

Elders Expressions ...

### A Time to Cry

Is crying a sign of weakness or shame? Or on the other hand, crying can be a sign of good things. In **Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4** - *“To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven; A time to weep, and a time to laugh, a time to mourn, and a time to dance.”* **Romans 12:15** - *“Rejoice with them that do rejoice and weep with them that weep.”* The shortest verse in the Bible is found in **John 11:35** - *“Jesus wept.”*



Who wept? Jesus, the Son of God, the eternal Word, the One in the beginning with God (who was God). What made Him weep? What could bring tears into the eyes of Jesus? In human nature on His way to the grave of a friend, we are told that Jesus wept.

The Savior’s tears were an expression of His deep sympathy with the sisters. They were in the depths of trouble and grief. They had lost a brother. Their brother Lazarus was dead, and now in his grave. A brother is one of the nearest and dearest relationships of life. It is not a neighbor or a friend that was cut off by death, but a brother (an only brother). To lose one out of many is great, but in such a case there is an alleviating consideration - there are others to share the grief, and to whom wounded affection may still cling. As they returned from the graves of dear ones before, they had Lazarus with them as the center of their human affections, the healer of their grief; but now he is under the cold hand of death.

Jesus tears were for a most kind and good brother. Even the death of an undutiful and prodigal brother is keenly felt; for he is a brother in spite of all. But the death of a good brother is more keenly felt still. Lazarus was a model brother. The natural relationship

was intensified and endeared by sweetness of temper, kindness and goodness of nature, and piety of character, which made him not only their support, but their chief solace and sunshine. Jesus deeply sympathized with them; with their personal and social loss and grief; with their utter helplessness in the face of death. He sympathized as they represented the grief and bereavements of the whole human family.

The death of Lazarus was only a specimen of the ravages and the universal reign of the “king of terrors” on earth, which He had come to abolish; and the grief of those sisters was only a specimen of the universal grief of the human race whose nature He had assumed and whose sorrow He carried; and He could not contemplate all this without expressing his sympathy.

Jesus was not only sympathetic, but most tenderly sympathetic with all human woes. Many have sympathy, but they manifest it awkwardly and even roughly; it is spoilt in transmission. But Jesus manifested His sympathy with these sisters most tenderly; He conveyed it to them in tears. “Jesus wept.”

#### The significant lessons of Christ’s tears:

- They assured us that we have in Him a feeling Friend, who in all our afflictions are afflicted
- They teach us a lesson of sympathy - that we should “weep with those who weep.”
- They remind us by contrast of that state where “all tears shall be wiped from off all faces.”

“The path of sorrow, and that path alone, leads to the land where sorrow is unknown.” Derrell Hart

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“True happiness may be sought, thought, or caught - but never bought”

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#### Schedule of Services:

##### Sundays:

Morning Worship  
9:30 AM

Bible Class 10:45 AM

Evening Worship 5 PM

Monday Night Study:  
6:30 PM

Tuesday Ladies  
Bible Class:  
Summer Break

Wednesday Night  
Devo / Bible Class:  
6:30 PM

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Beaumont Nursing Homes  
Service Times

The Oasis @ Beaumont  
(2660 Brickyard Rd., Bmt)  
Sunday @ 2 pm  
Arden Place of Beaumont  
(4195 Milam St., Beaumont)  
Sunday @ 3:30 pm  
Brookdale Dowlen Oaks  
(2250 Dowlen Rd., Bmt)  
Sunday @ 3:30 pm

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## Meadows Messenger



### The “Worst Best Day” of Our Eternity!

Who wouldn’t want a “do-over” of various parts of their life?! Since I did not become a Christian until I was 25 years old there are *years* I now wish I could “do over.” Words I said ‘back then,’ because I wanted to hurt someone, are now a genuine source of pain for me. Those things I did which pleased me at the time are now agonizing. But the “worst” is yet to come! One day I will see them all again.



