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Adult Class Schedule

Sunday 9:30am - Combined class, FC-fh

"The Wisdom of Waiting in an Anxious World"

Dec. 04: "Managing Transitions: What Does the Darkness Have to Teach Us?"

Dec. 11: "Spiritual Sight and Spiritual Blindness: The Need for Discernment"

Dec. 18: "Hope as a Response"

Wednesday 6:30pm

FC-5: "Advent Prayer Services"

FC-6: "Praise!" *Lawana Latham*

Meadowbrook Leadership

Elders:

- Phil Lucas
- David Read
- Jeff Richardson
- Ton Rietvelt
- Jesse Simpson
- Larry Stowe (*December Pastoral Elder*)
- Larry Whiting

Staff:

- Amanda Box, Connections Minister
- Ben Fike, Senior Minister
- Laura Fike, Children's Minister
- Belinda Melson, Administrative Assistant
- Judy Seabrook, Finance Manager
- Marshall Wade, Youth Minister

Stats - November 27, 2016

Attendance: 180 ▪ Weekly Budget: \$12,580 ▪ Contribution: \$7,399

Assembly (10:30am, Auditorium)

Sermon Series: "Let There be Light"

Dec. 04: "Advent: Let There be Light 2"

Dec. 11: "Advent: Let There be Light 3"

Dec. 18: "Advent: Let There be Light 4"

Dec. 25: "The Light Shines in the Darkness"

Small Groups Today will be the last official SG meetings until January 2017.

Wednesday Night Supper- December 7

Entrée from Iron Horse Grill, dessert, and drink. Cost \$5

Calendar Events:

December 2016

- 07...Women's Circle 10:30am @ S. Kel-lums's
- 10... Bring gifts for Christmas project to Auditorium 12-4p
- 11...End Christmas project
- 15...Women's Christmas party/ornament swap RR 6:30-8:30p
- 17...Deliver gifts to Baton Rouge
- 24...Christmas Eve service Aud. 5:30p
- 25...Merry Christmas; worship service 10:30a (no classes)

MEADOWBROOK CHURCH OF CHRIST



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December 4, 2016

Keeping Watch Together

- You Are the Light*..... Michael Tolleson
- Lighting the Candle of Peace
- #221 *Jesus, Name Above All Names*
- #232- *Worthy. You Are Worthy*
- Welcome & AnnouncementsLaura Fike

Peace and Good Tidings on Earth

- #1001 *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*
- How Great Is Our God*
- Isaiah 11: 1-10 J. Perry
- Romans 15: 4-13Chad Bryant
- Matthew 3: 1-12Mary Presley Eifling
- "Let There be Light #2" Ben Fike
- #387 *Tell Me the Story of Jesus (v1)*

His Glory Shining

- #366 *By Christ Redeemed*
- The Body of Christ Blaine Totty
- His Cup of Salvation
- #77 *Glorify Thy Name*

Glory to God in the Highest

- Offering..... Ken P'Pool
- Christmas Project Update Amanda Box
- #1002 *Angels We Have Heard on High*
- Benediction..... David Read



Prayer Concerns

Steve Watson (Elaine Watson) Successful surgery, Wednesday, November 30, at St. Dominic Hospital.

Dean Johnson had a good report at his follow-up visit Wednesday, Nov. 30, at UMMC concerning his throat.

Congregational News

Baby boy for the Archers! Congratulations to Jeremy & Jessica Archer on the birth of Carter Jessie Scott Archer, Wednesday, November 30.



Our church-wide Christmas project will be focusing on helping our neighbors in Baton Rouge who are still struggling to recover from the devastating floods that hit there earlier this year. Meadowbrook is working with a local teacher who has identified 45 families who are in need of help. Because the Lord has blessed us so richly, we are inviting everyone to show Christ's light and join together to provide Christmas gifts for these families. Individuals, small groups, or any group may select one or more families. **We have one more week to help with the Baton Rouge Christmas project! Boxes are available to help with packing at the sign-up table today.**

Please save these dates:

Saturday, Dec. 10: Bring gifts to the Meadowbrook Auditorium between noon and 4pm. Please do the following:

- * Wrap gifts, put the gifts in a cardboard box that will close, and write the recipient family's name on the outside of the box. Do not seal the box.
- * Bring a list of the gifts taped to the outside of the closed box.
- * Parent gifts cards should be submitted separately in an envelope with the recipient family's name on the outside.

Saturday, Dec. 17: We need volunteers and delivery vehicles to take the gifts down to Baton Rouge. Please email Amanda or Laura with questions. The tentative itinerary would be to leave around 8am and return around 5pm. Contact Blaine Totty III (tottyb@hotmail.com) if you are able to help on Dec. 17.

Meadowbrook Preschool is currently conducting the search process for a new director. If you know of an outstanding candidate, please contact Ton Rietvelt, rietvelt@bellsouth.net.

For the Animals: You have until Wednesday, December 7, to bring items that are being collected by Emily Easterling for donation to the Brandon Animal Hospital for use after surgical procedures on animals. Used blankets, towels, sheets, and rolls of paper towels are needed. Donation totes are located in the Family Center foyer, the Auditorium, and by the church office. This drive is for Emily's Girl Scout Silver Project I.



Combined Advent Classes: Children in 1st - 6th grades will meet in the KFC room for a combined Sunday School class during the Advent season. Children 3 years - Kindergarten will join our combined class on December 11.

KFC Break: Our three-year-olds through 2nd graders will take a break from KFC during Advent and Christmas to allow our children to participate in our worship services. **KFC will resume January 8.**

Songs for Advent: Children 3 and up will be sharing three songs with the congregation during the Advent season. We will be practicing during our combined Advent class on Sundays and in our JAM class on Wednesdays. Please check your email for more details so you can also practice at home!

JAM Christmas Party: All 3rd - 6th graders are invited to Ben & Laura's house (3812 Montrose Circle) for a Christmas party on Sunday, December 18. We'll carpool to the house after worship (around noon,) and children can be picked up at the house at 4pm. Wear whatever makes you feel festive, and bring \$3 to help cover the cost of lunch and snacks. Email Laura via laura@meadowbrook.org to RSVP.

Save the Date! New Life Sunday is January 8!



SNL: Christmas Party today after church at the Richardsons'. Transportation there and back to the church will be provided.

Winterfest 2017: This year we will be attending Winterfest in Arlington, TX. Cost, \$100. The deadline to sign up for this trip is Dec. 7. The form is on Meadowbrook Connect.



The **Meadowbrook Church of Christ Women's Circle** will meet Wednesday, December 7, 10:30am, at Susan Kellum's home. We will choose food items and the cooking day to replenish the church's freezer. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Please respond to Susan with your attendance, 601-362-3004.

The **Women's Book Club** will meet on Tuesday, December 13, 6:30pm, at the home of Neddie Joye Tolleson. The book that will be discussed is *The Christmas Candle* by Max Lucado. Contact Neddie Joye at 601.503.4601 for directions or Belinda Melson at 601.573.1022 with any other questions. Hope to see you there!

Women's Christmas Party/Ornament Swap

NEW DATE - Thursday, Dec. 15, 2016, 6:30pm - 8:30pm: Ladies, start buying your special ornament for this fun festive occasion. We will meet in the Reception Room. Everyone is asked to bring finger foods for this night together. Please mark your calendars now, and come be with us on this special night!