

Meadows Prayer List:

Members:

Wayne Bibb / treatments
Rhonda Crabtree / treatments
Sharon Hood
Erskine Reliford / heart, lung issues
Reba Riggs / health
Keri Robin / Cancer
Melissa Simmons / tests
Chris Walker / health

Members Unable to Worship With Us:

Charles Baird
Mildred Campbell
Marjorie Crabtree
Floyd & Georgia Guillory
Marsha Hoskins
Mary Kattawar
Annie Pearl Leigh
Betty Jo Sorrell
Shirley Sturm

Our Friends & Family:

Gary Decaney / cancer
Sam Delaney / D & J's son /
rec from surgery
Sandra Golden / A. Bame's
grandmother, declining health
Don Roerick / rec from stroke
Mark Thompson / cancer

Our Hot Spot Coffee Bar is getting low on funds. If you would like to contribute to the fund, please drop money in the wall box above the coffee machines or make a donation online by going to website. This fund provides coffee, tea, hot cocoa, cider, and all the necessary items to go with it. Since this is **NOT** funded by the church budget and only by individual donations, please help build the fund back up. Thanks!



When the storms of life rock your boat, call the Captain.

Your greatest triumphs are not in winning, but in rising again after every fall.

“There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up.”

Attendance & Contribution

2024 Weekly Budget:
\$12,550.00

Collection 9/1/24:
\$9,208.43

Sunday AM (9/1) ... 142

Sunday BC (9/1) ... 93

Sunday PM (9/1) ... 48

Wednesday PM (9/4) ... 66

Weekly Averaged Collection for August: \$14,498.58

Building Fund / Parking Lot: (Projects still to complete...)

Canopy Extension over Entrance Doors, Poles & Lights, Irrigation, & Landscaping
\$66,693.04



If you would like to give online and are not sure how to make an online contribution, you are in luck. Please scan the QR Code to the left of this box. It will take you directly to the online giving app and you will be able to make a one time or recurring donation. If you have any questions about the QR code, please see Andy Bailey. Thanks!

Meadows Leadership

ELDERS:

Jerald Bass (409) 926-7998
Derrell Hart (409) 769-0099
Donnie Landrum (409) 842-3236
Brad Mansfield (409) 781-3987
Doug Smith (409) 767-1824
Carl Sundgren (409) 658-0027

DEACONS:

Bobby Case
Joey Case
David Owens
Daryl Phelps

PULPIT MINISTER:

Rick Walker (303) 359-9160

YOUTH MINISTER:

Seth Pearman (580) 813-2550



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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:
Summer Break
Resuming in September

Tuesday Ladies Bible Class:
Summer Break
Resuming in September

Wednesday Night Devo / Bible Class:

5:15-6:15 PM Meal
6:30 PM Service

Beaumont Nursing Homes Service Times

Harmony @ Beaumont
(2660 Brickyard Rd., Bmt)
Sunday @ 2 pm

Birchwood of Beaumont
(4195 Milam St., Beaumont)
Sunday @ 3:30 pm

Brookdale Dowlen Oaks
(2250 Dowlen Rd., Bmt)
Sunday @ 2 pm

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Meadowschurchofchrist.com

Meadows Messenger



Who is “The Greatest” at Meadows?

We are a society that loves its superlatives. At the recent Olympics in Paris we learned that Noah Lyles (USA) is the “world’s fast human,” and that Markus Rooth (Norway) is the “world’s greatest athlete.” These achievements may be just a little outside of our abilities. But aren’t there other things at which we can be “the greatest”?



Jesus’ apostles wondered amongst themselves which one of them was “the greatest”? Jesus responded, *“You know the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them”* (Matthew 20:25). To which all of us could say, “Yep, I know, I used to work for that guy! But Jesus continues, and says, *“It is not so among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave,”* (vs. 26-27).

Thus, in the kingdom of God, *greatness* is not determined by how many people serve you, but how many people are served by you! This is pivotal to our understanding of what Jesus expects from His people. In fact, it is so important, that God has established a position within the church, where those men who qualify (1 Timothy 3:8-10, 12-13) and who are willing to serve in it, are called “servants”!

Actually, the Greek word for “servant” is also translated “deacon” when referring to men who serve in this office in the church. Paul included these men when he wrote to the church in Philippi. *“Paul and Timothy, slaves of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the overseers and deacons,”* (Philippians 1:1). Regarding these men, Paul tells Timothy, *“For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a high standing and great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus,”* (1 Timothy 3:13).

A person doesn’t need to be a “deacon” in order to serve. With have a number of men and women (along with some of our Youth) who are currently serving the Lord and His church, without having or needing a title. These people also make up some of the “Greatest” at Meadows. A great congregation is known to be so because of the number of people served by that congregation. Are you one of the “Greatest” here at “The Meadows”?

This morning we will be installing six new men to this noble office in the church here at Meadows. This is an important time for us in the history of this congregation. It is also an important event in the lives of these men and their families. We look forward with great anticipation to how God will use them in the future. Keep them in your prayers!

