

The Connection

MEADOWLANDS BAPTIST CHURCH

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Dear Church Family,

"A man's heart plans his ways, but the Lord directs his steps" (Proverbs 16:9). Over the last couple of years, this truth has certainly become more of a reality to us all. Dealing with these life changes is often challenging. Imagine how much more difficult those challenges would be if we didn't have the Lord and His promises to help in our time of need.

Back in July of 2014, when our family experienced the sudden death of my dad, Lori and I began to have discussions about other life changes that would inevitably take place in our family and big decisions that might have to be made at such times. Since then, many of those changes have, indeed, occurred: our children have gone off to college, graduated, and settled into their careers in the States. Our sons have married, and we have welcomed two grandchildren into our lives. For the most part, our parents have been in reasonably good health, but are starting to have greater needs, a fact that especially became a reality with the recent homegoing of Lori's dad a little over a month ago.

In January, I met with Pastor Kevin to talk about these things. I'm so thankful for his support and counsel since then as we have sought God's will for our future. It's with a whole mixture of emotions that we announce to you, our church family, that we will be leaving Meadowlands at the end of April.

We hope that during that time we can answer any questions you may have in regards to our plans. Until we leave, we intend to stay busy and productive in this ministry, aiding in any way we can to make this transition as smooth as possible.

This is God's church which He will continue to build in a great way with or without us. We praise the Lord for you all, and the wonderful staff we've worked with during the twelve years we've lived in Alberta. God has given us many good memories and friends which we will cherish. We covet your prayers as we make this move. "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us but to your name give glory because of Your mercy, because of Your truth" (Ps. 115:1).

Pastor Jerry & Lori

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SUNDAY MORNING

In-person services take place in the auditorium only. The gym will no longer be available for viewing services. [Livestream is available.](#)

- "God Is Our Strength and Refuge: Psalm 46"
- "I Know Whom I Have Believed"
- "How Great Thou Art"
- Prayer
- Scripture Reading: Exodus 15:1-21
- "I Am His and He Is Mine"
- "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"
- "O Church, Arise"
- Message: "Faith or Fiction" Exodus 13:17-15:21
Pastor Kevin Williams
- "My Hope Is in the Lord"

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

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

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

VBS KICK-OFF MEETING

If any adults or teens 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 O'NEIL & BABY ARIA

3:30-4:30 pm in Room 207 For gift ideas, please view their registry [here at amazon.ca.](#)

THIS WEEK:

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

7 pm

FRIDAY: COLLEGE & CAREER ACTIVITY

Meet at church from 6:30-8 pm.

COMING UP:

SUNDAY, 03 APRIL CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS & EVANGELISM EXPLORED CLASS

Two separate venues are offered. One class introduces you to the mission and ministries of MBC and how you can get involved. The other teaches you how to share your faith. Supper is included.
4-8 pm

Please sign up on the bulletin board by next Sunday, 27 March.

SUNDAY, 03 APRIL MEMBER CARE CLASS

4-5:30 pm (supper to follow)

This class will equip you to effectively care for needs within the church family.

22-23 APRIL LADIES' RETREAT

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

Dear Meadowlands Church Family,

My name is Caleb Neumann, and I have been attending Meadowlands for the past 9 years. I became a member in 2020 and am currently at Faith Baptist Bible College preparing to go into the ministry. This summer, I have been given the opportunity to intern with Frontline Missions for two months in North Africa. While I am there, I will learn the local language, experience missions work in a more hostile environment, and be mentored by local missionaries.

Across the world, there are approximately 2 billion people who have little if any access to the gospel, and God has put a burden on my heart to tell them about our Lord Jesus and the salvation He freely offers to people of every tribe, tongue, and nation. Although I am not sure whether or not God is calling me to missions among unreached people, this is one of my first steps in discerning where He is leading me. This trip will help me see whether I am equipped and able to work among people in these areas. Whether or not God has called me to this specific ministry, I know that He will use this internship in my life to grow me more into the likeness of His Son and to spread His gospel among all nations.

I would love for you, as my church family, to be involved as I prepare for and go on this trip. The first, and most important, way that you can partner with me in this would be to pray for me. More than anything, I need God as I look to go on this trip. As I prepare, I would ask that you pray for God to prepare my heart to be continually submissive to Him, to guide me in regard to His plan for my life, and to provide the physical means to go on this trip. The second way to partner with me would be to consider supporting me financially. For this trip, I need to raise about 6500 USD. So far, God has already provided about 1500 USD, and I know He will continue to provide as He leads me to go on this trip. If you wish to be a part of supporting me financially, please designate your gift through Meadowlands.



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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Ukraine Update:

Through your generous gifts, Meadowlands was able to send 15K to ABWE Canada for the Brotherhood of Independent Baptist Churches. We will continue to send funds as they are given. Designate: "Ukraine Relief."

"Thank-you very much for your generous help. The funds sent to the Brotherhood are going to the Brotherhood churches in the areas where war relief efforts are the most needed, which are the areas being hit the hardest. As you can see from the war video updates on our [website](http://BaptistInternational.org) (BaptistInternational.org), every church basement is a bomb shelter where people not only receive lodging, food and safety but also hear the Gospel. Many are being saved. Praise God!

At this point, we rejoice that none of our BIEM personnel have been killed, although some have been displaced. Those who can are ready to open their hearts and their churches to countrymen who need to see the love of God shining through His children."

Sam Slobodian

Director of Baptist International Evangelistic Ministries



FUNDS FOR RELIEF EFFORTS ARE USED FOR:

- providing food, shelter, clothes, blankets, medicine to refugees
- evacuating and assisting refugees to safer locations
- providing food and housing in Poland
- assisting families in obtaining emergency visas