



the Connection

MEADOWLANDS BAPTIST CHURCH
18 JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER

A FATHER'S PRAYER FOR SUCCESS

BY KEVIN WILLIAMS

Success doesn't happen by accident. Ask an Olympic athlete if a gold medal is attained by accident. Ask a concert musician if his skills were acquired by luck. Ask a successful businessman if he gained his millions by mere chance. Anyone that is successful will tell you that hard work, sacrifice, and carefully planned goals were part of the formula for success.

The Apostle Paul had a great love for the Philippian believers. He thanked God for every memory of them (1:3). He also loved them so much that he regularly prayed for them (1:4). What did he pray about? What was his desire for their lives? In Philippians 1:9-11 we have the content of Paul's prayer. Paul wanted these Christians to be successful. He desired to see spiritual maturity in their lives.

Christian fathers spend much time, effort, and money to make their children successful. They spend loads of money on education, sports, and music lessons. They drive their kids all over town for practices, games, recitals, and a myriad of other activities. But what is the purpose in all this? Are there any specified goals to be accomplished? If Christian parents desire their children to be spiritually successful, it will not happen by accident. Spiritual success requires careful planning.



Continued p. 2



"Just as a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him."

Psalm 103:13

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: 9:30 AM OR 11:00 AM

In-person services take place in the gym. Services are simultaneously livestreamed in the auditorium, or available to you at home. There will be no evening service this week.

- "COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING"
- "O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING"
- PRAYER
- "IT IS WELL"
- CHILDREN'S STORY
- "A CHRISTIAN HOME"
- MESSAGE: "GOD'S WILL FOR CHILDREN" EPHESIANS 6:1-4
- PASTOR KEVIN WILLIAMS
- "THE PERFECT WISDOM OF OUR GOD"
- BENEDICTION

Need to contact us?

Church Office

780-440-1195

Pastor Kevin Williams

587-635-2758

Pastor Jerry Ascher

587-635-2751

Pastor Mark Richmond

587-635-2752

David Treau

587-635-2753

Email:

info@meadowlandsbaptist.com

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.



(continued from p. 1)

Paul lays out four goals for the believers he loved. Setting some goals is a good place to begin. First, Paul prays that their "love may abound more and more" (v. 9). Paul wanted to see each Christian love God with all his heart. He also wanted to see them love their neighbors. Second, he wanted them to "approve the things that are excellent" (v. 10). They needed spiritual discernment. Paul wanted them to test all things and only make choices that were best. He did not want them to settle for mediocrity. Third, Paul desired that they have genuine character—"sincere and without offence" (v. 10). He wanted them to be real, not just putting on an outward show of godliness. Paul's fourth goal was fruitfulness (v. 11). He wanted to see outward evidence of an inward faith.

As a Christian father, how are you praying for your children? What spiritual goals would you like to see accomplished in their lives? How are you planning to help them grow in godly maturity? If you lack clear goals, success is not likely. Start with Paul's prayer in Philippians 1. Pray it. Model it. And establish priorities in your family to see these goals accomplished "for the glory and praise of God" (v. 11).



COMING UP

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



WEDNESDAY PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY: 7 PM

Eric Knutson, our summer intern, will be preaching in the auditorium from Haggai 1. This service will be available on livestream.



Happy
Father's
Day



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)



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



Giving Update

January - May
Budget: \$395,833
Actual: \$423,853