



# *The Connection*

MEADOWLANDS BAPTIST CHURCH  
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*Dear Church Family,*

By now you have probably heard that Premier Kenney has declared a public health state of emergency for our province. Many new restrictions have been enacted that affect social gatherings, businesses, schools, and places of worship.

Here are the mandates that specifically affect our church gatherings. Physical distance (2 metres) between households should be maintained at all times. Face masks are required by the provincial government for everyone inside the building. Face coverings are certainly uncomfortable and even a source of controversy, but we can submit to our authorities for Christ's sake (Matt 22:21; 1 Pet 2:13-17). I'm glad that online services are available to those who are unable to wear a mask or are uneasy with these guidelines.

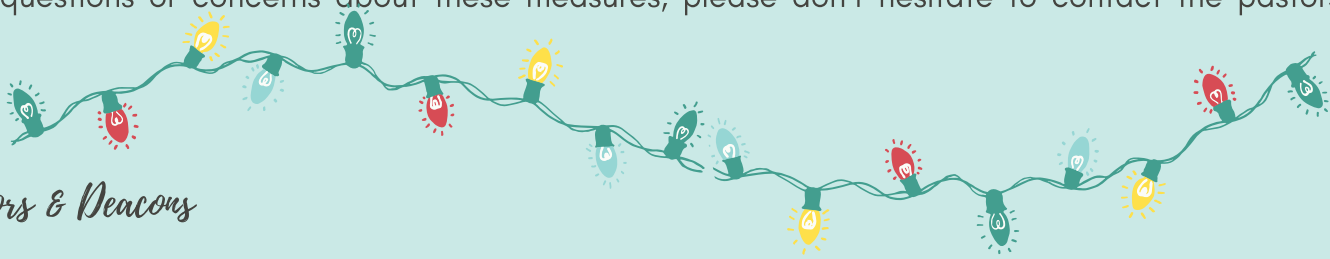
There is also a strict limit of one-third capacity for the space that we meet in. We have maintained this ratio in the auditorium and gym, so there is no need to alter our current practice. Our children's Sunday school and adult fellowship groups, however, have often exceeded this limit, so we are going to suspend these gatherings for the next few weeks. This means that we will continue to have our regular services on Sundays (9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.) but will not have any classes or small groups. Our current attendance numbers on Wednesdays will allow us to continue Kids 4 Truth and Prayer/Bible study.

We are grateful that the Lord has provided a large building in which we can spread out. We also rejoice that these new restrictions do not hinder us from worshipping together on Sundays. We urge you to pray for the governing leaders God has appointed over us (Rom 13:1-7; 1 Tim 2:1-2). They bear a great responsibility to keep the citizens of Alberta safe.

The last several months have been difficult for many in our church family. Let's be sensitive to the needs of those around us and encourage others with God's truth. Our mission doesn't stop during a pandemic. May we rely on the Lord's grace as we seek to love God, serve others, and reach the world for His glory.

If you have any questions or concerns about these measures, please don't hesitate to contact the pastors directly.

*For His Church,  
The MBC Pastors & Deacons*



# 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.

- "O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING"
- PRAYER
- "BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE"
- "I AM HIS AND HE IS MINE"
- SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 145
- "JESUS, I AM RESTING"
- SERMON: "ABIDING IN THE TRUE VINE" JOHN 15:1-17
- "I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR"
- PRAYER

## Congratulations!

Willem & Giselle Pienaar welcomed another daughter, Lisa Elliot, on November 19. She weighed 9lbs/7 oz.



Brandon & Marilou Steenson became new parents with the birth of their son, William Thomas, born November 21. He weighed 6 lbs/7 oz.

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

## 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.

## 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 15:1-17

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?

# SUNDAY EVENING 6 PM

Pastor David Pruden, from Lighthouse Baptist Church in Edmonton, will present the ministry program, Freedom That Lasts® Canada, a Christ-centered, Bible-based, local-church-focused discipleship ministry to those enslaved in life-dominating sins or overcome by hurtful events of life.

## COMING UP:

Update on MBC Missionaries and Financial Support on Sunday, Dec 6, at 6 pm with a Q & A held the following week, Dec 13 at 7 pm.

## 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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