MEADOWBROOK NEWS

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

Celebration America
Family Style
Friday, Sept 18, 7:00pm
The Lesters
and
The Chosen Ones
Grace Southern Baptist Church, Virden
$10/person
To order tickets: 217-899-0000

Saturday, Sept 19th
Dennis Swanberg @ IBSA
“How to be a Man of God”
Free Men’s & Boys Event
Let Pastor know by Sept 13th if you plan to attend.

Dennis Swanberg
A Night of Laughter for everyone!
Saturday, Sept 19th, 6pm
Springfield High School
$10/person at the door

Auburn Community Food Drive
Sunday, Sept 27th, 1-4pm
If you will be able to help collect food, please meet at the Catholic Church at 12:45pm

September Breakfast
Sunday, Sept 6th, 9am

Saturday, Sept 12th
IBSA Building, Springfield
Check-in- 8:30am
Simulcast- 9:30am-4:30pm
Cost- $10/person, includes lunch
Register: www.IBSA.org/women
Fourteen years ago this month we moved to Auburn from Minnesota. Sarah was just turning five and began attending pre-K at Auburn. I can still remember her walking down the sidewalk with her Winnie the Pooh backpack. I couldn’t believe she was already starting to school. I couldn’t imagine her one day being a senior in high school. But that year came and went like a flash and there she was walking across the stage to get her diploma.

When we left Sarah last week, after getting her settled in at college, I thought how proud I was of her and I knew in my heart that she is where God wants her to be. In just a few years Rachel and Rebekah will also be in college and of course I am very proud of them as well. But it seems like just yesterday I was buying them Barbies & Veggie Tale videos and now they are driving. Our kids grow up fast! As parents and as a church we must realize the sacred trust and the tremendous impact that we have the few short years they are in our midst. As a new year of school begins this fall, I want to challenge each of us to look for how we might pray for, mentor, teach, and be an example to the preschoolers, children and youth in our midst. I was so impressed by how everyone helped for the week of VBS, but how might we team together to impact kids throughout the year. Would you be willing to help out with a preschool, children or youth class? Would you be willing to help work with our youth group? Would you volunteer to help Lori and Sherri with TeamKID? Let’s join together in making an eternal investment in these young lives. Let me know where you can help make that difference. I love you, I love being your pastor and I love investing my life in Christ in making a difference in these young lives.

MISSION PROJECT:
There are many children in our district who are unable to afford school supplies. If you would be willing to help with this much needed ministry, there will be a collection box in the church foyer. Thank you for helping these children!

Suggested items:
- Plastic 3-hole folders (paper folders will also work)
- Pens/pencils
- Cheap earbud headphones
- 1" binders
- Calculators: TI-30X or 2S
- Zip binders

Deacon Ballots
New Deacon ballots have been mailed and the collection box is on the foyer table.

CCBA 60th Anniversary Choir
During the Annual Meeting
October 18th at Living Faith, Sherman
Practices at FBC Riverton
Sept 27, 2-3:30pm
Oct 13, 7-8:30pm
Those wishing to participate email John Keyes @ preacherman.84@sbcglobal.net

Mission Illinois
Offering
“Together, In Concert” Sept 13-20
Help support the work Illinois Baptists are doing across the state through mission projects, children’s camps, VBS training, and equipping church leaders as they focus on making disciples.

We attend church and worship services hopefully, to have an encounter with our Creator, Sustainer, our Lord, Savior and God. I have covered, in previous articles, that we must make preparations prior to our coming to church. We must come fully rested with an adequate amount of sleep, be ready for worship physically and mentally, be yielding to the Word and Spirit of God, and to lay aside any problems or negativity that we may have in our life. But another thing that is of utmost importance for us to do is to have a genuine desire to encounter God. A genuine desire to encounter God will precede and enhance a true worship experience. Our attitude is vital to our worship. We must correct our attitude before anything positive will happen. Do we focus on the Lord, sermon and the music, or are we thinking about everything under the sun? Jesus tells us in Matt 5:6 that “we need to hunger and thirst for righteousness”. We have to possess the attitude and desire to truly have an encounter and worship God. When entering the sanctuary, do we have a “hunger and thirst”? The Lord promises that when we do, “we will be filled”! Let us get out our screwdriver, whatever that may be, make an adjustment on ourselves, and truly have a worshipful encounter with God. See ya’ll in worship! I WILL BE READY, WILL YOU?

