



the Connection

MEADOWLANDS BAPTIST CHURCH

07 JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

NEW SUNDAY MORNING SERMON SERIES BEGINS THIS SUNDAY!

Pastor Kevin Williams

Hollywood has recognized the dramatic appeal of the second book of the Bible. The 1956 blockbuster, *The Ten Commandments*, is the eighth most successful film of all time when adjusting for inflation, according to *Guinness World Records*. The animated musical drama, *The Prince of Egypt* by DreamWorks in 1998, was also extremely profitable. The story of Israel's exodus from Egypt is certainly a thrilling rescue. It involves a baby in a basket floating down the Nile River who would eventually liberate the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt. There's a voice from a burning bush and ten miraculous plagues. And there's the parting of the sea, where the entire nation of Israel crosses on dry ground, and then the Egyptian armies drown. It's a dramatic rescue!

But the biblical account not only records this rescue, but it tells us why. The Lord delivered these people so they could worship Him. The Book of Exodus is so much more than a nation redeemed from slavery. It is about God's faithfulness and His worthiness to be trusted and worshipped. As we study *Exodus* on Sunday mornings, we will see many parallels to God's purpose for rescuing us. He saved us to worship Him. And this book reveals why He is worthy of our worship.

~~Exodus~~

RESCUED FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY, 09 JANUARY 9:30 OR 11 AM

In-person services take place in the auditorium.

[Livestream is available.](#)

- "When Morning Gilds the Skies"
- "His Name Is Wonderful"
- "His Mercy Is More"
- Prayer
- Scripture Reading: Philippians 1:12-18
- "When I Survey"
- "What Grace Is Mine"
- "Grace Alone"
- Message: "Where is God?" Exodus 1:1-22
Pastor Kevin Williams
- "The Perfect Wisdom of Our God"

ADULT FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

9:30

Judges: God's Faithfulness to Disobedient People 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

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

7 pm

COMING UP:

New Members Joining Service and Annual General Meeting

16 January, 1:30 pm

This service will include six new members joining, a church update, year-end financials, and a vote on budget and one other proposal. Please see the bulletin board for details. Tables will be set up in the gym if you would like to bring a lunch and eat there after the morning service.

In February, new connect groups will form, another church membership class will be offered and a new evangelism class will begin. More details next week!

MBC Missionary Update:

We are so thankful to be where we are in a time such as this. Not that it's easy, far from that, but we are able to see God at work in so many ways.

Concerning Covid, every month of the year brought its load of adjustments. We started the year not being able to gather for a service, but soon after, we could have 10 people, then it went up to 25, then 50 and by the middle of the year we could all be present. Thankfully, we had few months when even though we had to practice social distancing and wear a mask, church meetings almost felt "normal" again. And then, last week our government decided that every church needed to implement a vaccination passport. The leadership of our church is profoundly convinced that this new measure cannot be implemented since it stands against what the Bible teaches about the mission of the church. We are also convinced that we must submit to our government as much as we biblically can. That is why as of January we will be gathering in small groups in homes. Simon will be recording his messages and the small groups will meet to watch them and to fellowship. The next two weeks will be used to plan the logistics for migrating to this new, yet temporary, church structure. We trust that God will lead us in this new season and will keep us united.

In the midst of this roller coaster of adjustments, we've had the privilege of seeing people come to Christ and a good group of people joined our church. Our Sunday school for kids has doubled in six months and we've been very busy visiting all the newcomers. We've baptized several people and welcomed as members a good number. In 16 years of full-time ministry in Quebec, I've never seen so many visitors week after week. If we try to explain this sudden growth, we can see four things: 1. God has been extremely gracious to us. 2. We've seen much more traffic on our YouTube channel. Many have told us that after hearing the teaching of our church's preachers they wanted to join us because they were not fed enough in their church. 3. Even if our lives have changed a lot in the last two years, our church's passion for the lost has not diminished. 4. Many of these new visitors are due to the TV show that Simon hosts. Like I said, God has been gracious to us. If it wasn't for Covid, all the adjustments and the uncertainties, we would probably put in place a three year plan to graduate the church. We find it wise to wait until "normal" comes back before working on this project, for there is still way too much instability.

As for our family, everybody is doing great. Simon had to take a few weeks off because of exhaustion, but he has now recovered. To make sure he doesn't crash again soon, Simon will not be as involved with the new radio as he was supposed to. Instead of having a daily show, he is looking at having a weekly one. God is faithful and we praise Him for it.

Once again we want to thank you for praying for us, for your financial support and for the generous gifts that you sent us. Know that you have an impact on our lives, our ministry and in Quebec.

