

### **HAPPY 25TH ANNIVERSARY!**

For those who were part of Meadowlands Baptist Church in the late nineties, there are fond memories of the little white building and the parking lot that was more mud than anything else. What united that small group was not a fancy building or slick programs; it was love for Christ and devotion to His Word. The Lord has added many more souls to this congregation over the last 25 years, and the facilities have certainly expanded, but I pray that our love for Christ and devotion for His Word are just as passionate.

When we think of church, we often have an image in our mind of the building where we gather for worship. There is a bit of nostalgia when we consider places where significant events in our lives have occurred. But when I think of Meadowlands, I don't primarily think of the corner of 23rd Avenue & 17th Street; I think of people. I think of the men and women that God has graciously placed in my life. I think of my spiritual family. Since 2007 I have experienced much love from this group of brothers and sisters. God has moved some away to other places over the years, and He has called others home to heaven. Some of our church family have become close friends, and there are others I'm still getting to know. What a blessing to serve the Lord together!

Meadowlands Baptist Church belongs to the Lord. It is a tool that He is using to build His church and sanctify His people. Although most of us have not been a part of this local assembly for 25 years, we can rejoice in what God has done in the past. And we can be grateful to gather each week with a group of believers who love Christ and are devoted to His Word. Let's commit to faithfully serve Him the next 25 years wherever He has us or for whatever amount a time He allows.





Jim Tillotson is installed as pastor

Meadows Baptist Academy begins Dedication of education wing and gym

Additional two acres of land purchased

# WEDNESDAY PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY/ KIDS 4 TRUTH 7 PM



This mid-week service takes place in-person in the auditorium. If you would like a Zoom link to participate, please email the church office.

## **GIVING**



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### **MISSIONARY UPDATE**

December is usually a busy month in our community and in the church with all of the events taking place to celebrate Christmas; and this year was busy as well though the activities were different. Instead of a cookie exchange the ladies decided they wanted to be a blessing to all of our essential workers and many elders in Aklavik. They baked over 75 dozen cookies! Gift bags with cookies, a Christmas card, tracts, and a copy of John & Romans were made for each, then hand delivered. Another new outreach that we did this year was to "adopt" 3 families in town that we knew could use some extra encouragement this year. Needed items and toys were collected at the church and then gift wrapped and delivered to the families a few days before Christmas. It is a great blessing to see how the Lord gives us opportunities to show and share His love no matter the circumstances taking place in the world around us.

One activity that was not new is our Christmas Eve service, although it took place in a different setting. Under the current government regulations indoor gatherings are limited to 25 people, so we decided to hold this service outside in our parking lot. The temperature was around -18C so we had 2 fire pits set up as people spread out and enjoyed an evening of our favorite Christmas hymns and preaching of the cross from the Word of God. After we got home that night we received a text from one of our faithful ladies telling us that following the service her husband got saved. This is the dad to the young boy that was saved and I wrote about in a previous update. In January I was blessed to be able to baptize these 2 and also the sisters that were saved in November. It has been a blessed start to the year.

We appreciate your prayers for our family. Please be in prayer for Pam as she has been experiencing some pain in her lower abdomen that the doctors are running some test to find the source of her pain. Also please pray for Andrena. At her position in the community school, she had to take a stand of faith against teaching a new LGBTQ+2 curriculum that the school administration is now requiring to be taught to all students grades 7 and up. As a result, she is no longer teaching at the school. The Lord has blessed this stand and she is praying for the Lord's will for her future employment and ministry. We are so proud of her gracious spirit and spiritual strength she has shown through difficult persecution and trials.



THE NOLANDS

Larry & Pam Noland serve the Lord in Aklavik, NT. Meadowlands has supported them since 2007

