



# the Connection

MEADOWLANDS BAPTIST CHURCH

11 FEBRUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER



## No Problem Is Too Big for God

by Jerry Ascher

In Luke 5, Jesus' ministry of physical healing was on full display. Luke indicates that "great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities" (v. 15). Shortly after this, we read the familiar story of the paralyzed man whose friends brought him to Jesus to be healed. When they got him to where Jesus was teaching, they realized that their way was blocked "because of the crowd." This was not just a small crowd, either. Certainly, friends who would go to the trouble of hauling the paralyzed man this far would not be intimidated by a just few onlookers. After considering all possible options, only one remained: they went up the outside stairs to the top of the house and let their friend down by ropes right in front of Jesus. I can only imagine what the people who were enjoying their front row seats thought about this interruption. As the dirt fell down from the roof on to where they were standing, and the hole above them grew bigger, their thoughts no doubt lacked as much benevolence as when the person next to you in church has their cell phone ring in the middle of the pastor's message. When the dust had settled, Jesus spoke to the man. What He said was certainly unexpected. The crowd thought they would hear a command to rise up and walk. Instead, they heard,

"Your sins are forgiven." The scribes and Pharisees were immediately offended. "Who can forgive sins but God alone?" they said to one another. Jesus responded to their accusations by asking, "Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise up and walk?'" What is the answer to Jesus' question? In one sense, it's easier to say, "Your sins are forgiven" because forgiveness takes place in a realm that is hidden. But if Jesus were to say, "Rise up and walk," and the paralytic stayed on his cot, Jesus' teaching would be denounced as false. But the Pharisees and scribes hit the nail on the head when they stated that only God could forgive sins. Jesus healed this man "that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins."

The problems you and I encounter in our lives are only temporal. They pale in comparison to the sin which separates us from God. To be freed from our sin is something only God can do. This should help us not to lose heart when we look at our circumstances, knowing that since God has power on earth to forgive sins, whatever else we may experience is under His sovereign, almighty control.

*I'm so glad I learned to trust Him,  
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend.  
And I know that He is with me,  
Will be with me to the end.*

## SUNDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 9:30 OR 11 AM

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

- "Jesus Shall Reign"
- "O Worship the King"
- "Praise Him! Praise Him!"
- Prayer
- Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:1-14
- "His Robes for Mine"
- "Jesus, I Am Resting"
- "Oh, How Good It Is"
- Message: "In Case of Emergency"  
Exodus 6:1-30 Pastor Kevin Williams
- "O Great 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**

**New  
Fellowship  
Group  
Starting!**



## 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

## Baptism & New Members Joining Service

13 February, 1:30 pm

## 2021 Giving Receipts

Available for pick-up at the Information Desk. Any unclaimed receipts will be mailed 22 February.

## 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](mailto:donations@meadowlandsbaptist.com). Your donation will be automatically accepted, and you will receive a confirmation of the transfer.

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

7 pm



## New Connect Groups Are Forming

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 this Wednesday!***

We're thankful for the adult fellowship groups that meet each Sunday morning at 9:30 and 11:00. The purpose of these groups is to deepen edifying relationships by enjoying Word-centered fellowship. A new group is starting March 1 (through the end of May) that will meet every other Tuesday evening instead of Sunday mornings. Paul & Estelie Fries will be hosting a Bible study in their home (Meadows area) studying Peter's First Epistle. Space is limited, so sign up on the church bulletin board if you'd like to participate.