

the Connection

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AN IMPOSSIBLE STANDARD?

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At one time or another, everyone has been given a task that seemed impossible to complete or a goal that seemed impossible to meet. By God's common grace and with guidance from a teacher, a mentor or a boss, what seemed impossible eventually became possible and the goal that seemed to be set way too high was eventually reached. Believers are instructed in God's Word, "He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked (1 John 2:6)." Impossible! How is a believer who struggles so much with his flesh supposed to live like his sinless Savior? Unfortunately, many recognize the magnitude of such a prospect and give up. For them, their Christian walk becomes nothing more than a downstream float, and Satan deceives them into thinking that they are living up to Scripture's standard. How is one to live as Jesus lived when they are constantly coming face to face with their own sinfulness? That dilemma is actually addressed a few verses earlier. "My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous (1 John 2:1)." Sinlessness on this side of heaven is an impossible standard to live up to. So how are believers to obey this admonition? Simply put, it is faithful obedience that meets the standard set by John in verse six. A life of obedience is an attainable goal for every Christian. A good God would never give His children an unbearable burden under which to live. By His grace and in His strength, every believer can live an obedient life for God's glory.

“To be entirely safe from the devil's snares the man of God must be completely obedient to the Word of the Lord. A.W. Tozer”

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM

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.](#)

JULY 26, 2020

- CALL TO WORSHIP
- "THE SOLID ROCK"
- "MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE"
- "I LOVE YOU, LORD"
- PRAYER
- "HIS MERCY IS MORE"
- CHILDREN'S STORY
- "FACE TO FACE"
- MESSAGE: "EVIDENCES OF CONVERSION"
1 JOHN PASTOR BUD TALBERT
- "MY FAITH HAS FOUND A RESTING PLACE"
- PRAYER



WEDNESDAY PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY 7 PM

This service takes place 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).



Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail,
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

KEITH GETTY & STUART TOWNEND



*This is love, that we
walk according to
His commandments*

2 John 6

MISSIONARY UPDATE

Even though the pandemic has changed so much in a very short time, we know that God never changes.

The plans for us to move to South Australia are a bit up in the air at the moment, understandably. Before all of the pandemic stuff, our plan was to see our son Daniel get married to Alesha near the end of July and then go in August. Through counselling from

myself and Alesha's father, they decided to get married on April 4th at an immediate-family-only wedding in Athabasca, AB! So as far as moving to Australia goes, we are now free to go as soon as possible, but is not that easy with all of the regulations, and closures of borders.

Australia says it will allow its citizens back and their immediate family. While looking into the visa and then the flights, we found out that my visa from last year may still be valid through 26th of September, but our immigration agent is verifying that, and finding that I am "not in the system," but he suspects it is just a "system hiccup." We would appreciate your prayers for these matters – the securing of the visa and finding flights that will actually travel, plus the expenses for them.

Fortunately, Open Door Baptist is quite content to have me stay as long as possible, and not ushering me out the "open door" just yet. I have been working with the deacons to find God's next man to lead this lovely church, and have received a few resumes, rejected some and prayerfully considering one at the moment. Please pray for the next pastor for this church.



Chris & Glenda Hammond minister at Open Door Baptist Church in Saskatoon, SK. Meadowlands has supported them since 2010.

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GIVING

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- Laura Cook's sister, Lee, is going through chemo treatments for breast cancer.
- Nell Popowich completed her last radiation treatment and is able to go home.
- Dale Bevan has ongoing health needs.
- Scott Young's mom is at Good Samaritan Southgate Care facility. Please pray for her protection from Covid.
- Gertrude Ruttich, Gabriele Henze's mom, is at home, being cared for by the Henzes. She is very weak.

"Thank you for your prayers for our granddaughter, Isla Grace. She has passed and cleared many tests and is doing remarkably well, by the grace of God. She is supposed to be able to go home this weekend." Pastor Jerry and Lori

BABY SHOWER FOR CHRIS & CINDY BURDETT AND BABY ZANDER: JULY 27

WAYS TO GIVE:

- Drop off a gift at the church office.
- Give toward a collective gift card by dropping off a donation or e-transferring it to custom@meadowlandsbaptist.com.
- See Sincere Hearts Facebook page for gift ideas and details.

Guidelines for in-person gatherings may be found on our website.
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