

Windows



The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.

Our Advent journey is now complete. The darkness is gone. The Light of the World is here! The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. The long-awaited Christ has come!

December 25, 2011

Call to Worship

#264 O Come Let Us Adore Him Eric Livingston, Associate Minister

Welcome & Prayer

A Christmas Gathering

Luke 1:28-33, 38

Magnificat

Love Has Come

Prayer for Peace

#62 I Exalt Thee

A Christmas Table

Breaking the Bread Chuck Bearman

Sharing the Cup

#1003 Silent Night

A Christmas Offering

Offering Chuck Box

John 1:1-4

Here I Am to Worship

A Christmas Story

"Dangerous Wonder" Jerry Neill, Senior Minister

All Who Are Thirsty

#1018 Joy to the World

Benediction Tony Edwards, Shepherd

Our Mission

To be a Spirit-led community of believers who demonstrate the sacrificial love of Jesus to the world



Our Vision

To be the hands and feet of Jesus



Our Values

Worship
Spiritual Maturity
Outreach
Fellowship
Giving
Excellence

Prayers for . . .

Hospital:

•Lynn Odom
Home Hospice

•Cynthia White
Blair E. Batson

•Jordan Watkins
Blair E. Batson, room 466

Facing Surgery, Tests, Treatment:

•Stacy Crain

•Curt Fay
Suzanne Hosford's father

•Pat Edwards
Amanda Box's mother

•Kim Macy
Richy McNeil's sister

•Bobby Brothers
Stephanie Perry's father

•Nathan & Kristen Chadwick
Larry Stowe's nephew & his wife

•Joe Belew

•Caleb Herndon

Missionaries:

•Kemmel & Lisa Dunham
Guatemala

Inside Peek

Adult Class Schedule

The next several weeks will bring us an unusual adult class schedule. The holidays and then some guest speakers will create some departure from our usual habits and times.

On Wednesday night, December 28, we will have no classes. Beginning on Wednesday nights in January, Jerry's class will begin a new study called God's Story, Your Story with help from Max Lucado.

On Sunday mornings, the schedule will be as follows:

December 25: No classes. Assembly worship at 10:30 only.

January 1: Combined adult class taught by Jerry Neill

January 8: Combined adult class taught by Rob McRay, guest speaker, as he introduces us to the Gospel of Mark

January 15: Combined adult class taught by David Fleer, guest speaker

January 22-April 8: Regular adult classes, each studying the Gospel of Mark.

Hope this is helpful and minimizes the confusion.

Replacement Needed

The Teaching Ministry needs to replace at least one of the five teachers on Wednesday night at the Billy Brumfield Men's Shelter, effective January 1, 2012. If you are interested in sharing God's Word with these men who are committed to changing their lives, please contact Larry Whiting at 601-924-0805 or during congregational gatherings. You will be richly blessed as a sower of God's seed in this ministry.

Save the Date

Meadowbrook will host the Harding University Chorus on January 6. The chorus, under the direction of Dr. Cliff Ganus, will perform a free concert on the evening of January 6 and then will leave the next morning. We need to provide housing to 55 students in the chorus. If you can host any students, please sign up in the foyer.

Women's Circle

The Meadowbrook Women's Circle will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 4, at Gayle Reaves' home. Dessert and drinks will be provided. If staying for lunch, please bring a sandwich.



Small Groups

Beginning in January, the Byram/Clinton Small Group will meet at the home of Buck & Kathy Tumilson, 409 Warwick Rd., Clinton; 601.925.8428.

Women's Book Club

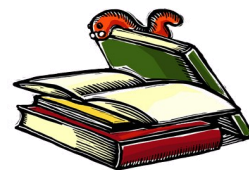
All women are invited to join the Women's Book Club which meets monthly to discuss Christian fiction books that members have read.

The list of selections for 2012 will be made at our first meeting, Tuesday, January 10, 6:30, at the home of Janet Ferguson.

