
MEADOWBROOK NEWS

December 2017

Newsletter of Meadowbrook Baptist Church

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Pastor: David Van Bebber

Meadowbrook Christmas Play.....



Sunday, December 17th
6:00pm

Cookies and punch afterwards



Week of Prayer
for International Missions
December 3-10




Our Christmas gift to you

Christmas Eve Services...



NO Sunday School
Morning Worship Service- 10:40
Candlelight Service- 8:00pm

Church-wide Breakfast
Sunday, December 3rd
9:00am

*From My Heart
to Yours*

*By Pastor
David Van Belder*

What do you want for Christmas? Years ago I ran across an old photograph of me sitting on Santa's lap with my two older brothers looking on. I was probably only one year old and I am bawling my eyes out wondering who in the world is holding me. I imagine the guy in the red suit and fake beard had asked me what I wanted for Christmas. I'm sure I didn't have a clue about what he was saying and probably wasn't the least bit interested. You and I are way too old to sit on the laps of shopping mall Santas to tell them what we want for Christmas. But if I were to ask you what you want for Christmas, what would that be? Now think about it for a moment. What is it that you really want for Christmas? Is it really that new vehicle, or outfit, or some new piece of technology? Or, is there something money can't buy that you really want and more importantly need? Asking what I really want and need is a very important question. Are you longing for peace, hope, fulfillment, joy, direction, purpose, or a general sense of satisfaction? I am convinced that what we really need can't be bought in a store or online, but can only be found in the true Gift of Christmas which is Jesus Christ. When you want Christ and what He wants for you, you will have all you really need!

Please make plans to attend our production of "Christmas Flight 1225" on December 17th at 6pm, Christmas Eve worship service at 10:40 AM, and the candlelight service at 8 PM.

Merry Christmas! I love you and I love being your Pastor!



If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for the auditorium in memory/honor of a loved one, please complete the bulletin insert and place in the offering plate along with \$6/plant.



SUNDAY SCHOOL
Make the Connection

as we grow together in
Christ while building
relationships with one another.

There's a place for everyone
of all ages!

*and his name shall be called
Wonderful,
Counsellor,
The mighty God,
The everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace.*



Al's ½ Note

We are done with Thanksgiving except the leftovers, and they will be here only a short while. Mayhem started a while back with all of our shopping, and has peaked this last weekend. But, it's not over yet. Our lists of gifts are waiting to be finished. Preparation for Christmas is well underway with many avenues left to be fulfilled. I have addressed in the past of giving the Greatest Gift you may give someone- the gift of Jesus. He is the best gift we can give someone. It keeps on giving throughout eternity. And the gift of Jesus will never be surpassed by anyone or anything.

How about each and every one of us giving a different gift this year? If this gift is given, it will blossom like a beautiful flower. It will grow to unimaginable heights beyond our wildest dreams or comprehension. The gift I am referring to is US. We need to give ourselves to Jesus. He has done so much for us in the past, now in the present, and He is working on the future. Many, many books have been written about all that Jesus Christ has done for us. Why not give ourselves completely to Him. Week after week we sing such songs as: "I give myself away so you can use me", "I Surrender All", and many more. Are we giving ourselves to Him on a daily, hourly, and minute basis? He deserves our all, 100% of us 100% of the time. Just think of what could be accomplished in our church, community and nation, and continue to grow to epic proportions.

This coming New Year, why don't we give ourselves as a gift to Jesus so He can use us according to His will and not ours? I guarantee this will be a gift that we will never ever regret.

Merry Christmas and God bless you and yours.

Luv Ya'll
Al



Meadowbrook Youth Ministries

Join us weekly for:

The Gathering
Sundays 9:30am

IGNITE

Wednesdays- 7:00pm

Youth Events Coming Up:

- Dec 3 Breakfast- 9am
- Dec 13 Youth Party
- Dec 17 Christmas Play
- Dec 20 NO Youth Group
- Dec 22 Pastor's Open House
- Dec 24 Morning Service- 10:40am
Candlelight Service- 8:00pm
- Jan 3 Youth Group resumes



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



Pre-k thru 6th gr

Wednesdays at 7:00pm

****NOTE:** no TeamKID
Wednesday, Dec 20th & Dec 27th



If you are interested in volunteering with our Children's Ministry please contact Pastor. Volunteers are always needed in Sunday School, Nursery, Sunday Worship Extended Session, Wednesday TeamKID, & special events.

HAPPY Birthday

To our Family and Friends

December

- 7 Alice Van Bebber
- 9 Haleigh Brummett
- 12 Ray Lancaster
- 16 Brook Longmeyer
- 17 Carrie McElyea
- 27 David Van Bebber

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

Boiler update...

The new boiler has been installed. PRAISE THE LORD!!! The remainder of the money raised will be applied towards the cost of replacing the A/C on the educational wing. If you feel led to continue giving towards the Boiler/AC fund please mark your check/envelope "Boiler/AC. Thank you for giving above and beyond.

New youth study beginning Wednesday January 3rd – "Facing Your GIANTS"



Wednesday, Dec 13th
7-8pm

Bring a \$3 gift for the gift exchange.



Building Cleaning Sign-up

Volunteers are needed to clean the building once a month. If you have questions contact Pastor. Sign-up sheet is on the foyer bulletin board. Thank you for serving with a servant's heart!

Financial News Year-to-Date

As of Nov 26th

Needed to date-	\$ 95,529.00
Received to date-	\$ 80,239.40
Checking Account:	\$ 8,209.67
Boiler Fund to date:	\$ 13,958.23

†**Faithful Servants in December†**

Nursery: Babies - Two's

3rd Cinda Cain
10th _____
17th Cinda Cain
24th _____
31st Cinda Cain

Three's - Five's

Kristi Lancaster
Stacey Mitkos
Bekah Van Bebber
Sherri Dugger
Bekah Van Bebber

Security

John Cribbett
Nick Rector
Lonnie Cain
Josh Brummett
Zack Rector

Ushers

3rd Lonnie Cain, Pat Stuhmer, Mike Crocker
10th Pat Stuhmer, Mike Crocker, John Cribbett
17th Mike Crocker, John Cribbett, Zack Rector
24th John Cribbett, Zack Rector, Brian Rector
31st Zack Rector, Brian Rector, Nick Rector

Counting Team

Louise Dudley & Sarah Brummett
Jodi Rector & Hettie Crocker
Brian Rector & Pat Stuhmer
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

- Youth IGNITE