

the Connection

MEADOWLANDS BAPTIST CHURCH

19 NOVEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

Church Membership

by Kevin Williams

Some stores give discounts or rewards to their members. Others require membership just to enter. Membership may have costs and benefits. But church membership is something quite different. The idea of “member” comes from two main pictures of the church given in the New Testament—members of a body (Rom 12:5) and members of a family (Eph 2:19). The local church is a gathering of real believers in a real place with a purpose and responsibilities.

In a previous article, I listed some of the duties God has given to each member of a local church. You have the

responsibility to affirm the profession of believers (Matt 16:18-19), remove unrepentant members (Matt 18:17-18; 1 Cor 5:4-5), select leaders (Acts 6:2-6), and reject false doctrine (Gal 1:6-8). These are weighty responsibilities, and not everyone who occupies a seat on Sunday is allowed to decide such critical issues. A meaningful church membership ensures that only true believers committed to a particular body and family are to make these decisions. These duties are the obligation of every Christian. If you are not involved in these decisions as a formal member of a local church, then I encourage you to take the next step. A detailed membership process is not spelled out in the New Testament Scriptures, but it’s clear that believers in those early assemblies knew who belonged and who didn’t.

I rejoice in the communities of believers that God has used in my life over the years. None of them were perfect, partly because I was a member, but each one was a New Testament church that took the responsibilities of God’s Word seriously. The Meadowlands family has been a gracious gift from the Lord to me. I pray that He will use us together for His glory as we seek to be faithful in the responsibilities He has given.



SUNDAY, 21 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.

- "Praise Him, Praise Him"
- "Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery"
- "The Solid Rock"
- Prayer
- Scripture Reading: 1 John 5:1-10
- "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"
- "Jesus, Strong and Kind"
- "I Must Tell Jesus"
- Message: "A Worldly Worldview"
James 4:13-5:6 Pastor Kevin Williams
- "We Will Glorify"

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



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

*For the weak find strength,
the afflicted find grace
when we offer the blessing
of belonging.*

Keith & Kristyn Getty, Ross Holmes, Stuart Townend

NEW MEMBERS JOINING & BAPTISM SERVICE

SUNDAY, 28 NOVEMBER

6 PM

A list of those joining is available on the bulletin board.

Prior to this service, at 5 pm there will be a time for questions and answers about the proposed 2022 budget and upcoming projects.





Missionary Christmas Offering:

It has been our tradition to collect a special Christmas offering for our missionary families. We will be collecting funds from now until Sunday, December 12th. On your offering envelope or electronic transfer, you can designate a special donation to "Missionary Christmas."

Medical Update:

Pam is scheduled for a PET scan today. She meets with her surgeon on November 24th and then her surgery is scheduled for November 30th. Her daughter-in law, who is an RN, will be helping care for her after surgery. She thanks everyone for your prayers, cards, texts and messages of encouragement.

YOUTH ACTIVITY (GRADES 7-12)

Friday, November 26, 6-9 pm

This activity takes place at Meadowlands. Bring your favourite Nerf blaster and even extra if you have them (Please label.). Darts will be provided.



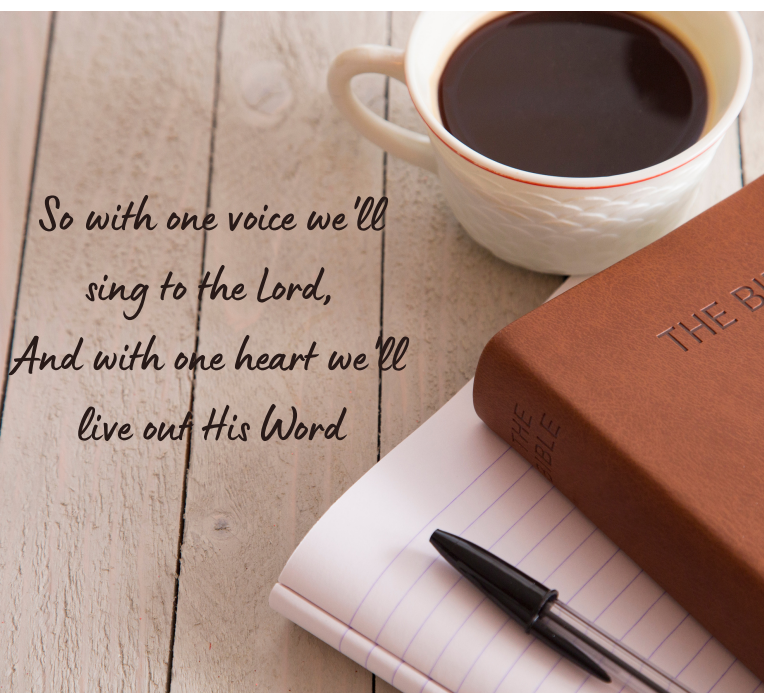
VIRTUAL SHOWER FOR KAITLYN NEUMANN

Gifts may be dropped off in the church office anytime between now and **Sunday, December 5th.**



*Shea Kidd &
Kaitlyn
Neumann
Wedding:
Monday,
December 20*

Find their story and gift ideas at
<http://theknot.com/kaitlynandshea>



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.

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