Please call Belinda Melson at 601.362.5374 or email her at belinda@meadowbrook.org if you would like more information about the book club.

Don't Toss Your Old Books!

When you're clearing out old books after the holidays, please think of donating them to Meadowbrook's Book Sale, to be held on Saturday, February 18, in the Family Center. We are trying to raise money for new books and DVDs for the Meadowbrook Church Library. Books and DVDs of general interest are welcome, as well as children's books and DVDs. This sale will be open to the public, but the Meadowbrook family will get a special preview on the Wednesday before the sale. Please call or see Keith or Janice Parsons or Carol Rietvelt if you have any questions.



Today/Tonight, December 25:

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

No SNL

December 28: No class

January 1: Class is on, but NO SNL that night.

Future Events

January 27-29:

Insight Youth Rally in Senatobia, MS

Please start signing up for this great weekend coming up soon! The cost is \$55 for the weekend which includes housing, 3 meals (lunch and dinner on Saturday, lunch on Sunday), and a t-shirt. Sign up with Jonathan or on the bulletin board in front of the Teen Center. I am working on getting it posted on the Web site as well. Deadline for this sign-up is January 11.

February 16-19: Winterfest! More details to come. Mark it on your calendars! Sign-ups coming soon.

Merry Christmas!

Holiday Schedule Changes:

December 25 - No Bible classes or KFC. We will have a 10:30 service only.

January 1 - We WILL have Bible classes at 9:30, but no KFC. KFC will resume January 8.



**Nursery
Volunteers
Needed**

Our Babies Need You! Did you know volunteers are only scheduled 3-4 times per year? Our babies (0-2 years) need some more volunteers! Call or email Amanda Box.

Nursery Volunteers—Sunday, January 1, 2012

Nikki Smith, Sharon Tompkins, Nursery Committee Member, Sally Porter, Madeline Porter, Sadie Corban, Katja Russell, Michelle Hester, and Eryn McCarthy

Parent Tip:

The greatest thing a parent can do for their child is to focus on themselves, rather than the child.

As long as I am focused on my children, orbiting my whole life around them, then I am putting all of my emotional responses into their hands. I become dependent upon the least mature persons in the family to actually lead the family. This is simply backwards. Children are not given to us to become our whole world. They are here to become self-directed, contributing adults. Our calling is to create an environment that helps them do that. This means focusing more on what we're doing and less on them. How am I going to behave, regardless of their behavior? I have to focus on me because I am the only one I can ultimately control.

-Hal Runkel, LMFT,
Author of *ScreamFree Parenting*

Sharing. . .

Baptism

Congratulations to Sam Hopkins who was baptized on Wednesday, December 14! Sam has been coming to Meadowbrook since around August. He is 15 years old and a sophomore at Ridgeland High School. His three favorite things to do are play video games, eat, and hang out with his friends. Sam lives at 280 Pine Tree Lane, Ridgeland, MS 39157 and his phone number is 769.798.5763. Welcome to the family, Sam!

Year End Contributions

If you donated a non-monetary item to the church in 2011 and did not receive a letter acknowledging that donation, please call the church office.

Also, as a reminder, checks received after January 1 will not be included in calendar year 2011 Charitable Contribution statements unless the check is mailed and postmarked December 31 or before. A check deposited in the church offering in January cannot be deducted in the previous year, even if it is backdated to the previous year or even if it was actually written and dated in the previous year.

Charitable Contribution statements will be mailed out on or before January 31, 2012.

December Schedule

The church office will be closed Friday, Dec. 23; Monday, Dec. 26; and Monday, Jan. 2, 2012. The church library will be closed Dec. 25 through Jan. 1.

The Meadowbrook Preschool will be closed Monday, Dec. 19, through Monday, Jan. 2.

Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday night suppers will not be served while the Family Center is under renovation. Please be patient.



