



# The Connection

MEADOWLANDS BAPTIST CHURCH  
09 JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER

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

In-person services take place in the auditorium. Services are simultaneously livestreamed in the gym, or available to you at home.

Childcare is available during the 9:30 service for ages 2-3.

- "HOW GREAT OUR GOD'S MAJESTIC NAME"
- PRAYER
- "NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD"
- CHILDREN'S STORY
- "TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS"
- "HIS NAME IS WONDERFUL"
- MESSAGE: "GOD'S GRACIOUS SALVATION" JONAH 3
- "HIS MERCY IS MORE"
- BENEDICTION

*Church Family Fellowship*

**11 JULY  
12:15 PM  
AT MBC  
EVERYONE IS INVITED!!**

*Bring:*

- A PICNIC LUNCH
- LAWN CHAIR
- INDOOR/OUTDOOR GAMES

**VBS BEGINS NEXT WEEK!**

July 18-22, 6:30-8:30 pm  
Age 4 to Grade 6

Register at:  
[meadowlandsbaptist.com](http://meadowlandsbaptist.com)

**HOW CAN I HELP?**

1. PRAY
2. DONATE candy (no nuts), prizes such as balls, sports related items, outdoor games, etc.
3. LEND sports jerseys for decorations (please label for return)

*Items can be dropped off in the church office at any time!*

*Need to contact us?*

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## SLAVES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, FRUITS TO HOLINESS

BY JERRY ASCHER

The writers of Scripture often have ways of arresting our attention by using common realities in their surroundings to illustrate how believers should live. Throughout his letters, Paul uses slavery in Roman society to illustrate his relationship to Christ. He refers to himself as a bondservant of Christ in many of his epistles, but he seems to dwell on this theme a bit more in the book of Romans, and specifically, chapter six. Hear what he says to the Roman Christians starting in verse sixteen, **“Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one’s slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.”**

It was inevitable, Paul is telling his readers, that they were going to be slaves to something, or more specifically, to someone. In the spiritual realm, freedom from a life of slavery was not possible. Either they would serve the world and their own selfish desires, which ultimately fell under the realm of the devil, or they would choose to follow Christ and become slaves of righteousness. Both masters would require much of their subjects, but the difference between them was described by Jesus this way, **“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light”** (Matthew 11:28-30).

While service to Christ takes much effort, it also comes with the promise of much reward for believers who choose to obey Him. No matter whom we profess to serve, the true test is in our actions. This is how we can know, at any given time, which side of the equation we are on. The testimony by those in Rome is that they had, in fact, obeyed God and were living as slaves of righteousness. In God’s eyes, He already knows if we truly are living up to this standard. If you are, I encourage you to continue to live for Christ. If not, may you repent and renew your commitment to follow Him for His glory.

*“But we never can prove the delights of His love until all on the altar we lay; for the favor He shows and the joy He bestows are for them who will trust and obey.”*

-John Sammis

### 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.

*The Lord's Supper  
will be observed  
Sunday, July 25*