

the Connection

MEADOWLANDS BAPTIST CHURCH

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CHANGE FOR THE BETTER

BY KEVIN WILLIAMS

These last several months have provided the opportunity to change the way we deliver God's unchanging Word. The current situation has pushed us to expand our ministry of spreading the Gospel in ways we had not before.

For many years Meadowlands Baptist Church has recorded sermons. People would purchase CDs for a dollar to give to others or keep for themselves. Since 2008 we have uploaded nearly 1,000 messages to SermonAudio.com, eliminating the need to purchase CDs. Before 2020, only audio sermons were available.

Because of the shutdown last March, we began releasing videos of pre-recorded services each Sunday. The pastors spent Fridays recording each segment with David Treau using his personal camera. Songs were extracted from previous recordings of our congregation singing the closing hymn at the end of each service. David would then take this raw footage and incorporate it into a service to be uploaded for Sunday morning. This process included many long hours for David and was repeated many weeks.

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Once we began gathering again in-person on Sunday mornings, there was a need to further adapt. The services now needed to be livestreamed. Through special donations, the church was able to purchase a new camera, tripod, and web presenter. We also got a new projector and screen for the gym. A video switcher was recently added to allow material from the screen to be cast directly to the livestream, resulting in a higher-quality video.

We thank God for all the people who work behind the scenes to make each service possible. Shifting live services from the auditorium to the gym has required weekly setup and teardown, since the gym is used by over 150 students during the week. The teachers and students set up the chairs on Friday, and volunteers from church help move the piano, speakers, and equipment. Every. Week.

The Lord has been so generous to our church family. One of His gracious gifts is David Treau. What would we have done without his expertise this past year? He has tirelessly worked each week to provide quality sound and video so that God's message is heard. He and his wife, Becky, can be found joyfully serving at the sound booth each service. Take a moment this week to express your gratitude if this ministry has been a blessing to you.

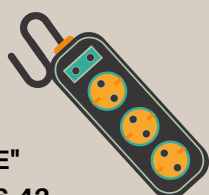
Change is not usually easy or comfortable, but the Lord has used these changes to significantly expand our delivery of God's truth to our church family, other Christians, and even unbelievers. Let's pray along with the apostle Paul "that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified" (2 Thes 3:1).



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: 9:30 AM, 11 AM OR 6 PM

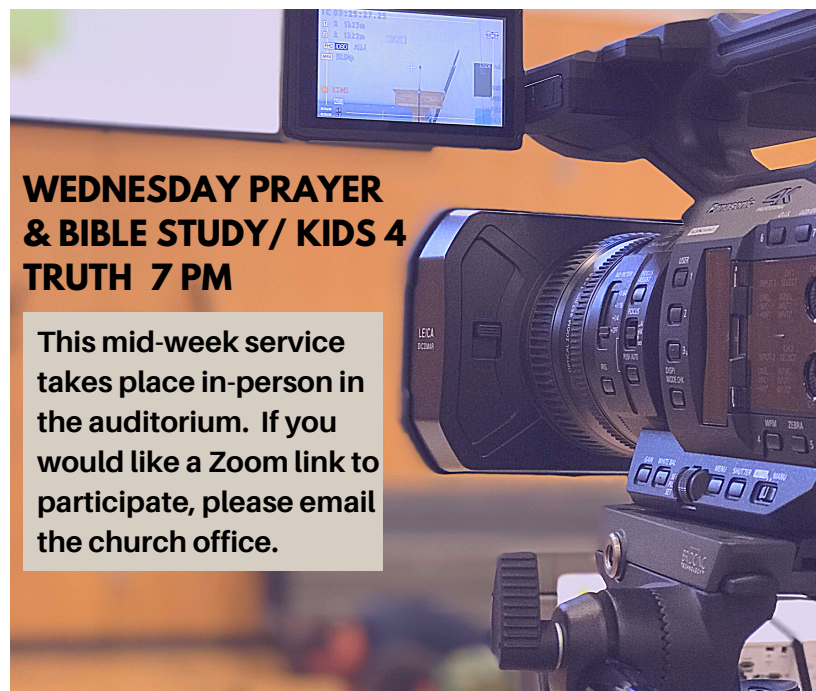
In-person services (with singing) take place in the gym. Services are simultaneously livestreamed in the auditorium (no singing) or available to you at home.

- "PRAISE THE LORD! YE HEAVENS ADORE HIM"
- PRAYER
- "THERE IS A FOUNTAIN"
- "THE WONDER OF IT ALL"
- CHILDREN'S STORY
- "ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME"
- MESSAGE: "IT IS FINISHED" JOHN 19:16-42
PASTOR KEVIN WILLIAMS
- "IN CHRIST ALONE"
- BENEDICTION



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.



Easter Services

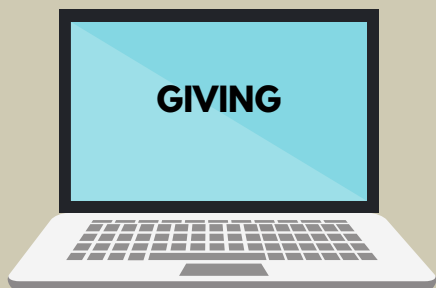
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES: APRIL 2, 9:30 OR 11 AM

- Live services in the gym
- Livestream to auditorium and your home
- The Lord's Supper observed



EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES: APRIL 4, 8:00, 9:30 OR 11 AM

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. Your donation will be automatically accepted and you will receive a confirmation of the transfer.

MISSIONARY UPDATE FROM BUD & DEBBIE TALBERT



Lighthouse Baptist Church: Services have been held in a variety of locations over this past year. Our own building is too small for our congregation. Current restrictions, which limit in-person attendance have affected where and when we meet. We are praying that God would provide a large enough building of our own in 2021.

Freedom That Lasts (Addictions Ministry): A number of those involved in FTL are greatly struggling with the draw of the old life because of the pressures surrounding COVID. These believers appreciate the prayers and encouragement from others in the body of Christ.

Foundation Baptist College: Second semester unexpectedly brought six new part-time students to FBC, three of whom are studying for the ministry.

BABY SHOWERS

Since no in-person showers are allowed at this time, please drop off gifts in church office by **this Sunday**. Gifts will then be delivered to each recipient.

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4 mos.

Lisa Elliot Pienaar

4 mos.

Ella-Maria Lidia Lumsden

2.5 mos.

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