

# the Connection

## MEADOWLANDS BAPTIST CHURCH

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### BUILDING CHRIST'S CHURCH

Kevin Williams

Before Jesus died, rose again, and ascended to heaven, He made a promise to His followers. He declared, "I will build My church" (Matt 16:18). The historical record of the church's beginning is recorded in Acts 2. And Christ has continued to build His church for the last 2,000 years. The church expands as the Lord calls out followers from every tribe, tongue, people, and nation, and gathers them into local congregations all over the world. This Sunday the Meadowlands church family will assemble to praise God for what He has done in our local church over the last 26 years.

In March of 1996, a small group from two struggling churches merged together to begin Meadowlands Baptist Church. They met for worship in a small building located out in the country at the corner of 23 Avenue & 17 Street (our present location). Later that year they called Jim Tillotson to be their pastor, and the Tillotsons began their 18-year ministry in the fall of '97. Christ has been faithful to build His church.

We praise God for the opportunity to spread the Good News over the years in Edmonton and beyond through a larger facility, growing Christian school, planting churches, and partnering with missionaries sent out from Canada. We pray that He will find us faithful as a bright light shining in darkness. Christ continues to build His church, and we are grateful to be a part of that work in Edmonton. To God be the glory, great things He has done!





**DON'T FORGET  
TO "SPRING  
FORWARD!"**

# Anniversary Sunday

## Sunday, 13 March

- "By Faith"
- "Jesus, Strong and Kind"
- "Holy, Holy, Holy"
- Prayer
- Scripture Reading: Psalm 100
- "Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone"
- "O Church, Arise"
- "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"
- Message: "A Lesson on Evangelism"  
John 4:4-42 Dr. Jim Tillotson
- "Facing a Task Unfinished"

Morning Worship Services: 9:30 or 11  
 Music Ministry Team  
 Special Speaker: Dr. Jim Tillotson  
 \*All-Church Luncheon: 12:30 pm  
 Afternoon Service: 1:30 pm

In-person services take place in the auditorium only. The gym will no longer be available for viewing services. [Livestream is available.](#)  
 \*Everyone is invited to the luncheon, and you do not need to bring anything. Donations will be accepted to help cover food costs.



### SPECIAL SPEAKER

We are thrilled to have Jim and Joan Tillotson join us for Anniversary Sunday. Although the Lord does the work, He uses people as His instruments. For 18 years God used Pastor Jim to lead our congregation. Many souls came to Christ through his faithful proclamation of the Gospel. And the church grew as their loving shepherd taught God's truth and provided an example to follow. His passion for Christ and heart for people made a lasting impact on our church family. The Lord led the Tillotsons to minister to college students in 2015 as Jim became the president of Faith Baptist College & Seminary in Iowa. We rejoice in how Christ continues to use this godly couple for the building of His church.

# SUNDAY

## 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

### First Epistle to the Corinthians

Manuele Russo | **Room 312**

**PLEASE NOTE:  
ROOM CHANGE**

# MORNING

## 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

## THIS WEEK:

**WEDNESDAY Prayer & Bible Study/Teens Bible Study/Kids 4 Truth**

7 pm

**FRIDAY: Youth Activity (grades 7-12) Photo Scavenger Hunt**

6:30-9 pm Meet at church. Adult drivers are still needed.

## COMING UP:

**SUNDAY, 20 MARCH:**

**VBS Kick-off Meeting**

If you are interested in helping with this year's Vacation Bible School, please come to a short meeting after the second service in Room 207.

**Baby Shower for Grace Harder & Baby Aria**

3:30-4:30 pm in Room 207 Their baby registry can be found [here at amazon.ca](https://www.amazon.com).

**SUNDAY, 03 APRIL:**

**Church Membership Class/Evangelism Explored Class**

4-8 pm Supper included. Sign up on the church bulletin board.

**FRIDAY-SATURDAY, 22-23 APRIL**

**Ladies' Retreat**



Meadowlands has partnered with Baptist International Evangelistic Ministries that supplies theological training and humanitarian aid to 120 churches throughout Ukraine called "The Brotherhood of Independent Baptist Churches." You may give funds that will go directly to these churches to help them as they minister humanitarian aid and Gospel hope. To give through MBC, specify on your offering envelope or e-transfer to "Ukraine Relief."



**LADIES' RETREAT**

22-23 APRIL 2022

in the *Light*  
**WALKING**

Brochures are available [here](#) or at the Information Desk. Please [register here](#) or through our [website](#).

## 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.

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## MINISTRY UPDATE FOR TURKEY BY MISSIONARY JOSH BURRILL:

A couple years ago we shared how we were partnering with BMM's PEP program to provide week-long teaching seminars for Turkish church leaders who have never had an opportunity for formal theological education. We had our curriculum arranged, teachers lined up, course material translated, tickets purchased, and then we had to cancel the first class when the travel corridors shut down due to COVID-19. Many of you gave specific gifts for this project and they have remained in the Project World Walk Fund awaiting the re-start of our plans.

We thank God that the door has opened to go to Istanbul next week for the first PEP class in Turkey: New Testament Survey (March 21-25). It is imperative that national leaders be equipped to oversee the national churches.

I will be joined by one of the full-time PEP teachers who will all share the teaching load during the week. Pastor Antuan will be doing all the translating for the teachers, so please pray for him as the process is mentally exhausting. Pray that we would have a good attendance. We are expecting 15-20 people to participate in the class. Pray that nothing prevents people from being able to attend. Pray that we would be an encouragement to Pastor Antuan and Citadel who have gone through a very difficult year and need encouragement and counsel. Below is a recent update on their family situation.

ANTUAN: This week, after our 4th attempt, the Turkish court office has granted Citadel the permission to apply the necessary visa she needs to legally stay in the country. The next step is to make sure that the Immigration office will recognize the decision made by the court and accept Citadel's new application without making any further damages. The code on her is still a serious concern. If she leaves, there is no guarantee that she will be accepted when she returns even with a valid visa. This code could take 3-5 years to dissolve, if it does at all. This crisis has taken a toll on our mental and emotional health and has been an attack on our marriage. Please continue to pray!