

the Connection

MEADOWLANDS BAPTIST CHURCH

05 NOVEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER



According to historians, the first use of that idiom occurred in the 1860's and referred to the gullibility of a fish who was so completely deceived by the bait on the hook, that it consumed it all - hook, line, and sinker. It came to refer to someone whose gullibility caused them to throw any discernment out the window and believe something without reservation. With the proliferation of "Christian" television, radio, and internet sources, Christians are often guilty of this very thing. Someone who seems orthodox in their teaching when discussing prophecy, current events, or any other subject of interest might cause us to eagerly receive their message, no questions asked. In a sense, the Berean Christians in Acts 17, received Paul's messages the same way, but thankfully, it didn't end there. Luke explains, "These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so" (v. 11). Was there something about Paul's teaching in the synagogue that caused red flags to go up in the minds of these believers? Did they listen with a negative, critical spirit so they could flaunt their own spirituality as they searched the Scriptures? It seems like the opposite was

true. They were using Scripture to examine the points in Paul's teaching that they already had accepted with great joy. How unlike us who will only examine the Bible to find ammunition to back up our own ideas or to win an argument. How grieved God must be when we ignore clear Bible teaching to embrace other views. We accept those things without question instead of searching the Scriptures to be sure that we have the mind of Christ in a matter. This is a trap that Satan is capitalizing on to keep Christians from developing godly minds to show, in all of life, "what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:2). In 1 Thessalonians 5:21, Paul encourages believers to "test all things, hold fast what is good." This is what the church in Berea did, and this is our example so that we don't accept unbiblical teaching "hook, line, and sinker."



SUNDAY, 07 NOVEMBER 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.

- "Immortal, Invisible"
- "Lamb of Glory"
- Vocal Duet: "Jesus, Strong and Kind"
- "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
- Prayer
- Scripture Reading: 1 John 3:24-4:11
- "The Love of God"
- "All I Have Is Christ"
- "There Is a Redeemer"
- Message: "Relational Wisdom" James 3:13-18
Pastor Kevin Williams
- "The Perfect Wisdom of Our 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

Coming Up

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 this Sunday.

NEW MEMBERS JOINING & BAPTISM SERVICE

Sunday, November 28, 6 pm

BABY SHOWER FOR ROBERT & FRIEDA WALTER & BABY XANDER

Sunday, November 14, 3-5 pm
Meadowlands Room 207



XANDER HENRY WALTER
BORN: OCTOBER 17

Gift Suggestions:

0-3 months or larger sleepers
No diapers or wipes needed
If you would prefer to give toward a gift card, you may transfer and designate money electronically to custom@meadowlandsbaptist.com

MISSIONARY UPDATES:



Jake & Sharon Wiebe

MBC Missionaries to Bolivia

We are so thankful for your faithfulness to our ministries here in Santa Cruz. Jake has been preaching lately at a number of conferences and anniversary services. Dr. Ernesto Zenteno and Pastor Erik Rojas are seminary graduates. It was a great privilege to preach for both of their conferences.

We recently had the privilege of translating for a medical team. We translated for the registration personnel, doctors and also one on one evangelism. We saw 507 people ask the Lord to save them during the four day medical clinic. Now the follow-up and discipleship is being done.

One of the greatest privileges missionaries have is seeing lives changed. Recently I had the privilege of being part of the ordination of one of our seminary graduates. Jafet Ramirez was recently ordained to the ministry and we look forward to seeing how the Lord is going to use him and his wife.

Library Project: We praise God that He has provided \$40K for our library project. We thank Him for those who have given. We are therefore in the middle of purchasing books with the funds that we have. Our goal for the project is \$60K for 3-4 thousand theological books. The amount also includes the shipping for books to the DR.



Jeremie & Amy Roy

MBC Missionaries to Dominican Republic

IE and Discipleship: International Baptist Seminary is doing well. We have about 60 students. The establishment of institutional effectiveness (IE) has been launched. The dean, our co-worker James, has established a committee of Dominicans who are in charge of the (IE) work. This is a big step towards nationalization. Please pray with us for success in this important step. Also, we are planning on duplicating our class teaching load in January, starting general education classes, and also implementing a discipleship program.

Health: Amy had a spinal tap and the MS specialist told us this confirms what she thought. The MS diagnosis is now official. We still have a few pending tests to do before we leave the USA, but we nevertheless plan to go back home before Thanksgiving, Lord-willing. It is likely that in the future, we will have to do short, occasional medical trips as needed because of the limitations in healthcare there.

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

GIVING

E-transfer is available. From your bank's website, select the e-transfer feature. The email address to transfer to is

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Your donation will be automatically accepted, and you will receive a confirmation of the transfer.

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