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MEADOWLANDS BAPTIST CHURCH

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Last Sunday, as Pastor Mark led us in reading Philippians 2:1-11, I was convicted again by the reading of verses three and four, "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others." It reminded me of an article* I read a number of years ago. The author's friend had announced to her father that she was expecting her fifth child. Instead of the congratulations she hoped to receive, however, she heard, "You mean, I'm going to have to ask my friend to make another rug?" For her first four children, her father's friend had handcrafted a special, one-of-a-kind rug as a baby gift for each newborn. Instead of being happy with the daughter's announcement, the father only thought of the awkwardness and potential embarrassment he might feel of asking the friend for yet another special rug. She concluded, "People are always thinking about themselves first. We're always thinking about how a circumstance will affect us before anything else."

Paul is certainly not prohibiting believers from having interests of their own. But for many, their self-interests seem all-consuming and blind them to what others are interested in. We can't obey the second greatest commandment of loving our neighbor as we should if we are only looking at ourselves. The author of this article gives three considerations to help us not be so self-focused. The first consideration is to train ourselves to be others focused. We understand that rejoicing with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep (Rom. 12:15) doesn't come naturally. We often struggle showing empathy. We should fight against the natural tendency to think only how their news might affect us. Second, we need grace to put others' needs ahead of our own. God will certainly give us help to do this. Without Him, we can do nothing (Jn. 15:5). Third, we need to look to Jesus Who is our ultimate example. Jesus had the right to exalt Himself. Instead, He "made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross." As we look to our Example, Jesus, may we be motivated to be that person who considers others' interests before our own. "Others, Lord, yes others, let this my motto be; help me to live for others that I may live like Thee" (Charles D. Meigs).

*"Rescued from the Sea of Self," Stacy Reaach, desiringGod.org, Oct. 17, 2016

SUNDAY, 30 JANUARY 9:30 OR 11 AM

In-person services take place in the auditorium.
[Livestream is available.](#)

- "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"
- "Fairest Lord Jesus"
- "Before the Throne of God Above"
- Prayer
- Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:12-18
- "Jesus, Strong and Kind"
- "God Leads Us Along"
- "How Firm a Foundation"
- Message: "Rescuing the Son"
Exodus 4:18-31 Pastor Kevin Williams
- "His Mercy Is More"

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



"LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU WHICH WAS ALSO IN CHRIST JESUS"

PHILIPPIANS 2:5

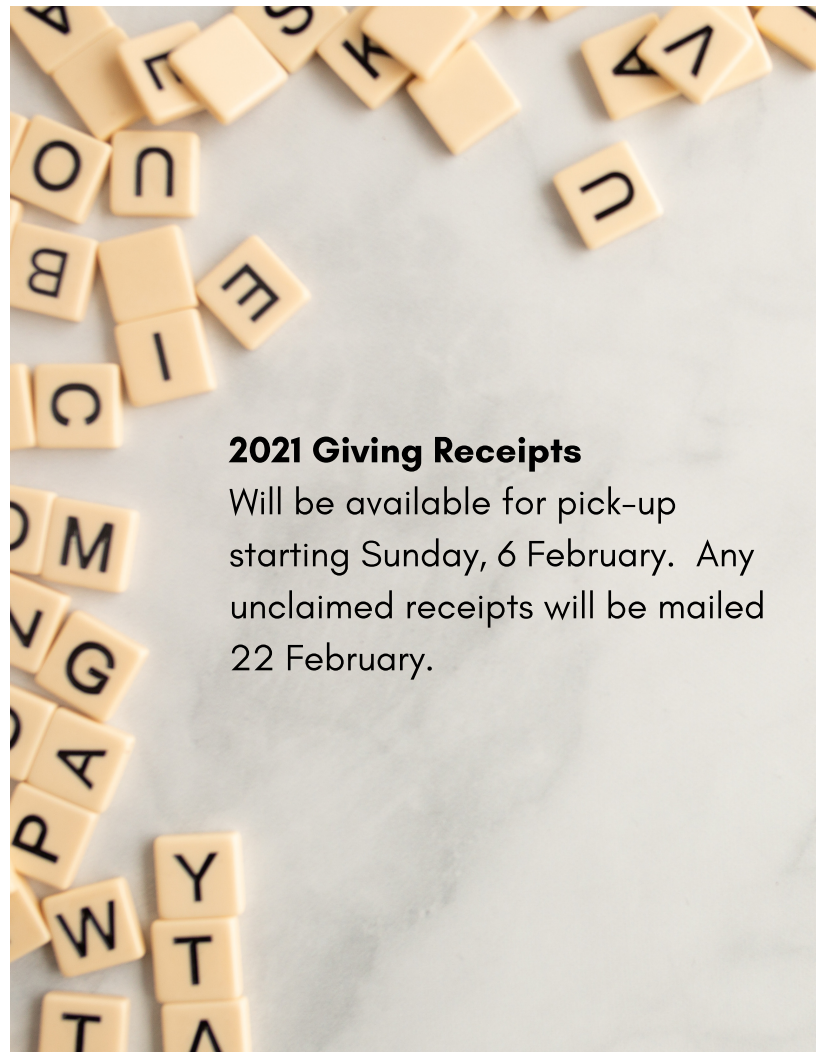


Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study/Teens
Bible Study/Kids 4 Truth

7 pm

Baptism & New Members Joining Service

13 February, 1:30 pm



2021 Giving Receipts

Will be available for pick-up
starting Sunday, 6 February. Any
unclaimed receipts will be mailed
22 February.



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.
- Deadline to sign up is **THIS SUNDAY!**

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. [Register here](#) 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.

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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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 **THIS SUNDAY!**