

AFTER DARKNESS, LIGHT

POST TENEBRAS LUX

Reformation Sunday



MEADOWLANDS

BAPTIST CHURCH

TODAY

Prayer Time

9:00am-9:25am

Room 207 (Fireside Room)

Nursery (0-3)

9:30am and 11am

Adult Bible Study

Fellowship Groups

9:30am or 11am

Children's Sunday

School/Teens

11am

Movie Night

6pm

Children's Cartoon

The Torchlighters: The

William Tyndale Story

6:30pm

God's Outlaw: The Story of

William Tyndale

- Free admission and popcorn
- Snacks and drinks available for purchase (proceeds to Meadows Baptist Academy)

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES

30 October | 9:30am or 11am

CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 96:1-6

HYMNS

11 "ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING"

53 "A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD"

433 "NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD"

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

ROMANS 5:1-11

HYMNS

PP "REFORMATION SONG"

388 "HE WILL HOLD ME FAST"

18 "ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL"

MESSAGE

"LIGHT SHINING IN DARKNESS"

2 PETER 1:19-21

PASTOR KEVIN WILLIAMS

CLOSING HYMN

364 "HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION"

BENEDICTION

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105

CALENDAR ITEMS



EVENTS

THIS WEEK:

Wednesday

6:30pm

- Teen Bible Quizzing (Room 314)

7pm

- Men's Bible Study (Room 207 Fireside Room)
- Ladies' Bible Study (Auditorium)
- Kids 4 Truth

Deacon
nominations will
begin on
November 6.

05 November

10am-12pm

Set-up and prep for All-Church Lunch
Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can help serve in this way.

06 November

12:30pm

All-Church Lunch

1:30pm-2:30pm

Sunday Afternoon Hymn Sing

13 November

4pm-8pm

Membership Class

Please sign up on the bulletin board.

6pm-8pm

Parenting Seminar

Member Care

Childcare will be provided for all classes.



Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side,
The man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His name,
From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

— Martin Luther

Sola Scriptura

Each day we are confronted with competing truth claims. The media is continually telling us what to believe and what not to believe. In addition to the media, we regularly listen to declarations of truth in conversations with neighbors, coworkers, friends, and family. Much of what we hear is contradictory. So how do we discern what is true? What about important issues like morality, relationships, personal identity, and God? Fortunately, we are not left to ourselves to figure out what is true. God has given us a standard to measure everything we hear. That divine standard is God's Word.

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther made a list of 95 reasons why the church's practice of selling indulgences (money exchanged for God's forgiveness) was wrong. He appealed to Scripture as a higher authority than religious tradition and the pope. He posted that list on the front door of the main church in town lighting a fuse that exploded all over Europe. The battle cry of the Reformation was the Latin phrase *Sola Scriptura*—Scripture alone is our infallible authority.

Luther's bold preaching and writing eventually landed him in front of an imperial council accusing him of heresy. As he stood before the court, they demanded that he recant his writings. Luther famously responded with these words:

Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason (for I do not trust either in the pope or in councils alone, since it is well known that they have often erred and contradicted themselves), I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted, and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and will not recant anything since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. Here I stand. I can do no other. God help me!

We need the same conviction about the Bible held by Martin Luther. The Word of God is our ultimate authority. And we may even have to pay a price for taking a stand with Scripture when it is not popular in our society. We can be confident, though, that God will help us as we rely on Him.





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