

On the Calendar

December 2013

02-05...Serving at Stewpot
04...Women's Circle 10:30a RR
06-08...Backpacking trip
08...Meadowbrook Christmas Special 6p FC-fh
10...Women's Dinner/Theater "No Room in the Inn" 6p FC-fh
14...MYG Christmas Party
17...Women's Book Club 6:30p @ Beth Hansen's
24...Men's Christmas Eve Breakfast 7a Cracker Barrel (I-55 N)
.....Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5:30p Auditorium
24-25...Christmas holidays (office closed)

Adult Classes

SUNDAY 9:30 A.M. FC-fh
Dec. 01: Sunnybrook-Bill Long, et al.
Dec. 08: Christians in Action-Don Seago/
Hope House-Larry Stowe
Dec. 15: Stewpot and associated ministries-
Ton Rietvelt
Dec. 22: Keith Parsons
Dec. 29: Keith Parsons

WEDNESDAY 6:30 P.M.

**The Story: Tracing God's Heart through
Scripture** FC-5: Various teachers

Praise Team Rehearsal FC-6: Various teachers

Meadowbrook Leadership

Elders:

Don Berryhill	Jeff Richardson
Jim Kopf	Ton Rietvelt
Phil Lucas	Don Seago
Bud Martin	Jesse Simpson
David Read	Blaine Totty
	Larry Whiting

Sermon Schedule

Dec. 01: Jack Reese
Dec. 08: Jonathan Woods
Dec. 15: Jack Reese
Dec. 22: Jack Reese
Dec. 29: Jack Reese
Jan. 05: Jack Reese
Jan. 12: Dr. Richard Oster
Feb. 16: Randy Harris

Small Groups

Small group locations are listed on the Web site. Discussion questions will be available through Dec. 15. After that date, Small Groups will take a holiday break and resume in January 2014. <http://meadowbrook.org/ministries/small-groups/>

Staff:

Amanda Box, *Children's Minister*
Julie Jacobs, *Admin. Asst.*
Belinda Melson, *Admin. Asst.*
Michael Tolleson, *Admin. Minister*
Jonathan Woods, *Youth Minister*

Weekly Stats - Nov. 24, 2013

Attendance: 335 Weekly Budget: \$17,376 Contribution: \$14,474



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Windows



Welcome! Today is the first day of the Advent season!

Over the next month we will celebrate the Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love we have in Christ. God has broken into the world in the form of a poor, Jewish baby boy, to fill our hearts with immeasurable hope. Let us bring Him our gifts of worship!

December 1, 2013

Gathering in Anticipation

#264 O Come Let Us Adore Him Lee Harrell
Welcome.....Jeff Richardson, Shepherd
Lighting the Candle of Hope
#144 O Worship the King
Here I Am To Worship
Jeremiah 33.14-16
Offering.....Rob Whitley
"Least of These" video
#382 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

A Table of Hope

Breaking the Bread
Sharing the Cup
#363 Breath of Heaven

The Story of Expectation

Beautiful Things
"The God Who Runs" Jack Reese, Guest Speaker
#538 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Confidence in His Presence

Romans 13.11-12
Whom Shall I Fear
BenedictionJeff Richardson, 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

Stan Goodman, Lana Byrd's uncle, has been diagnosed with stage 3 non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Robbie Riddle, Belinda Melson's brother, will have heart valve replacement surgery on Thursday, December 5, in Monroe, LA.

Ida Lambert is recuperating at her daughter Amy's home. You can reach Ida at 407.325.0227.

Continued prayers:

Luke Ferguson, Maxine Crawford, Sharron Belew, Ethel Coleman, Mary Ellis Cravey, Bob Lentz, Barbara Taylor, Gina Gandy - *Steve Gandy's niece*, John Thomas Kellum - *Roy Kellum's nephew*, Duane Gosa - *Michael Gosa's father*, Rosa Douglas - *Tim Douglas's mother*, Jodi Ozio - *Darrell Jackson's daughter*, Kemmel & Lisa Dunham - *Guatemala*

News

Serving at Stewpot Volunteers are needed to serve the noon meal at Stewpot Monday, December 2, through Thursday, December 5. If you can help, contact Ton Rietvelt at 601.316.3258.

