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# MEADOWBROOK NEWS

*January 2017*

*Newsletter of Meadowbrook Baptist Church*

[www.meadowbrookbaptistchurch.org](http://www.meadowbrookbaptistchurch.org)

**Pastor:** David Van Bebber

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New Year's Day Worship- 10:00am  
NO Sunday School or evening activities

Church Breakfast  
January 8<sup>th</sup> 9:00am

**CROSS  
FITNESS**

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
7-8pm

for MEN & WOMEN  
Child care provided

@ Meadowbrook Baptist  
45 min workout/15 min devotional

Come get FIT with your body and your  
relationship with GOD!!

For more info contact Kelsie or Josh Sprague



If you play an instrument, sing, or are interested in technology, we have a place for you. Pray about how you might serve in our worship ministry in the new year. If you have any questions contact Pastor David or Al Crocker.


January  
the SBC Call to Prayer month



**IN ALL THINGS PRAY**

MY FAMILY • MY COMMUNITY • MY CHURCH • MY COUNTRY • MY WORLD

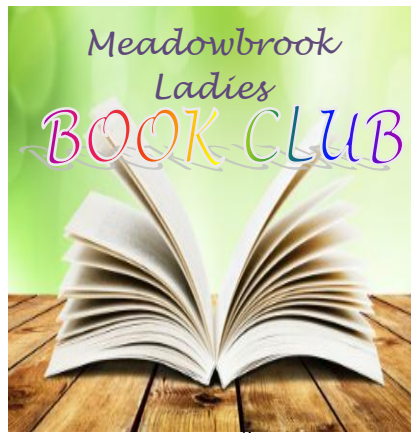
This month-long prayer focus will kick off the new year across the SBC. Acts 1:8 and 2 Chronicles 7:14 steer the focus of the prayer emphasis to individual families, communities, churches, the US, and the world.

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

New Year's Day for many tends to be a day of making decisions we refer to as New Year's Resolutions. Probably the number one resolution I would have to say is losing weight and exercising more. Others might resolve that they are going to budget their money better. Some might simply resolve to spend more time with family and friends. Sadly, many resolutions never get off the runway of life and take flight. But I want to challenge you to make a joint resolution with me and resolve this year of 2017 to raise our voices together in prayer to God as a church. Let us get on the jet plane of prayer together and yield ourselves to the Lord as the Pilot not only of our individual lives but as the Pilot of this plane we call Meadowbrook Baptist Church. Getting on board in prayer will call for faith in the Pilot to guide us where He wants us to go. Now the plane analogy might not be the best analogy, particularly if you have a fear of flying, but still would you be willing to get on board praying with the rest of our congregation for the Lord to empower and direct our church like never before? Folks, 2017 will fly by fast just like last year did. I don't want to fly through another year and not experience God's direction for my life or our church. I want to be and I want our church to be headed where the Lord wants to take us. Please join me in united prayer for our church to be on board with the Lord as our Pilot for 2017. Stay tuned for ways we can join together in united prayer this year. I'm glad I'm on board with you and the Lord on the Meadowbrook plane.

I love you and I love being your Pastor!

Let us pray in 2017!



Monday, Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm  
@ Kaye Rector's

Illinois Leadership Summit  
January 24-25  
IBSA Building

Cost: FREE, however advance registration is required. Tuesday dinner & Wednesday lunch are included.

Large group collectives featuring Mac Lake, leadership expert from the North American Mission Board, and small group intensives where leaders will be inspired to go to the next level in their development. For more information or to register go to [IBSA.org/Summit](http://IBSA.org/Summit) or contact [BarbTroeger@IBSA.org](mailto:BarbTroeger@IBSA.org) or (217)391-3138.

**Sanctity of  
Human Life  
Sunday**

January 22<sup>nd</sup>

**AI's ½ Note** 

Only a couple of days left for the year 2016, then 2017. Now we can look forward to the endless possibilities that lie before us in this coming New Year.

How do we make the determination of what we should accomplish in the coming time frame? What is the most important? What are the different aspects and desires of my family that should be the focus? Am I going to be financially able to afford all of these desires in my family's life? We never know what's going to happen next year. Will there be health surrounding me or, will this new year bring lots of unexpected issues that will drain our finances? How do we prepare for things that MAY or MAY NOT happen? There's an endless possibility of potential things coming head on at the speed of light. How do we prepare for that???????

