

the Connection

MEADOWLANDS BAPTIST CHURCH

29 OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER



Always Reforming

by Kevin Williams

Historians mark the beginning of the Protestant Reformation as October 31, 1517, when Martin Luther protested the selling of indulgences (money exchanged for God's forgiveness) by posting a list of 95 theses. He identified many false teachings of the Medieval Roman Church. Over the next several years, Luther and other reformers would emphasize five core convictions that the current ecclesiastical system was compromising. These biblical truths are often referred to as the "Five Solas," because *sola* is Latin for "alone."

Sola Scriptura

Scripture alone as our authority

Sola Fide

Faith alone in Christ for salvation

Sola Gratia

God's grace alone provides salvation

Solus Christus

Christ alone is our Lord, Saviour, and head of the church

Soli Deo Gloria

We live for the glory of God alone

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SUNDAY, 31 OCTOBER

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.

- "A Mighty Fortress"
- "Grace Alone"
- "Behold Our God"
- Prayer
- Scripture Reading: Psalm 46
- "My Worth Is Not in What I Own"
- "God of Grace"
- "Stand up for Jesus"
- Message: "In Pursuit of a Pure Church: A Brief History of Baptist Beginnings"
Pastor Kevin Williams
- "How Firm a Foundation"

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.

Church Budget & Special Projects

This Sunday at 12:30 you are welcome to stay for a presentation of the 2022 budget and an update on land purchase, removal of water tanks, and sound system repairs.

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 (all proceeds go to Meadows Baptist Academy)



Helping Our Community

Thank you for all the donations of winter clothes for Hope Mission! We were able to deliver over 20 large bags of items. We pray for Hope Mission as they care for the needy of our city and spread the Good News of Christ's salvation.

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



UPDATE ON MBC MISSIONARY PAM NOLAND:

Pam met with her surgeon on Wednesday. He is very positive that she is a great candidate for this type of surgery (removal of esophagus and re-positioning stomach) and that the cancer is 100% curable. He did say that recovery can be frustrating and discouraging as she will have a feeding tube for four weeks. A PET scan will take place Nov 10 and then surgery is scheduled for Nov 30 and will take 8-10 hours.

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All true believers embrace these core truths. We are justified by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone, not by our own efforts. And we are confident of this because it is what the Scriptures teach. We look to the Bible as the sole authority for our faith. And the grand purpose of all of this is God's glory. He alone is worthy of our worship.

There is another Latin phrase often quoted by the reformers: *semper reformanda*, which means "always reforming." This reminds us that no individual or church does everything right. Like the apostle Paul said, we haven't attained perfection yet (Phil 3:12-14). The leaders of the Reformation made great strides in bringing church doctrine and practice in line with God's Word, but further reforms were still needed.

This Sunday we will see how the early English Baptists contributed to the ongoing reformation of the church. With Scripture as our only authority, we must follow the example of our forefathers by evaluating ourselves according to God's standard. His church must function His way for His glory. As we thank the Lord for His work in the past, we must look to Him in the present (Heb 12:1-2). As God's people we must always be reforming.

Meadowlands Family,
Each of your prayers,
words of
encouragement, food
and gifts to our
family have been
appreciated. We are
grateful to now be at
home and continuing
the COVID healing
process. We greatly
miss you all and
appreciate your
continued prayer for
full restorative
healing. You are a
blessing to us and we
rejoice in having you
part of our lives.
Pastor Mark
Richmond & Family

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.

BABY SHOWER FOR ROBERT & FRIEDA WALTER & BABY XANDER

Sunday, November 14
3-5 pm
Room 207



VANDALISM

Last week the church's storage shed was damaged by fire and a couple windows in the building were broken. We were notified by the fire department. A police report has been filed, and our insurance company is processing the claim.

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