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class The last lesson for the current study will be on Tuesday, December 3. Watch for more information on this class after the start of the new year.

Meadowbrook Christmas Special The Meadowbrook family will celebrate with a Children's Christmas program and Christmas appetizer potluck during our monthly fellowship on Sunday, December 8, beginning at 6pm, in the Family Center-fellowship hall. Parents, if you have children participating in the program, please have them in the FC at 4:30pm for dress rehearsal. Everyone else should arrive around 5:45pm with their appetizer. This will be a fun night for all!

Women's Circle The Meadowbrook Women's Circle will meet Wednesday, December 4, 10:30am, in the Reception Room. Definitely, bring a sandwich for lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Call Rebecca Long at 601.832.9003 if you will be attending.

Dinner-Theater for Ladies Only Wednesday, December 4, is the deadline to buy tickets for the ladies only dinner-theater production, "No Room in the Inn," scheduled on December 10. See Nikki Smith, Linda Edwards, or Lori Sanders to purchase them. TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AFTER DECEMBER 4. Tablescapes people: If you have not contacted Lisa Cantrell, please do so by December 4.

Backpacking Trip A backpacking trip has been planned for the weekend of December 6. We will leave late Friday afternoon, December 6, and return Sunday afternoon, December 8. Destination is uncertain. Call Rob Whitley at work 601.362.8844.

Women's Book Club The next book club meeting will be at Beth Hansen's home on Tuesday, December 17, 6:30pm. The book that will be discussed is: Unafraid: Mary by Francine Rivers.



Dec. 1: No KFC. KFC will resume on Sunday, December 8.

For the Least of These: On Sunday, Oct. 13, your child made a bank to collect money to buy food for the Ugandan children in need. Please put the bank in a special place and encourage your children to do extra chores to earn money to help buy food. This is a wonderful opportunity for your family to be the hands and feet of Jesus together to help the Ugandan children. We will be sharing more details in the coming weeks.

JAM (3rd-6th graders) will meet in the KFC room on Wednesday, December 4, at 6:30pm, to learn and work on "For the Least of These."

Meadowbrook Christmas Special - Children's program: *Christmas Hang-ups*
Rehearsal: Wednesday, Dec. 4, 5:30pm FC-2 and FC-3
Dress Rehearsals: Saturday, Dec. 7, 4:30pm, FC-fh, & Sunday, Dec. 8, 4:30pm, FC-fh
Program: Sunday, Dec. 8, 6pm, FC-fh



Today/Tonight: There will be no SNL tonight. Enjoy the Thanksgiving break!

MYG Christmas Party, December 14: Mark it down on your calendars. Hope to see you there!

Sharing

"To the Least of These" by Cindi Latson

"No, this is the kind of fasting I want:....Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them...." Isaiah 58:7

The special contribution to benefit hungry children in Uganda will be taken during worship service on Sunday, December 15. Any donation you can make will make a difference. Every dollar matters. One dollar alone will ease the suffering of 8 children for one day. So, let's pray for God's Spirit to move among us and be amazed as He takes our "five loaves and two fish" and turns them into a meal for a multitude!

"You are the light of the world - like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden."
Matthew 5:13

Men's Christmas Eve Prayer Breakfast and Fellowship

All men are invited to fellowship together at Cracker Barrel on I-55 N, Tuesday, December 24, at 7:00am. Dutch treat. Please email Larry Stowe at lstowe@bellsouth.net if you plan to attend.

Guest Speakers—Save These Dates in 2014:

On January 11 and 12, Meadowbrook will host a weekend seminar by world-renowned New Testament scholar and teacher from Harding School of Theology, Dr. Richard Oster. And, on February 15 and 16, Randy Harris — lecturer, professor, and author from Abilene Christian University—will be at Meadowbrook to conduct a weekend seminar. Mark your calendars NOW! Additional details to come.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER, DECEMBER 4: Spaghetti, sides, dessert, tea/coffee.
Adults \$5, Children \$3