February Breakfast
Sunday, Feb 7th, 9am

Valentine Banquet
February 14th
6:00pm
Cost- $7.50 per person
Reservations due Wednesday, Feb 10th

Beginning the SERMON SERIES...

Life Begins at the Cross

Men’s Breakfast
Saturday, Feb 27th
8:00am

February 21st

The Lord’s Supper

WOW
WOMEN OF WORTH

Ladies’ Bible Study begins Monday night,
March 14th @ 6:30pm - 6 sessions-
Sign-up sheet is on the foyer bulletin board
Cost- $10 for workbook/journal
“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.” These words and the verses that follow in I Corinthians 13 serve as perhaps one of the most exhaustive and perfect definitions of what love is. The best example of love is found in God sending His One and Only Son to die for us on the Cross. The best directive for how we are to love is found in the new command that Christ gave His followers and that is to “Love one another as I have loved you.” I hope that as you think of Valentine’s Day with its emphasis on love that you will take your lead on love from the Bible and not from the secular society that is basically looking for love in all the wrong places. If you want to know what love is look to the Lord and His unconditional eternal sacrificial love for you and me.

Later this month we will begin our journey towards Easter in our Sunday morning services. Easter comes early this year on March 27th and this is always an excellent time to be reaching out to your friends, family and acquaintances to invite them to worship with you. I hope that you have made a list of people you know that are unchurched or do not know the Lord and are praying for them daily to come to know Him. As you pray, you will find that the Lord will open up opportunities for you to share the Good News of what Jesus has done for you. I appreciate all that you guys are doing to serve the Lord here at Meadowbrook and in our community. We are touching lives with Christ’s love!

I love you and I love being your Pastor!

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

VBS -- July 24-29
If you would like to help with this year’s VBS, please let Patricia know.

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.

REMINDER:
If you brought props for the Christmas play, please check the library for any items that were left after the play.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
John 3:16

Al’s ½ Note

As long as I live, I pray that the good Lord will always keep two things on my heart when Valentine’s Day comes. One is when I met this cute little sweet thing I met in high school. We have been married for 50+ years now and Lord willing, many more. I gave her my heart and even to this day, I try to continue that attitude. The other is my devotion and love to my Lord and Savior. Our Father in Heaven loves us so much that He gave the most precious thing, His Son. And likewise, we should be willing to demonstrate our love for Him in our worship services and also in our daily life. King David, “a man after God’s own heart”, gives us a view point of his admiration for God in Psalm 28:7b “My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to Him in song”. And also in Psalm 81:1- which says “Sing for joy to God our strength, shout aloud to the God of Jacob”. What an attitude to have! Why don’t we have a similar attitude so that our heart leaps for joy to God and sing with joy and shout aloud to Him? What can we do to accomplish this type of affection and intense love for Him? I think if we would follow King David’s example and devote our ALL to Him, things would take a dramatic turn in our lives. Considering all that He has done for us, WHY NOT!!!!!!! May the Lord give us the insight so that we will give more of ourselves to Him and let our heart leap for joy, sing and shout for joy to the King of kings and Lord of lords.

Luv Ya’ll
Al
Youth Events Coming Up:
- Feb 7  Breakfast- 9am
- Feb 14 Valentine Banquet
- Feb 27 Men’s Breakfast

Join us weekly for:
- Sundays
  The Gathering - 9:30am

IGNITE
Wednesdays - 7pm
What’s It All About
—join us on Wednesday nights as we look for answers to this question.

Welcome New Members
Samantha Smith by baptism

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Alex Moore in the loss of her boyfriend Chris.
And to Edna Patton and family in the loss of Charlie.
Please keep these families in your prayers.

Building Cleaning Sign-up
Sign-up sheet for February/March is on the foyer bulletin board.
- Feb 6 - Sherri Dugger
- Feb 13 -
- Feb 20 -
- Feb 27 -

Thank you for serving with a servant’s heart!

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

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.

Financial News Year-to-Date
As of Jan 24th
Receipts to date- $ 5,789.56
Needed to date- $ 7,960.00
Checking Account: $ 5,031.75
Boiler Fund to date: $ 2,377.90
Lottie Moon Offering $ 160.00

To our Family and Friends
February
7  Zach Stuhmer
7  Bekah Van Bebber
8  Sharon Eddings
10  Gale Cockrum
12  Jackie Buckingham
12  Don England
17  Candy Wilson
19  Pat Stuhmer
20  Donna Burton
20  Rachel Van Bebber
24  Josh Sprague

Please let us know if we have overlooked your birthday. We want to include all of our church family.
PASTOR:
David L. Van Bebber
Church: (217) 438-3428
Cell Phone: (217) 836-9117

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

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

**Faithful Servants in February**

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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.