They are: **Andy Bailey, Micah Bell, Duane Browning, Guy Crabtree, Bradley Hailey, Ben Terry.**

Rick Walker



Current Events & Activities:

**Andy Bailey * Micah Bell * Duane Browning
Guy Crabtree * Bradly Hailey * Ben Terry**

The above men will be installed as deacons at the end of this morning service. Since many of the men that are going to be installed as deacons have children in youth worship, we have decided to cancel Youth Worship for this morning only.

This Thursday (12th) night will be the monthly "game night" at 6-8 pm. Bring your favorite "snack food or sweets" and come for games and fellowships.

There will be a "Welcome Reception" for Seth & Chloe next Sunday, September 8th between Worship Service and Bible Classes in the foyer. Cake will be served and everyone can officially welcome them, and then go to Bible class.

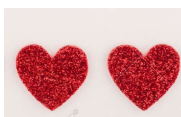


Upcoming Meadows Kids Service Project for "ALL SCHOOL AGED" Kids on Sunday, September 22nd after morning Bible classes. The kids will enjoy pizza and drinks here at the building while baking cookies. Kids will bake cookies, bag them, make cards, and deliver to all of the Meadows Members that are unable to attend church services. Parents are encouraged to stay and help out. There is a sign up sheet on the round table to reserve your spot or text Vicki @ 409.658.6948. Bring a change of clothes. For parents not planning on staying and volunteering, please pick your kids up at 3 pm. Thanks!



September Anniversaries:

- 9/9 Elmer & Rose Sabrsula
- 9/15 Mike & Alissa Williams
- 9/21 Josh & Meredith Sherman
- 9/23 David & Caralee Thompson
- 9/26 Eric & Ebony Keller
- 9/27 Weldon & Sharlette Dunlap



About a week ago, the elders hired a construction company to take out the wall between the teen classroom and a smaller classroom next to it. The YOUTH group has outgrown their room which is a great problem to have. All the work has been completed and it looks great. There will be a special contribution next Sunday (15th) to fund the teens so that they can decorate their classroom and update the furniture. You can also give online for this. Thanks!

Ladies Bible class will resume Tuesday, September 10th @ 9:45 AM. Melinda Barnett will be teaching on "Oh, For a Faith." This series of lessons will help us to build a strong faith and trust in the Lord. Please bring your favorite brunch dish and plan to stay after class for food and fellowship! Looking forward to seeing everyone and hearing about summer adventures. Free babysitting services are available.



This Week's Birthdays:



- 9/2 Seth Pearman
- 9/8 Paislee Wilson
- 9/10 Charis Phelps
- 9/11 Judith Miller
- 9/12 Braelynn Lovell
- 9/12 Josh Sherman
- 9/13 Steve Henley
- 9/13 Gloria Sanders
- 9/13 Kaleb Trumps
- 9/14 Jamie Hogge

Office of Deacons

God in His infinite wisdom designed the office of deacon in the church to help meet the needs of members in the local congregations. The qualifications for these men can be found in 1 Timothy 3:8-13, *"In the same way, deacons are to be worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. ⁹ They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰ They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons. ¹¹ In the same way, the women are to be worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything. ¹² A deacon must be faithful to his wife and must manage his children and his household well. ¹³ Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus."*



We have identified several areas that we see a need in this church family to have a deacon oversee the work. All these areas currently have people getting the work done, but we feel these responsibilities are significant enough to be handled by a deacon. Over the past several months, we have been prayerfully considering and speaking to men in this congregation. Currently, we have 6 men that have accepted the responsibility of serving as a deacon.

Most of the time these men work behind the scenes and very few people know what they do or how much they do. But the Lord knows! He talked about these kinds of deacons when He said in 1 Timothy 3:13 *"¹³ Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus."*

Within the next couple of weeks, we will publish a list of the deacons and their respective ministries. If you would like to be involved in one of these ministries, please let them know, they will be glad for the help!

We must understand as Christians, we all are commanded to serve one another, Galatians 5:13-14 *"¹³ You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. ¹⁴ For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: Love your neighbor as yourself."* This is not just the responsibility of the deacon.

Brad Mansfield

If you are in need of using the building for an event, first call the office and make sure there is nothing scheduled on that day. If nothing is scheduled and you are in need of sound booth assistance, the sound booth techs have a QR code at the information desk and at their booth that you can scan and fill out proper paperwork. Please schedule this event at least 2 weeks in advance. Thanks!

A half truth is a whole lie.

The note below came with a donation for our coffee fund by a former member of Ridgewood that receives our weekly bulletin by mail.

Dear Meadows Folks (Old Friends),
I still remember you "old timers" and have loving memories. You need a little coffee to stay awake in Sunday School and during the sermon!! No reference to the teachers intended! Please enjoy your coffee.
Hugh & Marianne Morgan