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MEADOWLANDS BAPTIST CHURCH

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GRATEFUL FOR GOD'S PROVISION

by Kevin Williams

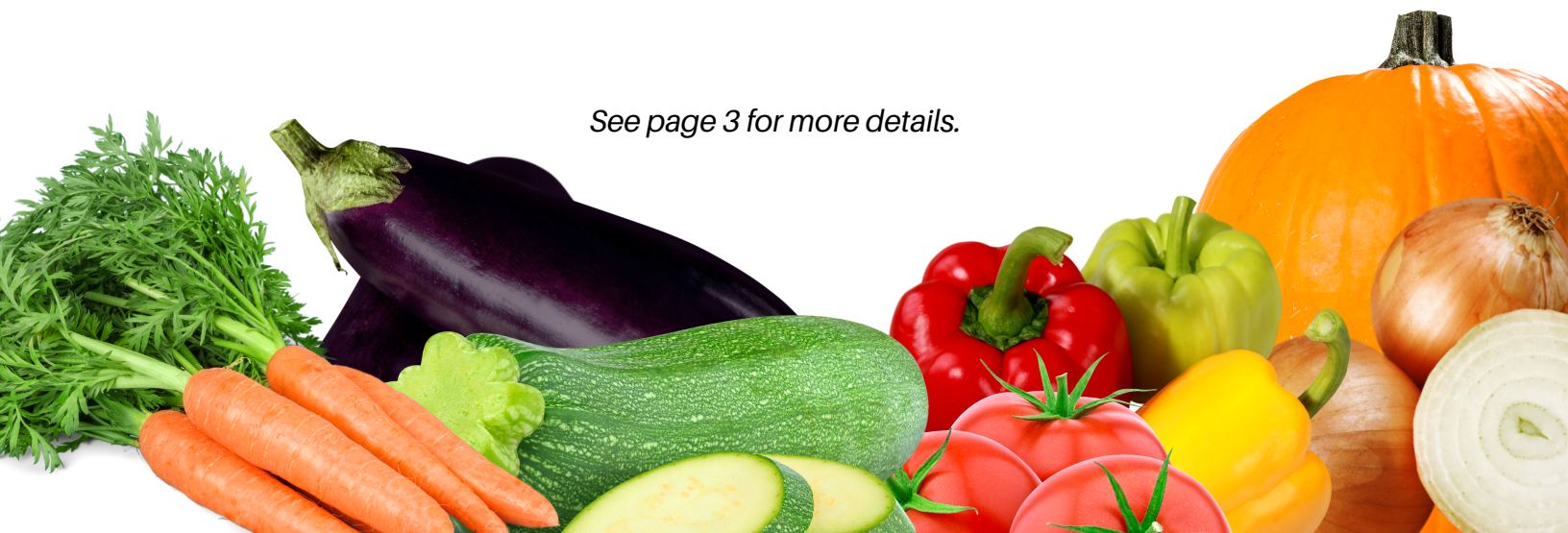
In this part of the world, it is harvest time for many crops. Although most of us aren't directly involved in farming, you may enjoy the produce of your vegetable garden or fruit trees. Harvest time is a reminder of God's common grace to all. Jesus said that God "makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and He sends rain on the just and on the unjust" (Matt 5:45). We usually pause before we eat a meal to give thanks to the Lord for His provision.

We should also be grateful for God's provision to His church. Of course, His greatest gifts are spiritual (Eph 1:3), but He also provides materially. We can thank the Lord that the income for our church is currently above what we planned for. I thank God for enabling His people to give generously during these challenging times. Below is a brief financial update.

As we consider gratitude, we are anticipating our special Thanksgiving service in just a couple weeks. It has been our tradition to collect an offering on Thanksgiving Sunday—a sacrificial gift above the normal giving. Through offering envelope or electronic transfer, you can designate a special donation to two of our missionaries with medical needs. You can read an update on Pam Noland and Amy Roy below. Also, you can designate a donation for the purchase of two acres of land to our south. Over half of the purchase has already been paid. An additional \$700,000 will be due in December at the final closing. The remaining balance will become our mortgage in 2022 (approved by the congregation in 2019).

We can thank God for His generosity toward us and His grace that enables our generosity to others!

See page 3 for more details.



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: SEPT 26 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.

- "Come, Thou Almighty King"
- "Blessed Assurance"
- "Hallelujah! What a Savior"
- Prayer
- Scripture Reading: 1 John 2:3-17
- "Speak, O Lord"
- "O Word of God Incarnate"
- "How Firm a Foundation"
- Message: "Rescued by the Word"
James 1:19-27 Pastor Kevin Williams
- "Day by Day"

ADULT FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

9:30

Forerunners of the Faith (Church History)

Pastor Jerry | Room 207

11:00

College & Career

Jeff McConnell | Room 221

Young Couples: 20s & 30s

Will Breckenridge | Room 207

Epistle to the Philippians

Manuele Russo | **Gym Foyer**

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

WEDNESDAY PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY: 7 PM

- Nursery available (0-3)
- Kids 4 Truth Classes (Age 4 to grade 6)
- Youth Group (Teens)
- Parenting Class: *Intentional Parenting* with Pastor Mark Richmond (Room 207)
- Adult Prayer and Bible Study in Auditorium



THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Worship & Praise



October 10

9:30 or 11 am



No other classes or activities are scheduled for the day.

We will participate in the Lord's Supper together.

Nursery will be provided for 0-3.



MBC MISSIONARY MEDICAL NEEDS



Larry & Pam Noland, Aklavik, NT

Pam was diagnosed with esophageal cancer in July while in Missouri assisting her mother, who has late stage cancer as well. Currently, Pam is in the middle of chemo and radiation treatments. After a brief rest period, she is scheduled for an extensive surgery to remove her esophagus and to re-position her stomach. A long recovery is expected. They have expenses such as insurance co-pays, deductibles, prescriptions, fuel and food expenses.



Jeremie & Amy Roy, Dominican Republic

Amy experienced some vision paralysis back in June. Testing revealed a few abnormal lesions in her brain. Though lacking some information for an official diagnosis, an MRI, blood tests and symptoms are pointing their specialist to give a diagnosis of multiple sclerosis.. Currently, they are in the USA meeting with doctors to get more answers about how to deal with Amy's health. Upon returning to the DR in October, they will be moving to the capital city of Santo Domingo where Amy will have better access to her doctors and specific food supplies for her MS diet.

Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing, imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. (2 Cor 8:1-4)

MBC Finances: January-August 2021

	Budget	Actual
Offerings	\$633,333	\$640,285
Other Income	\$33,667	\$37,464
Total Income	\$667,000	\$677,749
Total Disbursements	\$670,245	\$632,222
Current Operating Status		+\$45,527



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GIVING:

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