



# *The Connection*


MEADOWLANDS BAPTIST CHURCH

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## *Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

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In this Christmas season, we have an opportunity to slow down and focus on the reason for Christ's coming. This was God's plan to rescue His people from their sin. God's Son arrived as a babe. The promised seed from Genesis 3 came in the shadow of the cross. We might be tempted to focus only on the nativity participants standing around the manger. And we are usually so busy rushing to events and shopping. In the hustle and bustle we forget why. Why did Jesus come? Why the cross? What is the purpose in all this? One day He will gloriously return (Revelation 19), and His second coming will be joyous for those who know Him or terrifying for those who do not.



As the New Year quickly approaches, how can we be more intentional? How can we intentionally pass on God's truth to our families, friends, children and acquaintances? We can pass on the great stories of the Bible and what God has done in our own lives. In 2020 the Lord has sustained and carried you. Before the year ends, take some time to evaluate how you can be more intentional in your influence in the coming year. This Sunday I will be preparing you for the new year by focusing on what the Scripture says about "The Intentional Family." The Lord has carried us through this challenging year, and we can look forward with anticipation to what He has in store for us in 2021.





# SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICES: 9:30 OR 11 AM

Two in-person services (with singing) take place in the gymnasium. Services will simultaneously be livestreamed in the auditorium (with singing) or available to you at home.

## 27 DECEMBER

- "FAIREST LORD JESUS"
- "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"
- PRAYER
- "JESUS PAID IT ALL"
- SCRIPTURE READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 2
- "WHO IS ON THE LORD'S SIDE?"
- SERMON: "THE INTENTIONAL FAMILY"  
1 SAMUEL 2:12-4:1
- "IN CHRIST ALONE"
- PRAYER

On Sunday, January 3, we will observe the Lord's Supper as we begin the new year. Please join us at either 9:30 or 11 am in the gym or auditorium for a time of Scripture reading and singing. Livestream is always available.

## 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.

### BIBLE READING PLANS:

*(Digital Downloads Available Below)*

[1st Quarter Bible Story Plan](#)

[1st Quarter Chronological Plan](#)

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## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES 4 OR 6 PM

Join us in-person in the gymnasium (overflow in auditorium) for carols and Scripture reading, or view on livestream from your home.

### PLEASE NOTE:

Sunday evening services will resume January 10 and Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study will resume January 6.

Church offices are closed Dec 25-Jan 1. You can reach the pastors anytime by phone or email.