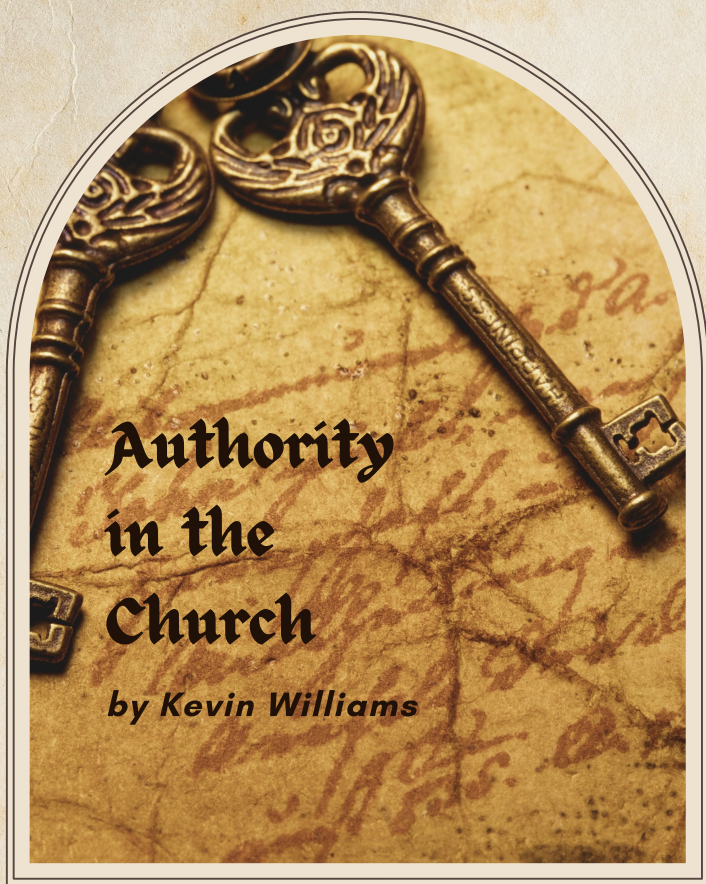


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MEADOWLANDS BAPTIST CHURCH

22 OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER



Authority in the Church

by Kevin Williams

With responsibility comes authority. The janitor needs keys to the rooms he is responsible to clean. And with that authority comes accountability. The keys must be used for the purpose for which they were given. The church also has responsibility, authority, and accountability.

Since Christ is the head of the church (Eph 5:23; Col 1:18), He is the ultimate authority, and all other authority is delegated from Him. He has given the congregation

various responsibilities, and they are also given the authority to carry out their obligations. Some of those responsibilities include affirming new members (Matt 16:18-19), removing unrepentant members (Matt 18:17-18; 1 Cor 5:4-5; 2 Cor 2:6), selecting leaders (Acts 6:2-6), and rejecting false teaching (Gal 1:6-8). With this authority, the congregation is accountable to Christ for the way that authority is used. Christ has also appointed pastors as authorities in His church. They have the responsibility of teaching God's Word (1 Tim 3:2; Tit 1:9), taking care of the church (1 Tim 3:5), leading God's sheep (Acts 20:28), and providing spiritual protection (1 Pet 5:2). Along with these responsibilities God has given them authority. The congregation is commanded to obey them and be submissive (1 Thess 5:12-13; Heb 13:17). And with this authority comes accountability from the Chief Shepherd (Heb 13:17; 1 Pet 5:4).

To summarize, the congregation is responsible for **what** the church believes and **who** affirms and teaches it. The church members are accountable to God and must not delegate these responsibilities to some other governing body. The pastors are responsible for **how** the church carries out its mission. They equip the saints for ministry (Eph 4:11-12) and lead them to obey by word and example (1 Pet 5:2-3). Christ is honored when His people and their shepherds work together to fulfill their responsibilities for His glory.

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.

- "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"
- "Rock of Ages"
- "How Great Thou Art"
- Prayer
- Scripture Reading: 1 John 3:10-23
- "My Soul Finds Rest"
- "He Leadeth Me"
- "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"
- Message: "Taming the Tongue"
James 3:1-12 Pastor Kevin Williams
- "O Great God"

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**

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

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.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING RESULTS:

Land Purchase: \$19,443

Missionary Needs: \$13,790

for the equipping
of the saints for
the work of
ministry, for the
edifying of the
body of Christ

Ephesians 4:12



HELPING OUR COMMUNITY

A fire destroyed most of the winter supplies that Hope Mission gives to needy families in Edmonton. They are accepting donations of gently used or new items such as toques, mittens, boots, snow pants, sweaters, and jackets. **You can drop off items in the bin located in the church lobby by Sunday.** All collected items will be delivered to Hope Mission on October 25.

Obey those who rule over you,
and be submissive, for they
watch out for your souls, as
those who must give account.
Let them do so with joy and not
with grief, for that would be
unprofitable for you.

Hebrews 13:17





MOVIE NIGHT: THE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS (2019)

Sunday, Oct 31, 6 pm

- Free admission
- Please sign up on the bulletin board
- Complimentary popcorn
- Snacks and drinks available for purchase



CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Sunday, November 14, 4-8 pm

A basic introduction to the mission and ministries of Meadowlands Baptist Church and how you can get involved. Supper included. Please sign up on the bulletin board by November 7.

Church Budget & Special Projects

Each year the pastors and congregation work together on the annual budget. The congregation has appointed deacons to go through the details with the pastors. On **October 31 at 12:30**, the budget will be presented to get further input from the congregation. The final budget will be available at the end of November with a time for questions and answers at 5:00 on November 28. The vote for approval will take place in January. There will also be an update on October 31 regarding the land purchase, removal of the holding tanks that are no longer needed, and sound system repairs.

Prayer Requests

Continue to prayer for the Cooks, Treaus, and Friesens as they grieve the recent deaths of loved ones. We praise God that because of Christ we do not sorrow as those who have no hope (1 Thess 4:13).

There are also several in our church family recovering from COVID. Some have recently tested positive after attending last Sunday's services.

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Gal 6:1)

UPDATE ON MBC MISSIONARY PAM NOLAND:

The memorial service for Pam's mom, Norma Stocker, will be at 1:00 on Saturday, October 23.

Also, Pam was admitted to the hospital late Sunday night with a blood clot in the vein in her neck where they have the port for her chemo treatments. She is also having difficulty swallowing anything this morning. This is probably caused by a combination of an ear infection, the clot, and inflammation from the radiation treatments. They are scheduling her to have the port removed late Monday or Tuesday morning and also begin 3 weeks of blood thinners.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY/TEENS/KIDS 4 TRUTH 7 PM



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