*“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one [which includes ‘me’] may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad,”* **Second Corinthians 5:10**. On that day, far too many will be surprised to learn that there is a God, and yes, He does know everything they did. Sadly, that knowledge will be a crushing weight they will carry throughout eternity. But for those of us who now know of His existence, believe in Him and have trusted in His grace, that will be ‘the best day of our eternity.’

For we know on that day, God will forever show that He has remove the shame, the hurt, and the pain of our worst decisions. Christians are now aware that the consequences for those things have already been removed from our lives. For us, the focus of that day will not be us, but His love for us and the gift He gave us. Later in that same chapter God reminds us that on the day we were saved, *“...the old things passed away; behold, all things have become new,”* (v. 17). **We believe God’s promise to us, “There is now, therefore, no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,”** **Romans 8:1**.

The thing that will make the Judgment Day the “worst day” of eternity, will be seeing what Jesus love for me caused Him to have to endure! Seeing what He chose to do because of those terrible things I chose to do will be the worst. On that day I will own every terrible lash, every painful puncture made by the thorns, each excruciating stab of pain caused by the nails. Each of these was borne by Him because of *“the great love with which He has loved [me!] us,”* **Ephesians 2:4**. On that day God made a transaction for which I and all mankind can receive the benefits. **2 Corinthians 5** concludes by saying, *“He [the Father] made Him [the Son] who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him,”* v. 21.

Therefore, when I see the consequences of my sinful choices laid upon Jesus righteous sacrificial choice for me, that will be “the worst best day of my eternity!”

Rick Walker

# EVENTS

## Current Events & Activities:

Our sympathy to the Runnels & Smith family in the loss of Bob Smith. He will be missed by us all. Please keep Chester & Louise and family in your prayers.

“God wants to be a part of every little bitty teeny tiny itsy bitsy thing in your day”

Our congratulations to Terry & Latasha Cauley in their baptism on Friday, June 24th. If you would like to send them a card, their address is:

Terry & Latasha Cauley  
1942 Burns Street  
Jasper, TX 75951

Please keep Terry & Latasha in your prayers as they begin their walk with God.

Ana Saldana has decided to place membership here at Meadows. If you have not had the pleasure of meeting her yet, please do so. Give her a hug and welcome her to Meadows. Please keep Ana in your prayers as she begins her work here at Meadows.

The Men's Monthly Leadership meeting will take place this afternoon at 3 pm in the conference room.

“God hears every prayer ~ even when it's just a whisper of the heart”

### Men Serving Today

#### Men Serving this Morning:

Song Leader: Mike Sims  
Opening Prayer: David Owens  
Table Leader: Eric Keller  
Scripture Reading: Elias Leyva  
Closing Prayer: Mike Williams

#### Men Serving Tonight:

Song Leader: Joey Case  
Opening Prayer: Elder  
Table Leader: Carl Sundgren  
Closing Prayer: Derrell Hart

#### Men Serving this Wednesday:

Song Leader: Joey Case  
Opening Prayer: Duane Browning

More information about our gospel meeting speaker & the subject that Harold will be speaking on:



Harold Savage has been married to Kay for 40 years. They have two grown children, Larry and Michelle. They also have three grandchildren. He is currently the minister in Snellville, Georgia and the author of Roll Call - Spiritual Insights Beneath the Blue Lights. He is a former police officer. He received a BA in Bible from Palm Beach Atlantic University and graduated from Bear Valley Bible Institute of Denver.

THE UNDISCOVERED TERRITORY IN YOU - You and I are God's perpetual construction project. Paul encouraged the church at Philippi with these words: “For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus” (Philippians 1:6) God is always molding His people (Jeremiah 18:1-4) and building them into His image (Romans 8:29). The lessons Harold will teach are designed to encourage each of us to stop procrastinating and, with God's help, discover our talents. We are capable of more. Inside each of us is an unrealized and undiscovered territory of God-given potential.

