



# *The Connection*

MEADOWLANDS BAPTIST CHURCH

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## WHITE AS SNOW

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Last month a couple of my children distributed fliers around our neighbourhood advertising snow removal. They were eager for the first snowfall so they could make some money. Well, that day finally came two weeks ago, when it snowed nonstop for 24 hours. My kids had to work several hours, with a little help from their dad, to get all the shoveling done.

You may not get as excited about snow as my children, but we can all appreciate the beauty of snow. All the brown grass is now covered in white—and probably will be for another five months! The Bible gives us an image that is even more beautiful. Through the prophet Isaiah, God tells His rebellious people to repent, and He promises them: “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow” (Isa 1:18).

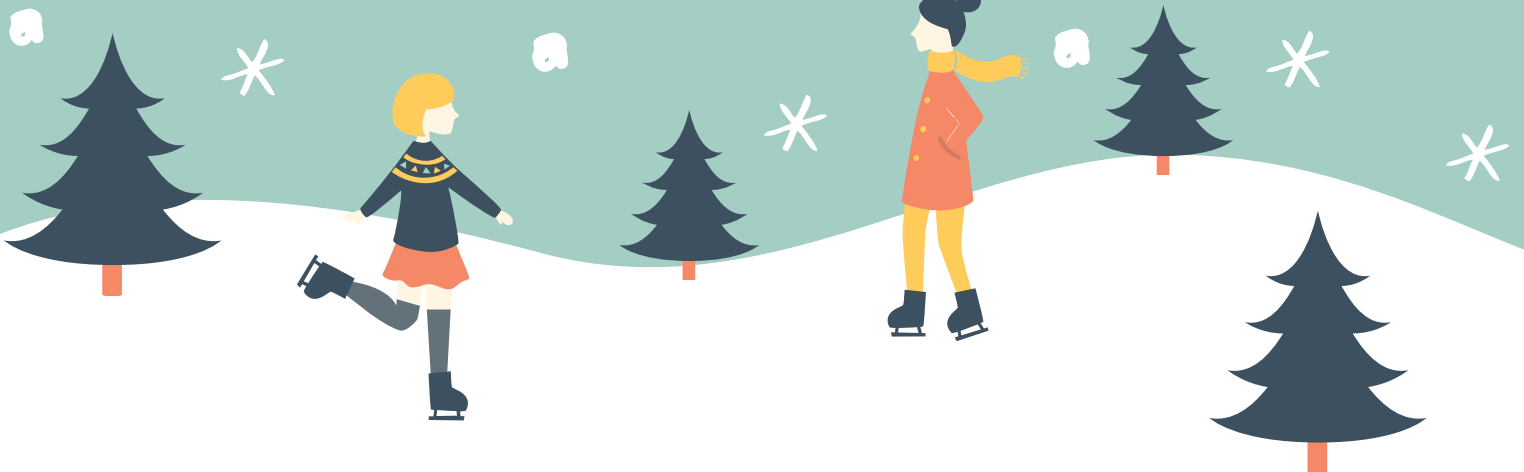
Think of a red Kool-Aid spill on white carpet—the stain is hard to get out. And the stain of our sin is much worse. The Lord calls the people of Judah “a sinful nation laden with

iniquity” (Isa 1:4). They were “a brood of evil doers” who had “provoked to anger the Holy One” (Isa 1:4). God does not excuse sin, but He will forgive those who turn back to Him (Isa 1:16-17). He will wash out the scarlet stain making it white as snow.

King David experienced the blessing of God’s forgiveness. He had sinned and tried to hide his guilt. It had plagued him for months. But David finally repented and was restored to fellowship with God. He prayed, “Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow” (Ps 51:7). So as we see the beautiful snow all around—and shovel it off our driveways—let’s remember the beauty of God’s complete forgiveness.

Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole,  
I want Thee forever to live in my soul;  
Break down every idol, cast out every foe;  
Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

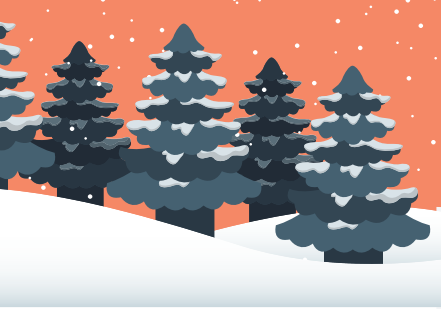
James Nicholson



## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:30 OR 11 AM

Two in-person services take place in the auditorium. Services will simultaneously be live streamed in the gymnasium (no singing), or available to you at home.

- "HOW AWESOME IS YOUR NAME, O LORD"
- PRAYER
- "THE POWER OF THE CROSS"
- "BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS"
- SCRIPTURE READING: ROMANS 12
- "SPEAK, O LORD"
- SERMON: "GOD'S HOME IN US" JOHN 14:12-31
- "SPIRIT OF GOD, DESCEND UPON MY HEART"
- PRAYER



## SUNDAY EVENING DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING 6 PM

*Foundations: Bible Truths for Christian Growth*  
Lesson 10b: "Progressive Sanctification: God's Work in You"

There will be a Q & A meeting to discuss the financials and 2021 budget this Sunday evening after the service. A financial packet is available at the information desk.

### 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.

### *Need to contact us?*

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## SUNDAY ADULT FELLOWSHIP GROUPS AVAILABLE:

### 9:30 AM

- **Church History: Forerunners of the Faith** (Room 207) Jerry Ascher
- **Ladies' Class: Matthew Presents Christ, the Son of the Living God** (Room 312) Sandi Stephens

### 11:00 AM

- **Young Couples' Fellowship Group** (Room 207) Will Breckenridge
- **The Epistles of John** (Room 312) Manuele Russo
- **Acts: The Birth of the Church** (Room 306) Bob Cook
- **College & Career Group** (Room 221) Jeff McConnell
- **Teen Fellowship Group** (Room 308) Anthony Neumann

## ON THIS DAY EARTH SHALL RING

**Sunday Dec 13**  
**9:30 or 11 am**



A Christmas concert featuring the bell choir and musicians of Meadowlands.  
Two live performances with limited seating in auditorium. Live stream available in the gym or in home.

## Sunday School Classes for Children 11 am:


Ages 4-5 Room 209  
Grades 1-2 Room 212  
Grades 3-4 Room 211  
Grades 5-6 Room 309



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

## 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. For our Bible study we will discuss the following questions that relate to the Sunday morning sermon:



### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR JOHN 14: 12-31

1. Which three words in this passage do you think are most significant?
2. What is being said about those three important words?
3. What does this passage say about Jesus?
4. How do people in this passage respond to Jesus?
5. How does this passage challenge or encourage you?
6. What from this passage can you share to encourage a fellow Christian?
7. What from this passage can you share with an unbeliever?