

The Connection

MEADOWLANDS BAPTIST CHURCH
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As we approach September, many ministries are being planned for this fall. Kids 4 Truth registrations are already underway for children ages four to grade six to begin classes on Wednesday, September 8. In addition to this, we are adding a nursery (infant to age three) and teen classes to coincide with a new parenting class called *Intentional Parenting* beginning Wednesday, September 15.

As fall scheduling returns on Sunday, September 12, I want to encourage parents to attend the 9:30 morning service as a family and then stay on for the 11:00 time to connect with the Adult Bible Study Fellowship Groups and Children's Sunday School Ministries that will be offered to everyone. Yes, the morning will be extended for younger kids, and this may present its challenges. However, the benefits far exceed a missed nap. Families need to be together as the Body of Christ. If we separate children from the main service, they do not learn to be a part of the body, with all ages and stages of life together. Attending church together is an integral part of discipling our children. They have opportunity to see their parents singing, worshipping, listening to and responding to the sermon as well as observing the Lord's Supper. All this can result in questions which can result in teaching moments afterwards. What is another benefit of attending one service together as a family in addition to Sunday School? Our children learn they are part of something bigger. They are part of the family of God. They observe other family units from all cultures and backgrounds making up a new family, the family of God, because of what Christ has accomplished on the cross for us.

How can you help your children to be engaged in the main service? Provide a special notebook and writing utensil just for church. Encourage them to follow along and depending on their age, draw a picture of something they hear from the sermon (younger children), or write down some words or sentences from what they hear. Assist them in looking up Bible passages. Discuss what they learned over lunch. I highly implore you not to miss out on this means of discipling your children. May Christ be glorified in our families and church family.



SUNDAYS FOR FAMILIES

by Mark Richmond

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.

- "PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY"
- PRAYER
- "JESUS PAID IT ALL"
- "THERE IS A REDEEMER"
- CHILDREN'S STORY
- "I'D RATHER HAVE JESUS"
- MESSAGE: "GOD'S PLAN FOR STAYING PURE" PSALM 119:9-16
PASTOR KEVIN WILLIAMS
- "SPEAK, O LORD"



WEDNESDAY PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY 7 PM

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.

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REGISTER FOR CONNECT GROUPS

Whether you are new to Meadowlands or have been here for years, there are always new people to meet and friendships that can grow deeper. This fall, Meadowlands is setting aside three Sunday evenings to encourage small group fellowship. Groups will meet for dinner or dessert hosted by a connect group leader on **September 26, October 24, and November 21**. There are no age restrictions and we encourage everyone to participate. To join a group, here's what you need to do. Simply [register here](#) or fill out a form at the Information Desk. After registering, you will be placed in a group and your assigned host will arrange the time, place and details. Hurry! ***The deadline to sign up is September 15.***





Church Grandmas Wanted!

"A beautiful way that we can connect generations is by having those 55+ involved in our nursery ministry. I know there have been those who have volunteered in the past, and that is fantastic. It is such a blessing to have 'church grandmas.' This is a way for young families to get to know you and to fill a godly need in young lives that no one else can. Well-able bodies would be great, but I would also love to have those 'less mobile' be a 'church grandma' presence in the room, connecting with the families and getting to know them by just sitting and being a welcoming presence to families."

Andrea Richmond, Nursery Director



YOUNG AT HEART BBQ Picnic

WHEN: NEXT SATURDAY, 28 AUG, 11-2

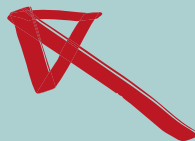
WHO: 55+

WHERE: THE ASCHERS*

WHAT: BBQ DINNER:

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

SIGN UP: Please sign up on the church bulletin board or phone/email the church office no later than **this Sunday**.



PLEASE NOTE!

*Directions and address information available at the Information Desk.



A Christian Heritage: Church History Survey Block Class with Kevin Williams 23-28 August

This class will give an overview of the major events, doctrines, and people that influenced Christianity from the beginning of the church (AD 30) to the end of the Twentieth Century. This course is available for credit or audit. [For more information, please visit their website.](#)

KIDS 4 TRUTH REGISTRATION



Kids 4 Truth is an exciting program for elementary children ages four to grade 6 held at Meadowlands on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:15. Classes begin **September 8** and will continue weekly throughout the school year. [For more information or to register, please visit our website.](#)