

the Connection

MEADOWLANDS BAPTIST CHURCH
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SHARING THE LOAD

by Kevin Williams

As my family made the long drive back home from Missouri last month, I was reminded of the same trip six years ago when we moved back to Edmonton. But one part of the trip was much different—my children are six years older. When they were younger, I had to make two or three (or more) trips with luggage from the minivan to the motel room each time we stopped for the night. It was such a blessing, this time, to have the whole family share the load!

That is also one of the blessings of the church family—we can share the load. Paul exhorts the Galatian church to “bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ” (Gal 6:2). God recognized that “it is not good for man to be alone” (Gen 2:18), and Jesus proclaimed the importance of the church for His followers (Matt 16:18). We need each other. You need the help of other believers, and they need you. It is not healthy to try to carry all your burdens alone.

Most burden-bearing takes place within the context of friendship. People usually have to trust before they will share their burdens. This means that the local church needs to invest in building solid relationships. And individual believers must commit to forming friendships for the purpose of ministry. How can we bear burdens if we are unaware of the need? And how can we know the need if we don’t know the person with the need?

Jesus said, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you” (John 13:34). Bearing the burdens of others “fulfills the law of Christ” (Gal 6:2). He calls each of His disciples to be faithful in this ministry. We should love our neighbours and “do good all” (Gal 6:10a), but we have a special responsibility to the “family of faith” (Gal 6:10b).



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: SEPT 05 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.

- SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 72:1-19
- "JESUS SHALL REIGN"
- "SING PRAISE TO GOD"
- PRAYER
- "MORE LOVE TO THEE"
- CHILDREN'S STORY
- "I RUN TO CHRIST"
- MESSAGE: "MADE TO WORK"
1 CORINTHIANS 15:58 PASTOR KEVIN WILLIAMS
- "WE WILL GLORIFY"

WEDNESDAY PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY: 7 PM

Nursery available for 0-3

Kids 4 Truth begins (Classes and room numbers are the same.)



SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY

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. [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.**



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12

Next week!

ADULT FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

9:30

Forerunners of the Faith (Church History)
Pastor Jerry | Room 207

11:00

College & Career Class

Jeff McConnell | Room 221

Young Couples' Class

Will Breckenridge | Room 207

Epistle to the Philippians

Manuele Russo | Room 312

Foundations: Bible Truths for Christian Growth

Bob Cook | Room 306

CHILDREN'S/TEEN MINISTRIES

9:30

Nursery (0-1)

Nursery (2-3)

11:00

Nursery (0-1)

Nursery (2-3)

Ages 4-5 Room 209

Grades 1-2 Room 212

Grades 3-4 Room 211

Grades 5-6 Room 309

Teens Room 308

ALL-CHURCH LUNCHEON IN GYM

12:15 PM

Volunteers are needed next Saturday from 10-12 for food prep and next Sunday for clean-up. Please sign up on the bulletin board to help.

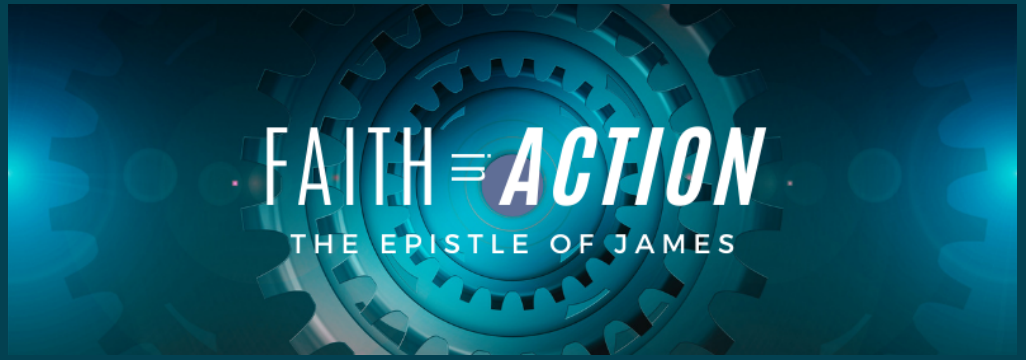
AFTERNOON BAPTISM SERVICE

1:30 PM

Please see Pastor Kevin if you would like to be baptized.



New Sermon Series
Begins September 12
Pastor Kevin Williams



FAITH \equiv ACTION

THE EPISTLE OF JAMES

In the early 16th century, the Reformers emphasized a phrase that awakened the masses who were trusting their merits would earn God's favour. *Sola Fide*—We are justified by "faith alone." Romans 3:28 is clear that "a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law." This is an essential truth of the Gospel, but it must not be misunderstood to think that good works are unimportant. In the Epistle of James, we discover a healthy understanding of how the believer's faith works. Faith without action is "useless religion" (1:26) and a "dead faith" (2:17). James says, "I'll show you my faith by my works" (2:18). As the Reformers would say, "We are saved by faith alone, but the faith that saves is never alone." What does genuine faith look like? How is it expressed in everyday life? James discusses the practical outworking of faith by addressing trials, temptations, prejudice, conflict, conversation, wealth, planning, and prayer. Join us on Sunday mornings this fall to hear what God has to say about these important issues. And by God's grace, we will receive His promised blessing by being "doers of the word, and not hearers only" (1:22, 25).



PARENTING CLASS AVAILABLE

On Wednesday, September 15, Pastor Mark will be teaching a four-week class called Intentional Parenting. This course will be taught in Room 207. Teen classes will coincide in Room 308 and nurseries will be available.



CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS



Sunday, September 19, 4-8 pm

A basic introduction to the mission and ministries of Meadowlands Baptist Church and how you can get involved.

Supper included.

Sign up on the church bulletin board by
September 12.

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