MEADOWLANDS BAPTIST CHURCH 21 JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

the Connection

When a father and child are at the zoo staring at a lion enclosure there are two perspectives. The child looks at the lion with limited knowledge. He sees a mysterious animal viewed through the lens of his narrow life experience: lion cartoon characters and fluffy feline toys. The father, on the other hand, sees past the mystery of the animal. He's read National Geographic. He knows the reality of the lion's raw beastly power and unforgiving bite. Should the child approach the cage and try to reach inside, the father would leap upon the child and warn him of the danger. The father's knowledge compels him to act in love toward someone who simply doesn't know any better.

Every lost sinner approaches the cage of death with limited knowledge. Death seems so mysterious. We, however, know what God's Word says about death and what happens after: judgment, an eternal hell, and a holy God. It is the obligation of the church to partake in the Great Commission. We must warn of the coming danger and offer hope in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Look around you. You know coworkers, family members, and friends who are alienated from God as they journey towards death. You know the good news of the gospel that can unite them to the Lord. Will you reach out and share the message of hope? Will you pray daily for opportunities with your neighbours?

We must overcome our fears and be faithful witnesses for Christ in our community. The upcoming Evangelism Explored course is designed to help you share your faith with others. If you want to grow in this area and find encouragement from others, join us on February 6 (4:00-8:00, supper included). Sign up this Sunday!

THE ENCLOSURE by Jeff McConnell

SUNDAY, 23 JANUARY 9:30 OR 11 AM

In-person services take place in the auditorium. <u>Livestream is available.</u>

- "All Creatures of Our God and King"
- "You Are Always Good"
- "My Jesus Fair"
- Prayer
- Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:1-11
- "O Great God"
- "Wonderful, Merciful Savior"
- "It Is Well"
- Message: "Mission Impossible"
 Exodus 3:1-4:17
 Pastor Kevin Williams
- "Facing a Task Unfinished"

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

PRAISING GOD FOR HIS PROVISION IN 2021

- Offerings were \$13,069 above budget.
- Total net income was \$53,713.
- Special donations for land purchase was \$29,443.
- Total giving to missions was \$148,074.
- Other special donations totaled \$64,949.
- Remaining mortgage after land purchase is \$549,550.

VOTING RESULTS:

Both items voted on by the congregation last Sunday passed unanimously.

- Budget for 2022
- Surplus from 2021 for water tank removal and landscaping

Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study/Teens Bible Study/Kids 4 truth

7 pm

Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus Colossians 1:28 NKJV





Sunday, 6 February, 4-8 pm

- Do you want to learn how to share your faith with others?
- Do you have a passion for evangelism but need help taking the next step?
- Join us to learn how to better communicate the Gospel to others.
- Supper included.
- Please sign up by 30 January.

GIVING

E-transfer is available. From your bank's website, select the etransfer feature. The email address to transfer to is <u>donations@meadowlandsbaptist.</u> <u>com</u>. Your donation will be automatically accepted, and you will receive a confirmation of the transfer.

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SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY

New connect groups are forming for winter/spring. Meadowlands is setting aside four Sundays to encourage small group fellowship. Groups will meet for lunch, supper, or snacks on February 27, March 27, April 24, and May 29. There are no age restrictions and we encourage everyone to participate. <u>Register here</u> or fill out a form at the Information Desk. After registering, you will be placed in a group and your assigned host will arrange the time, place and details. *The deadline to sign up is February 16.*

SUNDAY, 6 FEBRUARY, 4-8 PM

Church Membership Class

MEADOWLANDS BAPTIST CHURCH

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 church bulletin board or

contact the church office by 30 January.