

the Connection

MEADOWLANDS BAPTIST CHURCH

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YOUR LEGACY IN THE EYES OF A CHILD

Jeff McConnell

When you pass on into eternity and the children in your life hear your name, what will they remember most about you? What will be your legacy in their eyes? The priorities of an adult are easy to identify—even for a child. A child could identify anyone's priorities by simply listening to what they talk about the most. After all, out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks (Matt 12:34).

I exhort you to seek to have them remember you as a lover of their soul—let them remember you as their evangelist. In their earliest years, let them hear you singing the great songs of the faith and in passionate prayer for the souls of others at the dinner table. Let them experience you pleading with them to love God with all of their heart.

We have no idea when a young child truly understands the good news of the gospel and reaches a level of accountability with God. God alone possesses this knowledge. Since we are not certain of when they will be saved, we must then preach the gospel to them as early as possible. One clue to consider when we ought to begin preaching the gospel should be at the season of time when the child begins exploring communication. If they are beginning to attempt communication, they are also beginning to understand. If understanding is present, then the good news of Christ should be a priority.

One idea is to get a sample pack of children's tracts and read them on your family worship nights or at bedtime with a discussion of the importance of His shed blood on our behalf. You could read them over and over and with this develop a gospel legacy with those precious little souls. If they ever reflect upon their past and wonder what true Christianity looked like, I pray that your face would show up. But this legacy will only happen through God's grace and gospel exhortation on your part.



SUNDAY MORNING

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

- "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
- "Give to Our God Immortal Praise"
- "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
- Prayer
- Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:1-9
- "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"
- "Fill My Cup, Lord"
- "O Church, Arise"
- Message: "The Testing of Your Faith"
Exodus 15:22-17:16 Pastor Kevin Williams
- "I'd Rather Have Jesus"

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

THIS WEEK:

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

7 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 this Sunday.

SUNDAY, 03 APRIL: MEMBER CARE CLASS

4-5:30 (Supper to follow)

This class will equip you to effectively care for needs within the church family. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer by this Sunday.

SUNDAY, 10 APRIL: ALL-CHURCH LUNCHEON & AFTERNOON SERVICE

15 APRIL: GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE:

11 am in the auditorium

17 APRIL: EASTER SUNDAY

9:30 or 11 am Services

No Adult Fellowship Groups or Children's Sunday School

22-23 APRIL: LADIES' RETREAT

Hosted by Meadowlands. Register by 15 April.

Please see the Information Desk for details.

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WALKING

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

Missionary Update

Thank you so much for caring and praying for us. Several of you have contacted us about working with refugees and helping with their needs. We do appreciate that. 15,000 Gospel of John in the Ukrainian language as well as 15,000 booklets entitled, "Why Does God Allow War" in Ukrainian language were distributed. We are waiting for reprint of another 30,000 as we got permission to distribute these materials in Ukrainian Consulate in Krakow. When the war broke out in Ukraine and many refugees arrived in Poland, my wife and I decided to welcome a Ukrainian family to our home. We needed 2-3 days to prepare our house to receive guests from Ukraine. Before we went to the refugee center, we decided to pray, because maybe God already had someone in mind. Within 2 days we got a message from friends that there was a family on their way to Poland and they needed a place to stay. It was an answer to our prayer. Despite our initial language barriers, our ability to communicate improved significantly after two weeks.

Aleksander left Ukraine with his wife and three sons. They did not want to leave their home because they are farmers and the work in the field had just started. But because of the youngest son (4 years old) and a pregnant wife, they had to leave their country. They come from Sumy and they are members of the church there: House of the Gospel. During peacetime the church numbered 250 members, now about 120. In total in Sumy there are about 10 Bible-believing churches with over a thousand people. The city is under fire and infrastructure, thermal power plants and electrical substations are bombed. Sometimes peaceful neighborhoods are bombed as well. The city is surrounded by Russian troops, who mostly come from Russia through the city of Sumy to attack Kyiv. The city does not provide any food or hygiene products, only humanitarian aid, which is imported through volunteers. Aleksander is organizing and coordinating humanitarian aid for churches and other people in the city. Also, his farm trucks are used to provide humanitarian aid. Churches in the city are providing basic needs and storing food in case Russians block all the roads to the city. Most needed are food and hygiene, various drugs especially for heart and vascular diseases, as there are many elderly people left. You can participate financially in collection of food and medicine as well as logistics for transportation of humanitarian aid. Also, what is most needed by the church and the people of Sumy is prayer for God to give strength to endure these circumstances and help to see the hand of God. And for those who do not know Christ to humble themselves and turn to Him.

We appreciate your help and are fully accountable to God and to you.

Serving Christ in Poland and Ukraine

Kris Kolt and Aleksander Ivanchenko



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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.

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

FUNDS FOR RELIEF EFFORTS IN UKRAINE 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