### Camp Red Oak Springs Session 5 \*\*\* July 4-9

Camp is for ages 10-18 years old



Please sign up online @ [campredoaksprings.com](http://campredoaksprings.com)

\*\*Lady counselors are needed for Session 5



If your child needs a ride to Camp Red Oak Sess 5, please let Marianna Miller know at 409.223.3187. She will be driving the van to camp on Monday July 4th and picking the kids back up on Saturday 9th.

### Meadows Gospel Meeting

Sunday, July 31st ~ Wednesday, August 3rd



Harold Savage (Minister of the Snellville CoC in Snellville, GA)

### “The Undiscovered Territory in You”

Inside each of us is an unrealized and undiscovered territory of God-given potential.

Sunday AM ... 9:30 am  
Sunday AM Adult Class ... 10:45 am  
Sunday ... 5 pm  
Monday - Wednesday ... 7 pm

There will be a light meal every night. This will make it easier on everyone especially the working families. Just come to the building each night for a light meal at the designated times below.

#### Meal Times:

Sunday ~ 6 pm (following GM/VBS)  
Monday - Wednesday ~ 6-6:50 pm (before GM/VBS)

#### Desserts:

Sunday - Wednesday ~ following GM/VBS

### Meadows Vacation Bible School

Sunday, July 31st ~ Wednesday, August 3rd

Sunday PM ... 5 pm  
Monday - Wednesday PM ... 7 pm

### “Power of One”

Classes for all ages!!!

Nursery ... Birth ~ 1 year old  
Mini VBS ... 2 ~ 4 year old  
VBS ... Kindergarten ~ 5th Grade  
Teen class - 6th ~ 12th Grade  
Adult Class - 19 ~ 99 years old

Kids will enjoy Bible stories, crafts, & games

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A TEACHER IS NEEDED IN THE 4 YEARS TO K CLASS ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AND THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT K-4TH GRADE CLASS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE SEE CARL SUNDGREN.

2022 Weekly Budget: \$11,400.00

Collection 6/19: ... \$9,018.79

#### Attendance:

Sun AM (6/19) .... 137 Sun B C (6/19)..... 69  
Sun PM (6/19) ..... 45 Wed PM (6/22) ... 34

Weekly Averaged Collection for May 2022:

\$11,430.20

Building Fund/Parking Lot Balance: \$291,155.25

Amazon Christian Academy / Goal \$6000.00 /

Current balance: \$533.11

### This Week's Birthdays:

6/27 Arthur Pearson  
6/28 Jayma Delaney



6/29 Alissa Williams  
6/30 Willie Kelly  
7/2 Charmayne Narcy

### Meadows Prayer List

#### Meadows Family:

Betty Alcorn / health issues  
Wayne Bibb / upcoming pancreas surgery on 7/5  
David Dorrell / cancer  
Raye Dorrell / health  
Barbara Hood / health  
Sharon Hood / health  
Marsha Hoskins / health  
Mary & Mirinda Kattawar / health  
Nyiah Keller / encouragement  
Terry (Culver) McNeel / encouragement  
Mazzy Milich / Eyes, swallowing  
George & Barbara Southerland  
Rick & Chris Walker

Jim & Tiggy Boswell  
Mildred Campbell  
Jack & Marjorie Crabtree  
Floyd & Georgia Guillory  
Ed Hart  
Frankie King  
Annie Pearl Leigh  
Debbi Petree / health  
Martha Richardson  
Chester Runnels  
Betty Jo Sorrell  
Shirley Sturm / health  
Billie Young

#### Our Friends & Family:

Houston Hamby / health  
Nancy Hamby / health  
Janice Henley / health issues  
Brad & Johnny Hood / health  
Flora Leger / fr of J. Miller / major back surgery  
Robert Tankersley / health  
George & Linda Todd / Covid / Dot's bro/sis inlaw

#### Members Unable to Worship With Us:

Johnnie Bean  
Bettie Bibb