DECEMBER SERMON SERIES...

**Christmas Begins With Christ**

December 13th
6:00pm

Christmas Play...

*Country-Fried Christmas*

December 13th
6:00pm

December Breakfast
Sunday, Dec 6th, 9am

**Our Christmas Gift to You...**
Pastor & Patricia’s Christmas Open House

Saturday, Dec 19th
6:00-9:00pm
446 S. 7th St., Auburn

Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
Thursday, December 24th
8:00pm
As I was browsing the other day at Family Christian Store a book caught my eye titled, “Christmas Begins with Christ.” The actual word Christmas does begins with Christ, but the whole celebration of Christmas begins with Christ as well. With all of the hype for Black Friday, an outside observer would probably be accurate in saying that what we are really celebrating is consumerism and not Christ’s birthday. Hopefully, for each of us we are truly celebrating that not only does Christmas begin with Christ but our lives begin with and are all about our relationship with Christ and eternal life through Him. Don’t let consumerism and the false notion that you can bring true joy to someone by what you buy them overtake you. Jesus Christ wasn’t born to establish the practice of decorating evergreen trees. Jesus Christ came rather to die upon a tree for our sins. Jesus Christ didn’t come to start an annual holiday of buying gifts for everyone you know. Jesus Christ came to give Himself as the greatest gift ever given. Lead your family to focus on the fact that Christmas and life begin with Christ.

You won’t want to miss “A Country-Fried Christmas” December 13th at 6 pm. Bring some friends with you to enjoy the sharing of the true meaning of Christmas. Take time this month as you send greetings and look at those on your Christmas list to pray for those on your list who have not received the Greatest Gift of all. Bring them to church with you and look for ways to share how Christmas and life begin with Christ. Merry Christmas! I love you and I continue to love being your Pastor.

Joy to the World, the Lord has come!

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If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for the auditorium in memory of a loved one, please complete the bulletin insert and place in the offering plate. $8 each.

Christmas Play…
Country-Fried Christmas
December 13th
6:00pm

and his name shall be called
Wonderful, Counsellor,
The mighty God,
The everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace.

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Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
BECAUSE OF WHO HE IS
... AND BECAUSE YOU GIVE, IMB HELPS CHURCHES SEND MISSIONARIES TO THE BILLIONS WHO HAVE YET TO HEAR.

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It’s Thanksgiving today and in a very short amount of time it will be CHRISTMAS!!! It seems as if at this time of year there is so much we need to accomplish. The list is ENDLESS! We have dinner parties to attend and host. We need to get the Christmas cards purchased, filled out and sent. Finding time to go shopping and purchasing all of the presents for everyone on our list is a real time killer. The house needs to be decorated, inside and out. The church also needs to be decorated. And yes, we need to get everything outside done because it is going to get cold real quick. And don’t forget the Christmas play at Meadowbrook. I could go on and on, but you get the picture. Let us never ever forget the most important thing to do—give of yourself to Jesus. Jesus left Heaven and came into this world for US. He showed US the way. He lived a perfect life and example for US. He gave US the living Word. He died for US. He arose from the dead to give US new life. And He is coming back someday to take US home for all of eternity.

He did so much for US, what are we going to do for HIM? A few examples: spend time in prayer, serve Him by serving others, attend and support Meadowbrook Church, read and memorize scripture, support our Pastor and Deacons, attend your Sunday School class, give your tithes and offerings cheerfully. These are but a few things we can do for HIM. Jesus gave EVERYTHING for US, what are we going to do for Him?

“So faith without works is dead”.

Merry Christmas and may the Good Lord bless you and yours.

Luv Ya’l
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Youth Events Coming Up:
- Dec 6  Breakfast- 9am
- Dec 13  Christmas Play
- Dec 19  Pastor’s Open House
- Dec 20  Youth Party
- Dec 24  Christmas Eve Service

Join us weekly for:

**IGNITE**
Wednesdays- 7pm
Study- “Facing the Giants”

Sundays
**The Gathering**- 9:30am

Youth Christmas Party
Sunday, Dec 20th- 6pm, at the Van Bebber’s. Bring a wrapped gift ($5 or less).

The Lesters & Chosen Ones
in concert at Real Life Church
Springfield
dinner/concert, 6pm
$25 per person
tickets 217-587-2671

**IBSA Tax Seminar- Jan 7th**
Updates on 2016 tax code changes and IRS guidelines for pastors, church treasurers, and finance committees.
IBSA Building, 9am-noon
Contact:
AlexisDumire@IBSA.org
Info: www.IBSA.org/church_health

Coming in March……….
**IRON SHARPENS IRON**
2016 Men’s Conference
8:30am-4:55pm
March 19th in Springfield

Designed to build up and equip men (13yrs & up) for Christ-centered living & on-going discipleship.

Boiler Replacement/ Repair Fund
If God is leading you to give towards this you may do so by putting a donation in the locked box provided in the foyer or mark your offering envelope “Boiler Fund” and place in the offering plate.

Financial News Year-to-Date
As of Nov 28th
Receipts to date- $ 75,772.86
**Needed to date**- $ 91,302.00
Checking Account: $ 3,668.27
Boiler Fund to date: $ 279.00

Thank you for serving with a servant’s heart!

Building Cleaning Sign-up
Sign-up sheet for December & January is on the foyer bulletin board.
Dec 5- Cribbett
Dec 12- Sprague
Dec 19- Z. Rector
Dec 26-_______

To our Family and Friends
**December**
7  Alice Van Bebber
9  Haleigh Brummett
11  Braden Sink
12  Ray Lancaster, Jr.
16  Brooke Longmeyer
17  Carrie McElyea
27  David Van Bebber
29  Brooke Brummett

Please let us know if we have overlooked your birthday. We want to include all of our church family.
Meadowbrook Baptist Church  
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Auburn, Illinois  62615  
Phone: (217) 438-3428  
E-mail: Meadowbrook@royell.org

**Pastor:**  
David L. Van Bebber  
Church: (217) 438-3428  
Cell Phone: (217) 836-9117

**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)

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†Faithful Servants in December†

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**Ushers**  
6th Brian Rector, Nick Rector, Todd Brummett  
13th Nick Rector, Todd Brummett, Moe Stuhmer  
20th Todd Brummett, Moe Stuhmer, Pat Stuhmer  
27th Moe Stuhmer, Pat Stuhmer, Marc Brown

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS -- IF YOU CANNOT SERVE ON THE DATE INDICATED, PLEASE TRADE WITH SOMEONE ELSE. If you would like to serve as an Extended Session helper, please let Pastor know.