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MEADOWLANDS BAPTIST CHURCH
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STAYING IN SHAPE

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It is no secret that one of our culture's primary tenets is, "If it feels good, do it." This is seen in the lack of structure and discipline all around us and is one of the reasons our society is in chaos. Every human heart desires its own way (Isaiah 53:6). Believers are not immune to this. Often, as we consider our own evil propensities and failures, our minds may go to Paul's poignant words in Romans 7 where he exclaims, "O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death" (v. 24 NKJV)? Help is only possible through our Lord Jesus Christ as we live by His strength. This takes effort and determination on our part which is why Paul included the following instruction in his letter to Timothy: "Exercise yourself toward godliness. For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come" (1 Timothy 4:7-8 NKJV).

When a person becomes a believer, one Christian counsellor rightly stated, "Our human hearts do not come programmed by default for godliness." Paul's word translated "exercise" finds its root in our word "gymnasium," a reminder, perhaps, of times long ago when going to the gym was an enjoyable part of growing up, but just thinking about doing that now is fatiguing! However, if you and I are to be in good spiritual "shape," we must be willing to put forth effort. Sadly, we see profit in a whole host of other things that seem, in our shortsightedness, to offer more benefit for us in this life than reading the Bible, praying or meeting together as God's church - in short, all that God requires of His children.

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*"Let us run with
endurance the race that is
set before us"*
Hebrew 12:1



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM OR 6:00 PM

In-person services take place in the gym. Services are simultaneously livestreamed in the auditorium, or available to you at home. The evening service will be held outdoors. This is open to everyone and will allow those who don't wear a mask to worship and fellowship with the church family.

- "O WORSHIP THE KING"
- PRAYER
- "JESUS, KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS"
- "MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE"
- CHILDREN'S STORY
- "I AM THINE, O LORD"
- MESSAGE: "THE LORD PROVIDES A REDEEMER" RUTH 4:1-22
PASTOR KEVIN WILLIAMS
- THE LORD'S SUPPER
- "THERE IS A REDEEMER"
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GIVING

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WEDNESDAY PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY: 7 PM

Eric Knutson, our summer intern, will be preaching in the auditorium. This service will be available on livestream.

Message: "Not in the Place of God" Genesis 37

*Next
Week!*



Next Sunday, June 20, we will give out gifts for Mother's Day and Father's Day in the morning services. There will be no evening service.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Why did Boaz marry Ruth? (Ruth 4:5, 10)
2. How is the story of Ruth different from most modern romance novels and movies?
3. What do the people of Bethlehem think about Boaz and Ruth? (Ruth 3:11; 4:11-15)
4. Compare and contrast Naomi's condition in chapter 1 to chapter 4.
5. Both Boaz and Obed (Ruth 4:14-15) are kinsman redeemers. How does their role illustrate the Lord's redemptive work?
6. What is the surprise ending for the original readers? How does this highlight God's providence? (Ruth 4:17-22)
7. How does Matthew's reference to Ruth (Matt 1:1-5) demonstrate the Lord's sovereignty over redemptive history?



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Our lives are filled up with things that often are deemed more pressing over maintaining our walk with God. We forget that the benefits of earthly things are temporal and fading. When we lose sight of the eternal blessings we can enjoy in this life and the life to come, the prevailing character of our lives seems about the same as an unbeliever who just lives for the moment.

Which describes the spiritual trajectory of our lives? Are we people who are actively allowing God's Spirit to train us in godliness? Are we building spiritual muscle as we run the race Jesus has set before us? Each person's training will look a little different, no doubt. Some may achieve a level of spiritual fitness that seems to outshine yours or mine. In comparison, ours may look lackluster at best, characterized by failures here and disappointments there. We are encouraged in Scripture to not make that our focus - to not lose heart. We just are to remain faithful, something that is achievable for every Christian. Keep looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, lay aside the weight and sin that easily besets us, and run with patience, for His glory!



**Thursday, July 1
10-5
North-Deville
Cooking Lake
Community Hall
21033 Wye Road,
Sherwood Park**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 18-22, 6:30-8:30 pm
Age 4 to Grade 6 (in September)



BAPTIST CHURCH
Register at meadowlandsbaptist.com

CHURCH WILL PROVIDE:

Plates, cutlery, drinks, individually wrapped chips, dessert/ice cream

YOU PROVIDE:

Meat, condiments, sides for yourself or family (no dishes to share)

- VOLLEYBALL
- BOUNCE HOUSES
- KIDS CARNIVAL
- HORSESHOES
- FAMILY GAMES
- LUNCH: 12 NOON

