

The Connection

19 JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER

"SIR, WE WISH TO SEE JESUS"

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There are several reasons that the church is losing the next generation. Unfortunately, much of the decline is a direct result of fathers who have failed to model to their children what a true disciple of Christ is really like. This results in children who don't really see a compelling reason to be a part of something which their parents approached with such indifference. That's the bad news. The good news is that there are fathers who are going against this trend. They are seeking to show Jesus to their children. My father attempted to do this to my older brother, younger sister, and me. We lived on a farm about 25 kilometers from school, and since we didn't have a bus that came out that far, Dad would drive us to school every day before he went to work as a truck driver. We would usually talk about this and that on the trip to school, but if the conversation ever waned, it wouldn't be long before he would start to sing. The chorus he would sing the most was, "' Jesus, ' O how sweet the name! / ' Jesus, ' ev'ry day the same; / ' Jesus, ' let all saints proclaim / Its worthy praise forever." Such a small thing had a great impact on our lives as his children. It was but one way he showed that Christ was a pretty important part of his life. In John 12, certain Greeks came to Philip, one of Jesus' disciples, with this request, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Our children will probably never make this request, but this is their great need. Fathers, on this Father's Day, may we each commit anew to showing Jesus to our children by how we live, what we

consider important, and what comes readily to our lips in the course of everyday conversation. May you have a blessed Father's Day this Sunday!



The main service (including congregational singing) will take place in the auditorium. Overflow will be in the gym (no singing allowed). If you desire to watch the service from your home, please go to the front page of our website and click the link that will join you to our live service or the recording of it to follow.

JUNE 21, 2020

Father's Day

CALL TO WORSHIP

"TO GOD BE THE GLORY"

"O WORSHIP THE KING"

PRAYER

VOCAL DUET

"YOU ARE ALWAYS GOOD"

CHILDREN'S STORY

"HE WILL HOLD ME FAST"

MESSAGE: "PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL

FATHER" LUKE 15:1-32

"AMAZING GRACE"

PRAYER

When I enter Heaven's glory
And I see my Savior's face,
I will offer Him ten thousand years of praise.
Then I'll find that special one
In whose life I saw God's Son,
And thru tears of joy with trembling lips these words
I'll say:
I saw Jesus in you.
I could hear His voice in the words you said-
I saw Jesus in you.
In your eyes I saw His care,
I could see His love was there.
You were faithful,
And I saw Jesus in you.

-Ron Hamilton

WELCOME

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

REMINDER:

- **This Sunday, June 21: No Sunday evening class (Father's Day)**
- **Sunday, June 28: 6 PM in auditorium (Last class for the summer)**

Audio recordings will be posted on our website as usual. No registration required.



WEDNESDAY PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY 7 PM

No registration is necessary. We will meet in the auditorium. In addition, you may also participate in a Zoom group that will follow the same format at the same time (Please email kwilliams@meadowlandsbaptist.com for a Zoom invitation). For our Bible study we will discuss the following questions that relate to the Sunday morning sermon:

LUKE 15:1-32

1. What are the similarities and differences between the three parables in Luke 15?
2. Describe the younger son (Luke 15:12-21).
3. Describe the older son (Luke 15:25-32).
4. Describe the father (Luke 15:20-32).
5. The wayward son is described as "prodigal" (Luke 15:13). Can the father's behavior also be described as "prodigal"?
6. How does the parable in Luke 15:11-32 relate to the audience Jesus is addressing (Luke 15:1-3)?
7. In what ways are all lost sinners represented by one of these two sons?

RE-OPENING UPDATE

We desire unity for our church as we move forward with plans to re-gather. We realize there is a range of differing opinions in our congregation on what this looks like; therefore, we want to continue to minister to everyone in a way that matches each one's comfort level. We ask for patience and grace as we make adjustments throughout the summer. With prayerful consideration, the church leadership presents the following for re-opening:

General Guidelines:

- There is no limit to the number of people allowed for a worship service.
- Physical distancing of 2 metres should be maintained between congregants unless members of the same household.
- Congregants must not attend if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms (cough, fever, runny nose, sore throat, short of breath).
- Refrain from shaking hands, hugging, touching, passing items between people, using hymnbooks, passing offering plates, etc.
- Nursery is not permitted. Young children should remain with parents.

Our Plan:

- Begin on Father's Day, Sunday, June 21 with only one service: 10:30 am.
- The main service will take place in the auditorium, and overflow will be in the gym.
- The service in the auditorium will be video live streamed for folks at home and in the gym.
- The auditorium and gym chairs will be arranged with rows two metres apart.
- The service in the auditorium will include congregational singing.
- The service in the gym will NOT include congregational singing (humming allowed). Those not wanting to sing or be around singing should go to the gym.
- Children are welcome, but there will be no nursery or children's classes. A children's story will be included as part of the Sunday morning worship service.
- Main doors, school doors, and gym doors will be available for entry and exit.
- Hand sanitation stations will be placed at all entry/exit points.
- Face masks may be worn but will not be required. Available upon request at the Information Desks.
- Only the main floor will be accessible; second and third floors will be closed.
- All main floor washrooms will be available.
- A receptacle for giving will be available outside the church office and in the gym. Giving online will continue to be available.



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GIVING

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PRAYER REQUESTS

In the newsletter, we try to include submitted prayer requests from those in our church family who want to share their requests in this format. Requests may be emailed to info@meadowlandsbaptist.com by Thursdays at noon.

- Diane Burdett's son, Steven, is homeless. Pray that he finds the Lord, comes off the streets, and repents of his lifestyle.
- Several of our senior citizens are in assisted living homes and isolated from their friends and families.
- Laura Cook's dad has possible skin cancer on his head and her sister, Lee, is going through chemo treatments for breast cancer.
- John Petkau is requesting prayer for his uncle, Peter, who was just diagnosed with lung cancer.