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**Adult Class Schedule**

**Sunday 9:30am - Combined class, FC-fh**  
"The Wisdom of Waiting in an Anxious World"

- Nov. 27: "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 (*November Pastoral Elder*)
- David Read
- Jeff Richardson
- Ton Rietvelt
- Jesse Simpson
- Larry Stowe
- 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 20, 2016**

Attendance: 205 ▪ Weekly Budget: \$12,580 ▪ Contribution: \$15,995

**Assembly (10:30am, Auditorium)**

**Sermon Series: "Let There be Light"**

- Nov. 27: "Advent: Let There be Light 1"
- 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** Check with your small group leader to see if you will be meeting this Sunday. December 4 will be the last official SG meetings until January 2017.

**Wednesday Night Supper- November 30**

Homemade Advent Soup provided by Judy Stinson and Lisa Lester. Cost \$5

**Calendar Events: November 2016**

- 27...Advent Sunday begins
- 28-Dec. 01...Serve at Stewpot

**December 2016**

- 10... Bring gifts for Christmas project to Auditorium 12-4p
- 11...End Christmas project
- 13...Women's Christmas party/ornament swap RR 6:30-8:30p
- 17...Deliver gifts to Baton Rouge
- 24...Christmas Eve service
- 25...Merry Christmas; worship service 10:30a (no classes)

MEADOWBROOK CHURCH OF CHRIST



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**November 27, 2016**

**Hope of Heaven**

- You Are the Light*..... Lee Harrell
- Lighting the Candle of Hope
- God Who Comes to Save*
- Welcome & Announcements .....Laura Fike

**Light in the Darkness**

- Shine Down* ..... Meadowbrook Children
- Isaiah 2:1-5 ..... Caleb Bearman
- Romans 13:11-14 ..... Isabelle Box
- Matthew 24:36-44 ..... Poppy Kerr
- "Let There be Light #1" ..... Ben Fike
- Mighty to Save*

**Remembering His Sacred Covenant**

- Good to Me/You Have Been Good*
- The Body of Christ
- His Cup of Salvation
- #264 Oh, Come Let Us Adore Him*

**Jesus, Light of the World**

- Offering
- Christmas Project Update
- Shine, Jesus, Shine*
- Benediction.....Larry Whiting



## Prayer Concerns

**Katherine Lewis**, five-year-old daughter of Kyle and Andrea Lewis, has been diagnosed with HSP, a rare blood vessel disorder. She was in Blair E. Batson, room 471, at this printing.

**Jack Hardy**, Heather Mathis's father, had major surgery on Wednesday, Nov. 16, at MD Anderson in Houston. He is progressing, but it will be a long recovery.

## Congregational News

**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](mailto:rietvelt@bellsouth.net). As recently announced, Cathy Miller has accepted a position with a preschool with her home congregation. We thank Cathy for her 13 years of dedication to our preschool and wish her the best in her new position.

**For the Animals:** Emily Easterling is collecting used blankets, used towels, used sheets, and rolls of paper towels that will be donated to Brandon Animal Hospital for use after surgery procedures on animals. Please donate things that you no longer use at home. Donation totes are located in the Family Center foyer, the Auditorium, and by the church office and will be available through Dec. 7. This drive is for Emily's Girl Scout Silver Project I.



## Christmas Project

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.

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](mailto:tottyb@hotmail.com)) if you are able to help on Dec. 17.



**Combined Advent Classes:** Children in 1st - 6th grades will meet in the KFC room for a combined Sunday School class during the Advent season. Our first class meets TODAY, Sunday, November 27. Children 3 years - Kindergarten will join our combined class on December 11.

**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!

**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.**

**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](mailto:laura@meadowbrook.org) with questions.



**SNL:** SNL will not meet today.

**MYG Christmas Party:** We will have a MYG Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 4, during our SNL time slot at Jeff and Trisha Richardson's house. There is no need to buy anything. We are asking our students to bring a wrapped item from their home as a white elephant gift. Also, we will be asking our parents to provide different menu items. A needs list will be published soon.

**Winterfest 2017:** This year we will be attending Winterfest in Arlington, TX. Cost, \$100.



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

**SAVE THE DATE - Dec. 13, 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!