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# MEADOWBROOK NEWS

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*Newsletter of Meadowbrook Baptist Church*

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As students and teachers return to school on Aug 18<sup>th</sup>, let's make it a priority to pray for them. Administrators, teachers, staff, bus drivers, and students all need to be lifted up in prayer each day. Send a note to your child's teacher letting them know you are praying for them.

Prov 22:6; 27:17

What's going on in Children's Ministry?

**TRANSFORMING  
REAL KIDS *into*  
REAL FOLLOWERS  
of JESUS CHRIST**

Informational meeting for anyone interested in helping with our Children's Department.

Sunday, Aug 20<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00pm

Be a part of what God is going to do in the lives of our children!

*Fellowship, food & fun*  
**CHURCH**  
*Picnic*  
**at the church**

Sunday  
Aug 13<sup>th</sup>  
6:00pm

Bring picnic foods to share and lawn chairs. We will provide the drinks, plates & plasticware.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
*Make the Connection*  
as we grow together in Christ

There's a place for everyone of all ages!

**Promotion Sunday in the  
Children's Department is  
Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>  
9:30am**

Quarterly Business Meeting  
Sunday, Aug 20<sup>th</sup>  
6:00pm

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



What an awesome week of Vacation Bible School we had! I can't thank everyone enough for the team effort that it took. We had 31 workers helping each night and all 31 were definitely needed and did a superb job of ministering and reaching out to the 124 children we had enrolled in VBS. I also want to thank all of those who donated refreshments and passed out the VBS flyers. Everyone put in a lot of hard work to make Vacation Bible School a success. Most of all I give praise to the Lord Jesus Christ for working powerfully in our midst.

Reaching kids for Christ takes a team effort and is worth it. One night as I stood there a woman in her early thirties had brought her children and was talking about how much she enjoyed coming to VBS at Meadowbrook every year when she was growing up and now she was bringing her children here as well. When we minister to children and reach out to them we are reaching out to whole families and to kids who will one day grow up to be moms and dads who will hopefully get their children involved in church as well. VBS involves much work but it is worth it. We as a church put a lot of effort together into reaching kids that week, but imagine the impact we could have on reaching children and their families throughout the year. It takes a team effort. We need folks that will help with Children's Sunday School and others who can pick up kids for Sunday School and TeamKID. On Sunday night August 20<sup>th</sup> at 5 I will be hosting an informational forum on how we can work together to reach kids.

As always I love you and I love being your Pastor!

## GALACTIC THANK YOU!!!



Thank you! Thank you!  
Thank you!

Meadowbrook has the best VBS staff around! We had 31 plus individuals helping, teaching, providing snacks, etc. The spirit and cohesiveness of this group is such a blessing! Thank you to everyone who volunteered and gave up each evening to minister to all these children. We enrolled 124 children and 31 workers with an average attendance of 114, and the Lord blessed with 10 professions of faith.

**PRAISE THE LORD!!!**  
What an awesome week we had at VBS!

**Associational Picnic  
@ Rochester Park  
Sunday, Aug 27<sup>th</sup>  
5:00-7:00pm**

### Al's ½ Note

Years ago we had a thing called "full-service" gas stations. When you would drive up the attendant would come and service your car. He would begin by filling or dispensing the amount of gas you

desired. You could have him "fill-er-up" or request a smaller amount. Gas back then was under a quarter. I personally remember gas prices being in the teens. The attendant would wash your windshield, check the oil and then if requested, check the tire pressure. He did all of these things to make sure your car would be in excellent condition and able to perform your needs and desires without complications.

Today we have "self-service-with-a-smile". What a change! Back then, you would have to keep an eye on the gauges in between the stops at the station for any possible problems. Today, our car can talk to us, "make a legal u turn as soon as possible" or "you have only fifty miles of gas left, proceed to the nearest fuel station". Coming home the other night, the Terrain notified me of a low tire. WOW! What a change! What we need today is a built-in gauge on us to notify of when we are running low and need a spiritual recharge. Know what? We do. It's the Holy Spirit. The problem is we don't listen very well. We have more than an ample amount of opportunities to have our batteries given a boost for the upcoming week. We can get our physical gas tanks filled up, ready for whatever comes our way. We can get our eyes opened like cleaning the windshield to foresee anything that might hinder or slow down our witness. We need to get re-energized each and every opportunity that is available. We need to have our physical tire pressure correct to make it through whatever comes our way. If there was tire pressure or gas gauge and an indicator of poor visibility implanted on each and every one of us, what would yours say? Would your gauges say everything is fine? Or would they say, windshield is dirty making adequate visibility impossible. Tire pressure and fuel are at dangerous levels, you won't make it. My we listen to the Lord's Spirit. Come and get recharged. Your gas and batteries are low.

