

# the Connection

MEADOWLANDS BAPTIST CHURCH

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## "DEAD TO SIN... ALIVE IN CHRIST"

by Jerry Ascher



As a child, I remember hearing the entire repertoire of Bible stories in Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and in the home. The list included Joseph and the coat of many colors, Israel's deliverance from the Egyptian army, Gideon's great victory over the Midianites, David and Goliath, Daniel and the lion's den, Jesus' birth, Paul, Silas and the Philippian jailer, and many more. Another that I remember hearing was when Samuel, as a boy in the tabernacle, was awakened one night by a voice calling his name. Of course, he assumed it was Eli, the High-Priest. After the second time Eli was awakened by Samuel, he discerned the truth that it was the LORD's voice his young helper was hearing. And so he instructed Samuel the next time to respond to the voice, "Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears." For years, I thought the story was meant to encourage God's followers to be attentive when God speaks to us

through His Word. It wasn't until later that I learned the message that God gave to Samuel to speak to Eli was one of judgment against Eli's entire household. We assume the judgment was a result of the sins of Eli's sons. That certainly was a factor. But we are told in 1 Samuel 3:13 that judgment was coming because Eli knew about his sons' sin but looked the other way and "did not restrain them." For parents, this certainly is a sobering reminder to be intentional in our instruction and discipline of our children. But even more than that, it is a reminder that we do not tolerate sin in our own lives by excusing it or diminishing its seriousness. The world, the flesh, and the devil are in the business of luring our minds and hearts to believe a lie that being holy is old-fashioned and that enjoying the pleasures of sin might last longer than we were led to believe. In reminding us of our standing in Christ, the Apostle Peter concludes with this admonition, "Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul" (1 Peter 2:11). To do this, we need to ask God's help that we don't treat our sin lightly as Eli did with his sons. His knowledge of their sin and failure to deal with it is a lesson to us. "Likewise, you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:11).



## THIS SUNDAY 9:30 OR 11 AM

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

- "Holy, Holy, Holy"
- "I Will Praise Him"
- "Wonderful, Merciful Savior"
- Prayer
- Scripture Reading: 1 John 2:18-29
- "Come, Thou Fount"
- "You Are Always Good"
- "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"
- Message: "Judging by the Right Law"  
James 2:1-13 Pastor Kevin Williams
- "Complete in Thee"

## ADULT FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

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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

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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

## SPECIAL SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY 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
- Special Thanksgiving offering to go toward our land purchase or medical needs of two MBC missionaries (Please specify your request when giving by envelope or e-transfer)

## 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







*Deacon nominations  
continue through next  
Sunday, October 10*

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS  
SUNDAY, OCT 17, 4-8 PM**

A basic introduction to the mission and ministries of MBC and how you can get involved. Supper included. Please sign up on the bulletin board by October 10.

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**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.



Our summer started with preparation for summer camp. We were blessed to have help this year from Camps Abroad, a Wilds camp ministry. The director himself was able to come along with another couple to help us in staff training. The first week of camp was a Junior/Teen week and was one of the most difficult weeks we've had in our 10 years of camp ministry. We had a challenging group from an orphanage: a lot of needy children with difficult backgrounds. When these kids went back to the orphanage the staff from the orphanage were very appreciative of the visible progress and changes.

Pepe, our grandson, was here with us for 2 months and came with us to camp and the staff training. He is a believer but he is the only believer in his family and he is hungry for spiritual growth. After camp he told us he is going to seek out a church and believers to fellowship with.

Summer always means fewer people in our church but we have been maintaining our regular meetings on Sundays and Thursdays. We contacted a missions agency in Austria distributing Bibles and they are sending us some Polish Bibles. Our plan is to distribute them in Libiaz. We hope these Bibles will motivate our church to go out and meet people and share the Gospel with them.

Our school year started on September 1. We had to make changes this year with only having one English teacher, please pray for more teachers to come next year.

Thank you for your continued prayer and support!

***Kris & Mariola Kolt***

**MBC Missionaries to Poland**

