40a.m. - Morning Worship
TBD - Youth Group

Wednesday Schedule
6:00p.m. - TeamKID
6:30p.m. - Praise Team