



# the Connection

MEADOWLANDS BAPTIST CHURCH

06 AUGUST 2021 NEWSLETTER



## ANTICIPATING HEAVEN

by *Jerry Ascher*

**"After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!'" Revelation 7:9-10 NKJV**

Every believer looks forward to the day when their faith becomes sight in that throng of heavenly voices praising God. What such a gathering will be like is something we can hardly even imagine. When we consider the glories of heaven, we can't help but pray with the Apostle John as he concludes the book of Revelation, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus!" God, in His grace and mercy, has made it possible to experience some of the joys of heaven even before we arrive there. I've considered these things recently in my interaction with other Christians "of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues" who now live in Edmonton. These people have come here to central Alberta from places I've never been and from circumstances that I cannot even begin to relate to. One person grew up in a refugee camp in Asia, came to Canada as a teenager, met her husband, and is

now living here in Alberta. Another person came to Canada as a young person from Europe around the time of the second World War after escaping the ravages of that terrible conflict. I talked with a man who has lived in western Canada all his life who God graciously freed from alcoholism thirty years ago. These people and many more are part of the Meadowlands church family who you and I worship with each Sunday. I want to encourage you to look around this Sunday during our worship service and catch a small glimpse of what heaven will be like. You probably won't see very many white robes or palm branches. But as God's people proclaim their praises altogether, may it give you "a foretaste of glory divine" as we anticipate praising God for all eternity!



**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:  
08 AUGUST 2021  
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.

- "AND CAN IT BE?"
- PRAYER
- "BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE"
- CHILDREN'S STORY
- "MY SOUL FINDS REST IN GOD ALONE"
- "GOD LEADS US ALONG"
- MESSAGE: "THE TESTIMONY OF A DEMONIAIC" MARK 5:1-21  
SPEAKER: JEFF MCCONNELL
- CLOSING HYMN

**COMING THIS FALL!**



- 26 Sep
- 24 Oct
- 21 Nov



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YOUNG AT HEART

## BBQ Picnic

**WHEN:** SAT, 28 AUG, 11-2

**WHO:** 55+

**WHERE:** ASCHERS' HOME

**WHAT:** BBQ DINNER:

(pulled pork, brisket, smoked turkey, buns, coleslaw, baked beans, macaroni & cheese, fruit, cookies/brownies, water/pop)

**SIGN UP:** Please sign up on the church bulletin board or phone/email the church office no later than **Monday, 23 August.**

Directions are available at the Information Desk.

## WEDNESDAY PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY 7 PM

Livestream will be available as we conclude studying the last chapter of Titus.

## 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.

## CHURCH FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

Next Sunday!  
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**WHEN:** Sunday, 15 August

**12:30 pm**

**WHO:** Everyone

**WHERE:** MBC

**Bring a picnic lunch, lawn chair and favourite game**



## TWO SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS:

*Larry & Pam Noland*

**MBC Missionaries to Aklavik, NT**

A few months ago Pam began occasionally having problems swallowing. In June it got to the point where we decided she should get it looked at. She went to the medical clinic in the town I grew up in and they referred her to a specialist. He determined quickly that she needed to have an endoscopy done to see what was going on. There were no appointments available until September but he did not want to wait that long and double booked her for the morning of August 2nd. Following the procedure the doctor came in with the news that the problem is a 5cm mass growing in her esophagus and that it appears to be malignant. He was able to take several biopsies and have sent them to pathology. They also were able to send her to have a CT scan done the same day and are scheduling her an appointment with a thoracic surgeon as soon as possible,

The pastor here preached yesterday about no matter what difficulties we face each day, it does not change the truth that we are to love and serve the Lord with all of our heart and life. Our first reaction with this news was fear and sadness, but the Lord quickly calmed our hearts and gave us an afternoon of worship and praise for the Lord in our lives. This afternoon the Lord took me to Isaiah 24 where He



gives the description of the destruction of the land and the effects it had on everyone, including the people of God. And the instruction for God's people is to respond by glorifying the Lord! Isaiah 24:15 Wherefore glorify ye the LORD in the fires, even the name of the LORD God of Israel in the isles of the sea.

The Lord has been so good to Pam and I. He brought us here (Missouri) to care for her mom as she battles kidney cancer and with that has us in a place where Pam can receive the care she needs much faster than in the Far North. Please praise the Lord with us for all He has done and pray for healing and wisdom.

*You can email the Nolands and let them know you are praying: [lnoland@allpointsbaptist.com](mailto:lnoland@allpointsbaptist.com).*

*Eliza Hunter*  
**Daughter of Brian & Heather Hunter, Principal of Meadows Baptist Academy**



Hi friends! Eliza is headed into surgery for her final abdominal closure this Wednesday, August 11. We have spent the past few weeks meeting with the general surgeon (same one who did her surgery at birth), plastic surgeon, and anesthesiologist getting all the final checks and info we need. We are so thankful for how the Lord has provided such skilled professionals! We are also aware that this is not a procedure they do often, if ever, so we really want to ask God for WISDOM for docs and SAFETY for little Eliza during the surgery. Recovery is expected to be pretty rough, so we are also asking our God of all comfort to give HIS COMFORT to Eliza while she heals. The plan is for her to be in hospital a week to ten days, if all goes as planned.

We are so aware of how much a difference your prayers have made in her little life (and ours) over the past 2 years. We are so thankful! Pray for the surgery, recovery, comfort for Eliza, and that we would be lights for Jesus and have our eyes lifted to see how we can love and serve those around us in the hospital.