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

**Church Breakfast**
- January 8th
- 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

**January the SBC Call to Prayer month**

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.

**Worship Ministry**

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.
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 our Pilot for 2017. Let us pray in 2017!

I love you and I love being your Pastor! Let us pray in 2017!

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.

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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 it itself. But the Lord delights in those who put their trust in Him. He provides for the birds of the air and even the flowers. Matthew 6:30-34 There is an endless possibility of potential things that MAY or MAY NOT happen. Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Do not 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

Al
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 31st

Financial News Year-to-Date
As of Dec 28th
Needed to date - $103,507.00
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.

Valentine Banquet
Feb 12th, 5:30pm

*Sunday School teacher needed for Pre-K thru Kindergarten. Contact Pastor David 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!

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.

**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

**Pre-k Thru 6th gr**
Wednesdays at 7:00pm

**Embrace the Fresh Beginning God Wants to Give You.**
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.