SMALL GROUPS

Hinds County Groups:

Jackson 1

Tony & Linda Edwards
601.981.6030

Jackson 2

Ashley Belew
601.540.6431

Byram/Clinton

Buck & Kathy Tumblison
601.925.8428

Meadowbrook Campus

Roy & Susan Kellum
601.362.3004

Madison County Groups:

Madison 1

Jeff & Trisha Richardson
601.853.6831

Madison 2

Michael & Neddie J. Tolleson
601.842.8702

Ridgeland 1

Sam & Carol Beasley
601.790.4076

Ridgeland 2

Jerry & Linda Sue Neill
601.259.3121

Ridgeland 3

Eric & Dixie Livingston
601.421.0958

Ridgeland 4

Jim & Susie Kopf
601.856.4668

Rankin County Groups:

Brandon

Chad & Jennifer Winkler
601.824.9639

Reservoir 1

David & Charleen Read
601.992.9386

Reservoir 2

David & Melissa Thompson
601.829.1028

If you would like to visit or join a Small Group, contact Eric Livingston, 601.421.0958, or any of the names you see listed above.

Calendar of Events

December 2011

Chairman: Blaine Totty

23 & 26...Christmas holiday (*office closed*)

24...Men's Christmas Eve Breakfast 7a Cracker Barrel, I-55 N

.....Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5:30p Aud.

January 2012

Chairman: Tony Edwards

1...Happy New Year

2...office closed

4...Women's Circle 10:30a @ Gayle Reaves'

6...Harding Chorus

7-8...Guest Speaker Rob McRay

10...Book Club 6:30p @ J Ferguson's

13-15...Regional Leadership Retreat

22...Elder Ordination

...New Life Sunday

27-29...Insight (Senatobia)

December 2011

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January 2012

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29	30	31				

SHEPHERDS

Tony Edwards

Roy Kellum

Jim Kopf

Phil Lucas

Bud Martin

Tom Reaves

Don Seago

Blaine Totty

HOURS OF ASSEMBLY

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship

6:00 p.m. Small Groups

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Bible Classes

ADULT CLASSES

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

December 25 - No class

January 01 - Combined adult class taught by Jerry Neill

Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Answering God's Call

Jerry Neill FC5

Praise Team Rehearsal

Eric Livingston Auditorium

STAFF

Jerry Neill

Senior Minister

Eric Livingston

Associate Minister

Jonathan Woods

Youth Minister

Amanda Box

Children's Minister

Michael Tolleson

Administration Minister

Belinda Melson

Administration Assistant

MEADOWBROOK PRESCHOOL

Director: Cathy Miller

Phone: 601.362.5083

SUNDAY RECORDS

December 18, 2011

Attendance..... 366

Weekly Budget..... \$17,481

Contribution \$32,213

Feed Your Sheep \$300

Foundations3 Goal \$300,000

Foundations3 Pledges. \$214,483

Foundations3 Gifts \$122,980

Remaining Pledge Amt. . \$91,503

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Nursery

Kay Martin, Sharon Rainey, Nancy Douglas, Tim Douglas

Praise Team/Audio/Video

Dixie Livingston, Judy Seabrook, Stephanie Bundle, Beth Hansen, Larry Whiting, Ralph Farrell, Sam Beasley, Blaine Totty, III
Audio: Matthew Thompson
Video: David Thompson

Communion Servers

Brian White, John Nisbett, Bob Keyes, Chuck Box, Trey Box, Brad Easterling, William Richardson, Lamar Kilpatrick, Ben Neely, Jesse Simpson, Gregg Waycaster, Ben Kerr
Balcony: Todd Rose, Ron Stowers, Dan McInnis

Communion Preparation

Mark & Dawn Hayden

Ushers

Charlie Smith, Talley Neely, Nick Hansen, Earl Lawson, Michael Phillips, Bill Rives, Kirk Latson

Greeters

Randy & Teresa Monaghan, Sam & Alice Obert, Maxine Crawford

Contribution Counters

Craig Wood, Jay Hilliard



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