Luv Ya’ll
Al

Eastland is looking for volunteers to join their residents for lunch and afternoon games. Please call Mary Ann at 217-891-9896
Youth Events Coming Up:
- Sept 6: Breakfast - 9am
- Sept 9: Back to school
- Sept 18: 5th Quarter
- Sept 20: Powder Puff game @ the stadium
- Sept 27: Food Drive

Join us weekly for:
IGNITE
Wednesdays - 7pm

Sundays
The Gathering - 9:30am
Hang-time - 5-7pm - selected Sunday evenings

Calling all youth!!! We need help collecting food for the Auburn Food Pantry on Sunday, Sept 27th. We will eat a quick lunch after church (bring $$) and then meet at the Catholic Church at 12:45pm.

5th Quarter Bonfire Sept 18th

16th Annual Baptist Children’s Home & Family Services Fall Festival
Saturday, Sept 19th, 10am-2pm on the Carmi campus
Admission & lunch are FREE!
(Horseback rides, auto show, inflatables, entertainment, games, craft demonstrations, food)

COMING in OCTOBER...
Children’s Missions Celebration 2015
“Learning to See What Jesus Sees”
$15/person - includes T-shirt & lunch
Children in grades 1-6 will have the opportunity to interact with missionaries, make crafts, and learn about a new culture.
Friday (Oct 2)
7-8:30pm Early Bird Activities
Saturday (Oct 3)
9:30am Check-in
10:00am Missions Celebration
3:00pm Dismiss
IBSA Building, Springfield
Register: IBSA.org/Kids or contact Barb Troeger @ IBSA.org (217)391-3138

New Projector Fund
Special thanks to Jerry Atkinson and Al Crocker for installing the new projector. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously.

TeamKID begins September 9th
Mother/Daughter Retreat
Sept 18-19,
Lake Sallateeska Baptist Camp
for daughters ages 8-12
Register: www.IBSA.org/women

Financial News Year-to-Date
As of Aug 29th:
Receipts to date: $54,624.26
Needed to date: $65,432.00
Checking Account: $3,276.43
Deacon Acct: $212.95
Building Acct: $270.45
World Changer Acct: $400.00
Debit Account: $56.94
Projector Fund: $1,827.00

To our Family and Friends
September
9 Morgan Brummett
12 Sonny Dudley
20 Bob Burton
22 Sandy Lancaster
26 Grace Driver
27 Sarah Van Bebber
30 Tracie Lancaster
30 Patricia Van Bebber

Please let us know if we have overlooked your birthday. We want to include all of our church family.
Faithful Servants in September

Nursery: Babies - Two's  Three's - Five's  Security
6th  Cinda Cain  Stacey Mitkos  Mike Crocker
13th  Rachel Van Bebber  Jordan Beagle  Todd Brummett
20th  Sherry Dugger  Bekah Van Bebber  John Cribbett
27th  Kristi Lancaster  Mary Atkinson  Nick Rector

Ushers
6th  Marc Brown, Gale Cockrum, Lonnie Cain
13th  Gale Cockrum, Lonnie Cain, Zack Rector
20th  Lonnie Cain, Zack Rector, Brian Rector
27th  Zach Rector, Brian Rector, Nick Rector

Counting Team
6th  Louise Dudley & Hettie Crocker
13th  Carol Cockrum & Brian Rector
20th  Pat Stuhmer & Kim Brown
27th  Mary Atkinson & Jodi Rector

MARK YOUR CALENDARS -- IF YOU CANNOT SERVE ON THE DATE INDICATED, PLEASE TRADE WITH SOMEONE ELSE IN YOUR AREA. If you would like to serve as an Extended Session helper, please fill out the form on the foyer bulletin board.

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Sunday Schedule
9:30a.m. - Bible Study for all
10:40a.m. - Morning Worship

Wednesday Schedule
6:15p.m. - Praise Team
7:00p.m. - Adult Bible Study
             - TeamKID (PreK-6gr)
             - Youth IGNITE
             (7-12 gr)