Well, the Bible has the answer!!!! Jesus tells us beginning with Matthew 6:25 not to worry or be overly concerned about all of the tomorrows. He tells us that GOD will provide all of our necessary NEEDS. He provides for the birds of the air and even the flowers. He continues to tell us that the pagans worry about what they will eat and drink, about food and clothing. But OUR Heavenly Father knows all of our needs. Then Jesus makes this profound statement that we need to use as a guiding light: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all of these (other) things will be given to you. Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." This sounds really simple--allow GOD to take care of us. Yes, we can still look ahead and make plans, but we need to allow God to be the determining factor in all things. Starting this new year, let us prioritize everything according to His will, not ours. Let us worship, pray, be faithful, work, give and live according to HIS will. HE is GOD and we are NOT! The Good Lord died for US. He bought and paid for US. We belong to HIM and may we always remember that.  
AMEN and AMEN!

Luv ya'll  
AI



Meadowbrook Youth Ministries

Youth Events Coming Up:

- Jan 1 Worship- 10am
- Jan 4 Youth Group- 7pm
- Jan 8 Breakfast- 9am

Join us weekly for:



The Gathering  
Sundays 9:30am

IGNITE

Wednesdays- 7pm



—join us on Wednesday nights as we look for answers.

Baptist Foundation of Illinois Scholarship Application

<http://baptistfoundationil.org/education-scholarships/>

Scholarships are available for those who are pursuing associate, bachelor or seminary degrees.  
Deadline- January 31<sup>st</sup>



Our Deepest Sympathy

to Richard Van Bebber and family in the loss of his brother this past month.



Sunday School  
9:30am  
every Sunday  
for all ages

\*\*\*Sunday School teacher needed for Pre-K thru Kindergarten. Contact Pastor David if interested.

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



Wednesdays at 7:00pm



Coming in February...

Valentine Banquet  
Feb 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm

CHURCH TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE- Feb 18<sup>th</sup>  
IBSA Building  
8:30am-1:30pm  
Cost- \$10 (includes lunch)

If you are interested in helping with technology &/or sound this conference may be for you. It will provide training in many areas of technology. Let Pastor know if interested.

Building Cleaning Sign-up

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

Thank you for serving with a servant's heart!

Financial News Year-to-Date

As of Dec 28<sup>th</sup>

<b>Needed to date-</b>	<b>\$ 103,507.00</b>
Receipts to date-	\$ 80,971.51
Checking Account:	\$ 460.21
Boiler Fund to date:	\$ 9,971.04

Boiler

Replacement/ Repair Fund

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

HAPPY Birthday

To our Family and Friends

January

- 2 Henry Dugger
- 2 Michael Dugger
- 2 Austin McElyea
- 8 Dana Beck
- 10 Megan Burtle
- 13 Marg Rebbe
- 24 Kayla Metcalf
- 26 Alexa Crocker
- 27 Tammy Cribbett
- 31 Elissa Dolbeare

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

NOTICE: If you brought items/props for the Christmas play, please pick them up from the library table.

†Faithful Servants in January†

Nursery: Babies - Two's

1<sup>st</sup> Kristi Lancaster  
 8<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
 15<sup>th</sup> Cinda Cain  
 22<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
 29<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Three's - Five's

Stacey Mitkos  
 Bekah Van Bebber  
 Sherri Dugger  
 Bekah Van Bebber

Security

Nick Rector  
 Lonnie Cain  
 Josh Brummett  
 Zack Rector  
 Terry Silveus

Ushers

1<sup>st</sup> Pat Stuhmer, Marc Brown, Lonnie Cain  
 8<sup>th</sup> Marc Brown, Lonnie Cain, Zack Rector  
 15<sup>th</sup> Lonnie Cain, Zack Rector, Brian Rector  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Zack Rector, Brian Rector, Nick Rector  
 29<sup>th</sup> Brian Rector, Nick Rector, Todd Brummett

Counting Team

Louise Dudley & Sarah Brummett  
 Jodi Rector & Hettie Crocker  
 Brian Rector & Josh Sprague  
 Kim Brown & Kristi Lancaster  
 Louise Dudley & Sarah Brummett

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

6:00p.m. - Evening Service

**Wednesday Schedule**

6:15p.m. - Praise Team

7:00p.m. - Adult Bible Study

- TeamKID (PreK-6gr)

- Youth IGNITE

(7-12 gr)