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# MEADOWBROOK NEWS

*January 2016*

*Newsletter of Meadowbrook Baptist Church*

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**Pastor:** David Van Bebber

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January Breakfast  
Sunday, Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9am

JANUARY BUSINESS MEETING  
Sunday, Jan 17<sup>th</sup>  
6:00pm

Sunday,  
January 17<sup>th</sup>



Celebrate  
the  
Human Life

JANUARY SERMON SERIES...



Tax Seminar  
January 7

9am-noon @ IBSA

Updates on 2016 tax code changes and IRS guidelines for pastors, church treasurers, and finance committees.

Contact: [AlexisDumire@IBSA.org](mailto:AlexisDumire@IBSA.org)

Info: [www.IBSA.org/curch\\_health](http://www.IBSA.org/curch_health)

*From My Heart  
to Yours  
By Pastor  
David Van Bebber*

Happy Sweet 16! 2016 that is! As we begin this new year of 2016 the significance of the number 16 jumps out at me. On February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 I will officially have two 16 year-olds living in my house. On that day everyone in my family will have a driver's license. If you think about it, 16 is a big mile post in each of our lives, a sort of rite of passage as we receive our driver's licenses. When someone is old enough that they are entrusted with the responsibility of driving a several thousand pound vehicle down the road, that is a pretty important milestone. As I've been thinking about 2016, I have a burden for those born since the year 2000. We live in a much different world than the one in which I grew up in but the basic needs for growth, health and most importantly spiritual are still the same. I want to challenge each one in our congregation to be praying for those who are 16 and under in your lives. Children grow up quickly and not very many children nowadays are getting the spiritual input and direction that they need to experience the life that God wants them to have. Here at Meadowbrook on Wednesday nights we have a large group of kids coming that need the Lord in their lives. I would like for this church to be full on Sunday mornings as well with these and many other children and their families. The current generation that is 16 and under needs us more than ever to reach out to them. Invite children that you know to Sunday School, TeamKID and VBS. Let's reach kids for Christ and be there for them as they grow and develop in Christ!

Have a blessed 2016!  
I love you and I love being your pastor!

## Illinois Leadership Summit

January 26-27  
IBSA Building, Springfield  
Register: [www.IBSA.org/summit](http://www.IBSA.org/summit)  
Contact:  
[BarbTroeger@IBSA.org](mailto:BarbTroeger@IBSA.org)

COMING in FEBRUARY...  
Church Tech Conference  
Feb 20<sup>th</sup> @ IBSA  
Learn how to use technology for outreach and for corporate worship.  
Contact: [CathyWaters@IBSA.org](mailto:CathyWaters@IBSA.org)



Valentine Banquet  
February 14<sup>th</sup>  
6:00pm



Make a commitment to:  
\*worship together as a family each week  
\*pray together  
\*read the Bible together

Al's ½ Note 

2015 is almost in the history books. We can't change anything that has been done in '15 but we can look forward to 2016 with excitement and enthusiasm. Our Father in Heaven sent His one and only Son into the world to show us the way, and in the end, to die on the cross for our sins. This gift of Christ is the greatest gift that has ever, ever been given, and it is the greatest gift we will ever, ever receive. We should never take this gift for granted and put in on a shelf. As we enter this coming year, let us embrace the greatest gift ever given like never before in our lives. When Jesus accomplished everything He was to do, He didn't leave us alone to fend for ourselves. He gave us the Holy Spirit to live, guide and direct our lives. In our Sunday School lesson on Dec 27<sup>th</sup>, we are told that God empowers us through His Spirit. In this coming year, let us live in the power of the Holy Spirit of God. We should embrace this gift and make a commitment to live by the power of God that resides in us to serve and live for Him. ONLY the things that we do for Christ will last for an eternity, the rest will fade away. An opportunity is coming to us in this coming year. What are we going to do with it? May each and every one of us make a commitment to live in the power of the Holy Spirit and to serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

God bless each and every one of you with a greater vision for 2016.

Luv Ya'll  
Al



### Meadowbrook Youth Ministries

#### Youth Events Coming Up:

- Jan 3 Breakfast- 9am
- Jan 6 Youth group resumes

Join us weekly for:



Sundays

**The Gathering-** 9:30am

#### IGNITE

Wednesdays- 7pm



—join us on Wednesday nights at 7pm as we look for answers to this question.

#### Building Cleaning Sign-up

Sign-up sheet for January & February is on the foyer bulletin board.

- Jan 2-
- Jan 9- Gwinn
- Jan 16- T.Brummett
- Jan 23- Gwinn
- Jan 30-

Thank you for serving with a servant's heart!

#### Boiler

#### Replacement/ Repair Fund

Donations may be placed in the locked box in the foyer or mark your offering envelope "Boiler Fund" and place in the offering plate.



for the generous Christmas love offering and expressions of love shown to us. We are truly blessed beyond measure and are so thankful for the love and support from our church family. We love you and pray for each of you daily.

Pastor and Patricia  
Sarah, Rachel, & Bekah

Coming in March.....  
**IRON SHARPENS IRON**  
**2016 Men's Conference**  
 8:30am-4:55pm  
 March 19<sup>th</sup> in Springfield

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



Envelopes are in the pews  
We will continue to collect thru mid January.

#### Financial News Year-to-Date

As of Dec 28 <sup>th</sup>	
Receipts to date-	\$ 84,062.11
<b>Needed to date-</b>	<b>\$ 101,252.00</b>
Checking Account:	\$ 8,335.77
Boiler Fund to date:	\$ 1,404.60
Lottie Moon Offering	\$ 119.00

**Children's Ministry**  
 Sunday School  
 9:30am  
 every Sunday  
 for all ages

Pre-k  
Thru  
6<sup>th</sup> gr



Wednesdays  
7:00-8:00pm

We are needing a helper with the Pre-K thru 1<sup>st</sup> grade group. Please let Lori Jones or Pastor know if you would be willing to help on Wednesday nights from 7-8pm.



To our Family and Friends

#### January

- 2 Henry Dugger
- 2 Michael Dugger
- 2 Austin McElyea
- 6 Pat Silveus
- 8 Dana Beck
- 10 Megan Burtle
- 13 Marg Rebbe
- 21 Rayna Clouse
- 24 Kayla Metcalf
- 26 Alexa Crocker
- 27 Tammy Cribbett

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

†Faithful Servants in January†

Nursery: Babies - Two's

3<sup>rd</sup> Cinda Cain  
10<sup>th</sup> Rachel Van Bebber  
17<sup>th</sup> Sherry Dugger  
24<sup>th</sup> Kristi Lancaster  
31<sup>st</sup>

Three's - Five's

Jordan Beagle  
Stacey Mitkos  
Bekah Van Bebber  
Mary Atkinson  
Jordan Beagle

Security

Brian Rector  
Mike Crocker  
Todd Brummett  
John Cribbett  
Nick Rector

Ushers

3<sup>rd</sup> Pat Stuhmer, Marc Brown, Gale Cockrum  
10<sup>th</sup> Marc Brown, Gale Cockrum, Lonnie Cain  
17<sup>th</sup> Gale Cockrum, Lonnie Cain, Zack Rector  
24<sup>th</sup> Lonnie Cain, Zack Rector, Brian Rector  
31<sup>st</sup> Zack Rector, Brian Rector, Nick Rector

Counting Team

Lonnie Cain & Brian Rector  
Pat Stuhmer & Kim Brown  
Louise Dudley & Jodie Rector  
Mary Atkinson & Hettie Crocker  
Lonnie Cain & Brian Rector

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.

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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)