JANUARY BUSINESS MEETING
Sunday, Jan 17th
6:00pm

JANUARY SERMON SERIES...

January Breakfast
Sunday, Jan 3rd, 9am

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
Info: 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 7th, 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 milestone 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 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
Contact: BarbTroeger@IBSA.org

COMING in FEBRUARY…
Church Tech Conference
Feb 20th @ IBSA
Learn how to use technology for outreach and for corporate worship.
Contact: CathyWaters@IBSA.org

Valentine Banquet
February 14th
6:00pm

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

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 27th, 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 by 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.

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Youth Events Coming Up:
- Jan 3  Breakfast - 9am
- Jan 6  Youth group resumes

Join us weekly for:
- MYM  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.

Thank you 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 19th in Springfield

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

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.

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

Financial News Year-to-Date
As of Dec 28th
Receipts to date-  $ 84,062.11
Needed to date-  $ 101,252.00
Checking Account:  $ 8,335.77
Boiler Fund to date:  $ 1,404.60
Lottie Moon Offering $ 119.00

Pre-k Thru 6th gr

Financial News
Year-to-Date
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.

To our Family and Friends
Nursery: Babies - Two's  Three's - Five's  Security
3rd Cinda Cain  Jordan Beagle  Brian Rector
10th Rachel Van Bebber  Stacey Mitkos  Mike Crocker
17th Sherry Dugger  Bekah Van Bebber  Todd Brummett
24th Kristi Lancaster  Mary Atkinson  John Cribbett
31st  Jordan Beagle  Nick Rector

Faithful Servants in January

Ushers  Counting Team
3rd Pat Stuhmer, Marc Brown, Gale Cockrum  Lonnie Cain & Brian Rector
10th Marc Brown, Gale Cockrum, Lonnie Cain  Pat Stuhmer & Kim Brown
17th Gale Cockrum, Lonnie Cain, Zack Rector  Louise Dudley & Jodie Rector
24th Lonnie Cain, Zack Rector, Brian Rector  Mary Atkinson & Hettie Crocker
31st Zack Rector, Brian Rector, Nick Rector  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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