Luv Yall  
Al



### Meadowbrook Youth Ministries

#### Youth Events Coming Up:

- Aug 6 Breakfast- 9am
- Aug 13 Church-wide picnic
- Aug 23 Back-to-School Pizza Party- 7pm

Join us weekly for:



**The Gathering**  
Sundays 9:30am

#### IGNITE

Wednesdays- 7:00pm  
beginning Aug 30<sup>th</sup>



"What's the Big Deal?"



When planning your fall activities, make sure to schedule time for God! Put God first and everything else will fall in to place.

### POWERLIGHT-FEST Sunday, Aug 20<sup>th</sup>

**Illinois State Fair  
Lincoln Stage**

- Adelaide- 4:15pm
- Tori Harper- 5:45pm
- Hawk Nelson- 6:30pm
- Tenth Avenue North- 8:00pm



Sunday School for all ages  
every Sunday- 9:30am



Pre-k thru 6<sup>th</sup> gr  
Wednesdays at 7:00pm  
beginning September 6<sup>th</sup>

### HELP WANTED!



If you are interested in volunteering with our Children's Ministry please attend the informational meeting on Aug 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. Volunteers are always welcome & needed in Sunday School, Sunday Worship Extended Session, and Wednesday TeamKID.



**"See the World  
As God Sees It"**  
Sept 30<sup>th</sup>  
IBSA Building, Springfield

For kids in grades 1-6  
Cost- \$15 per person (includes lunch and t-shirt, & special resources for leaders)  
Register: [IBSA.ORG/KIDS](http://IBSA.ORG/KIDS)



### Donations for School Supplies

There is a list of items needed posted on the foyer bulletin board. Also is a list by grade level if you would like to fill a complete backpack. These can be dropped off in the box in the church foyer. Thank you for considering the Auburn School District.

### HAPPY Birthday

*To our Family and Friends*

#### August

- 4 Adam Rector
- 4 Dorothy Seppi
- 5 John Cribbett
- 8 Connie Gwinn
- 13 Heather Brummett
- 14 Jordan Beagle
- 17 Leryn Rector
- 18 Eleyna Brummett
- 20 Barry Kumler
- 21 Cash Rector
- 23 Al Crocker
- 24 Heather Hall
- 28 Dee Figgee
- 30 Josh Brummett

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

### Mowing & Building Cleaning Sign-up

Sign-up sheets for are on the foyer bulletin board. Thank you for serving with a servant's heart!

#### Financial News Year-to-Date

As of July 29<sup>th</sup>

<b>Needed to date-</b>	<b>\$ 59,700.00</b>
Receipts to date-	\$ 47,782.10
Checking Account:	\$ 373.86
Boiler Fund to date:	\$ 12,761.62

†Faithful Servants in August†

Nursery: Babies - Two's

6<sup>th</sup> Cinda Cain  
13<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
20<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
27<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Three's - Five's

Stacey Mitkos  
Kristi Lancaster  
Sherri Dugger  
Bekah Van Bebber

Security

Nick Rector  
Lonnie Cain  
Josh Brummett  
Zack Rector

Ushers

6<sup>th</sup> Moe Stuhmer, Pat Stuhmer, Marc Brown  
13<sup>th</sup> Pat Stuhmer, Marc Brown, Lonnie Cain  
20<sup>th</sup> Marc Brown, Lonnie Cain, Zack Rector  
27<sup>th</sup> Lonnie Cain, Zack Rector, Brian Rector

Counting Team

Kim Brown & Kristi Lancaster  
Louise Dudley & Sarah Brummett  
Jodi Rector & Hettie Crocker  
Brian Rector & Pat Stuhmer

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

- Youth IGNITE