


# the Connection

09 OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER



"A Christian is gratified by that for which he is grateful. Of all the things he should fear in his life, the greatest is that as life goes on he should forget to be grateful. Ingratitude...poisons like nothing else a relationship between parent and child, between friend and friend, and between man and his Maker. There is nothing that sweetens a life like gratitude."

## GRATEFUL FOR SALVATION

WRITTEN BY JERRY ASCHER

In his book, *Mood Tides: Divine Purpose in the Rhythms of Life*, Ron Horton writes these poignant thoughts on thankfulness in the quote above. I have to admit that it's pretty easy to be thankful when life seems to be going my way in every respect. I would expect that would be the case for most people. But we understand that "rhythms of life" often bring hardships and troubles. One of the hardest things believers face is to be thankful during those times. We are familiar with Paul's instruction, "In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." (1 Thess. 5:18) But how is one supposed to give thanks in the face of job loss, economic crisis, family trials, or sickness? How is one supposed to keep from losing heart in these times? How can one continue to hope in God when things seem so hopeless? In difficult times, it's fitting to be reminded that the overwhelming problems we face in this life pale in comparison to man's sin problem which caused Jesus to come to earth and die on the cross for our salvation. Paul was correct in writing, "He Who did not spare His Own Son but delivered Him up for us all, how

shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" (Rom. 8:32) Perhaps you and I struggle so much with our thankfulness in hard times because we aren't as grateful to God for our salvation as we should be. Nothing should make us more thankful than that, and may this thankfulness show forth and be evident in the midst of any trials God chooses to bring into our lives.





THANKSGIVING WORSHIP  
SERVICE 9:30 OR 11 AM

GIVE  
THANKS  
&  
SING

In-person services will take place in the auditorium (moderate singing) and the gymnasium (no singing). Live streaming is still available . Due to restrictions, nurseries are unavailable at this time, but classes will be available for ages 2-3 for each of the services. All other Sunday school classes, Adult Fellowship Groups and the evening service are cancelled.

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

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

This year our traditional sacrificial offering will go toward two items: mortgage debt reduction (presently at 44K) and a special gift for our MBC missionaries (to be divided evenly). You can send an e-transfer to donations@meadowlandsbaptist.com or you can use an offering envelope and deposit in the giving receptacle in the church foyer. Make sure to indicate your intentions clearly for each transaction. (Any offering that is not specifically designated will go toward our general fund.)



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- "SING PRAISE TO GOD WHO REIGNS ABOVE"
- "GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS"
- PRAYER
- MATTHEW 26:1-29
- "HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US"
- MATTHEW 26:30-56
- "I PLEAD FOR GRACE"
- PRAYER OF CONFESSION
- MATTHEW 26:57-75
- "ROCK OF AGES"
- "THE OLD RUGGED CROSS"
- MATTHEW 27:1-25
- MATTHEW 27:26-50
- "LEAD ME TO CALVARY"
- MATTHEW 27:51-66
- THE LORD'S SUPPER
- MATTHEW 28
- "O WORSHIP THE KING"

WEDNESDAY PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY/KIDS 4 TRUTH 7 PM

Children's classes for ages 4 to grade 6 are available. Adults and teens meet in the auditorium for Bible study and prayer.





**MISSIONARY UPDATE:  
KRIS & MARIOLA KOLT, POLAND**

Hello from Poland! We are so privileged to have you and to know you as our supporting church. We appreciate your prayers and your support and your help. August marked 10 years since we started our ministry in Poland. We had booked a week of camp this summer in beautiful Zakopane (the Polish Rockies) and another camp in Northern Poland at the lake. In March we met with all the leaders of camp Genesis and we were very excited about all our plans. Unfortunately due to Covid-19, we were not able to hold the camp at the lake and we thought we would have to cancel our camp in Zakopane as well. However, we talked with the facility owners and they said the whole site would be empty the entire week. We

called the parents of the children who had signed up for this camp and offered to host camp for them along with their children. We filled up the entire facility with these families and it turned into a family camp. We had a great time and studied God's Word every morning and every evening. Many families encouraged us with their requests to have a family camp every summer. We have some faculty signed up for next year and we booked 2 weeks at this beautiful location for next year and we are now hoping to hold camps for both children and families next year. Due to the Covid-19 situation, our preschools were closed down in March. Thankfully we found ways to still teach these children online and we opened our preschools again in May with very few children (12 out of more than 100). But the number of children has grown and thankfully we have had no incidents of the virus in our schools since we opened. We started at full capacity on September 1.

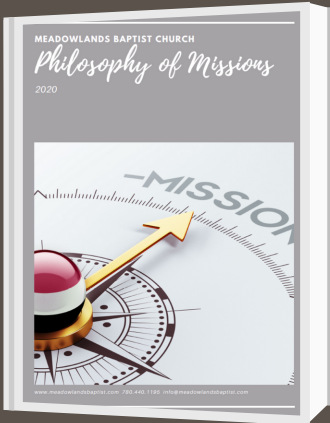
**SOME PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- Summer Camps
- Church Family to be salt and light in the community and find ways to share the Gospel
- Preschools: Our numbers are down a little which will have a financial impact on our school.
- Teachers: Pray that the Lord would use them as they have opportunities to share Christ with the children and families



**MBC PHILOSOPHY OF MISSIONS BOOKLET**

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the Information  
Desk*



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**GIVING**

E-transfer is available. From your bank's website, select the e-transfer feature. The email address to transfer to is [donations@meadowlandsbaptist.com](mailto:donations@meadowlandsbaptist.com). Your donation will be automatically accepted and you will receive a confirmation of the transfer.



Lighthouse Baptist Church is in need of help remodeling their basement after flooding. If you can help on Saturdays, please call David Pruden at 780-722-9071.

**COLLEGE & CAREER GAME NIGHT**



**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16  
6-9:30 PM  
MBC GYM**