

This Week's Birthdays:

7/8 Connie Owens
7/8 Sherri Simmons
7/11 Bill Baxley
7/11 Tamara Case
7/13 Devi Lott



7/14 Anne Hart
7/14 Richard Trumps
7/15 Candice Bailey
7/15 Ainsley Thompson
7/16 Keith Hayes Jr.
7/17 Jameson Lovell
7/18 Meshell Heartfield
7/19 Toni Laird

Anniversaries:

7/16
Scott & Sharon Hood
7/25
Josh & Dalena Stokley
7/30 Carlton & Phyllis Buxton



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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

Tuesday Ladies Bible Class:
Summer Break

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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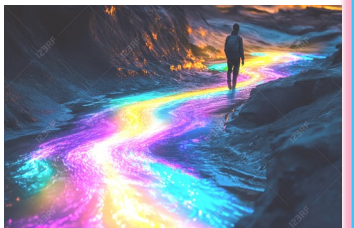
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Meadows Messenger



Who/What is Behemoth? – Part 3 (God's Mysterious Masterpiece)

In **Job 40:15–24**, God directs Job's attention to a powerful, awe-inspiring creature named **Behemoth**. *"Behold, Behemoth, which I made as I made you; he eats grass like an ox... He is the first of the works of God..."* (Job 40:15, 19). This description, found near the end of God's answer to Job, is rich with imagery. Behemoth is portrayed as a creature of **great strength, peaceful diet, and unshakable presence**—dwelling in rivers and unafraid even when the waters surge. So, what exactly is Behemoth?



Some scholars suggest Behemoth refers to a **known animal**, such as a hippopotamus or an elephant. But certain details—like his **tail like a cedar** (v.17) and his unmatched strength—don't neatly match any creature we know today. (When we look at the tails of hippos or elephants it bears no resemblance at all to a "cedar.")

Others believe Behemoth may refer to a now-extinct creature, possibly a **great land beast like a dinosaur**, preserved in ancient memory and used here by God to humble Job's limited understanding of the world. (Since Job is the oldest book in the Bible, it is quite possible that some dinosaurs still roamed the earth.)

Whatever the identity, the message is clear: **Job, you can't tame Behemoth—but I can.** God's speech reminds Job (and us) that there are things in creation far beyond human power or control, yet fully within God's hand. In **Job 38-41**, God asks Job numerous questions for which Job (and even scientists today have no answer)! Throughout the book **Job**, had asked God to explain why he was made to suffer so many things, (see **Job 1-2**). So this is part of God's response to Job.

Behemoth is not just a curiosity—it's a **reminder**: 1) That God's power is not limited to what we understand, 2) His creation reflects **His majesty**, 3) When life feels chaotic, the One who made Behemoth is still **in control**. *"The works of the Lord are great, studied by all who delight in them."* – Psalm 111:2

So, who or what is Behemoth? Perhaps more mystery than clarity (though I favor the thought that it was some dinosaur) —but undoubtedly, it's a call to **trust in the power and wisdom of our Creator**.

Rick Walker

Meadows Prayer List:

Members:

Patsy Bass / Kidney issues
Weldon Dunlap / rec from surgery to remove cancer tumor in his back
Mark Hogge / rec from gallbladder & gallstone surgery
Linda Landrum / fell, fract wrist
Mazzy Milich / medication for rash
Elmer Sabrsula / Health
Steve Wilson / Heart issues

Members Unable to Worship With Us:

Charles Baird
John Beard
Mildred Campbell /Tawana Briggs
Jack & Majorie Crabtree
Floyd & Georgia Guillory
Marsha Hoskins
Mary Kattawar
Annie Pearl Leigh
Betty Jo Sorrell
Shirley Sturm

Members & Friends taking Treatments/ Chemo: (cont.)

Rhonda Crabtree
Sharon Hood
Kristi (Barnes) Langham
(Auston's sister)
Keri Robin
Mark Thompson

Friends & Family of Meadows Members:

Shirley Kriegel / end of life stage
Nina Burgess / B. Hailey's grandmother, end of life stage

Meadows Baptisms:

Denise Lachansse on 6/29
Londynne Thomas on 6/29

Attendance & Contribution

2025 Weekly Budget: \$12,950.00

Collection 7/6/25: \$12,425.37

Sunday AM (7/6) ... 195

Bible Class (7/6) ... 134

Sunday PM (7/6) ... 68

Wednesday PM (7/9) ... 84

Collection 6/29/25: \$11,598.76

Sunday AM (6/29) ... 169

Bible Class (6/29) ... NC

Sunday PM (6/29) ... 42

Wednesday PM (7/2) ... 48

Weekly Averaged Collection for June:

\$12,312.37

Building Fund/Parking Lot/Landscaping:

\$10,672.22

Disaster Relief:

\$1,238.41

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:

Andy Bailey
Micah Bell
Duane Browning
Bobby Case
Joey Case
Guy Crabtree
Bradly Hailey
David Owens

DEACONS: (CONT.)

Daryl Phelps
Ben Terry

PULPIT MINISTER:

Rick Walker (303) 359-9160

YOUTH MINISTER:

Seth Pearman (580) 812-2550

EVENTS

Current Events & Activities:

Our deepest sympathy to Stacy, Christi, & Cody Boswell (and families') in the loss of dear, sweet Tiggy Boswell. Our thoughts and prayers are with the whole Boswell family. Please keep these in your prayers.



Our congratulations to Denise Lachansse and Londynne Thomas in their decision to be baptized on Sunday, June 29th. Please keep Denise and Londynne in your prayers as they begin their walk with the Lord.



The monthly Men's Leadership Meeting will take place next Sunday, July 20th @ 3 pm in the conference room.

Our congratulations to Olivia Terry and Wade Simmons in being voted as BEST GIRL and BEST BOY Camper at Camp Red Oak last week during Session 5. It is a great accomplishment to even get a nomination. That nomination means that the other campers look up to you during that week as a leader and serving the Lord. Way to go Olivia & Wade!!!!

Teen Summer Schedule:

July 13th ~ Uplift
 July 20th-25th ~ EWES HS Girls Camp
 July 27th ~ Uplift
 July 31-Aug 2nd ~ YOUth /Family Dallas trip
 August 10th ~ Uplift
 August 18th ~ Mystery Monday
 August 24th ~ Uplift
 August 28th ~ Bible Study

Mommy & Me

4 years & Under

Scheduled Activities on First & Third Tuesdays in July & August

July 15th *** August 5th *** August 19th
 Bible Lesson ~ Craft ~ Playtime
 Takes place in the Toddler Rm
 @ Meadows @ 10 AM

If you need more info, please contact Cynthia Barnes.



Lads to Leaders (LTL) will take place Sunday, July 20th during morning service. There will be a special speaker (Roy Johnson) that will preach during morning service and speak during an all adult Bible class in the auditorium. Children will attend their normal Bible classes.

Playground Coming to the Meadows ...

The elders announced last week that some of our families would like to put in a playground for the kids to enjoy.

If you would like to help with the funding for this project, please mark the memo of your check with playground.

This is not a budgeted item and therefore no church funds will be used towards this project. Thanks!



The elders are encouraging members (if you are able) to donate to the disaster fund. We will be sending disaster money through a Church of Christ in the affected area (Kerrville) caused by the current flooding. Please either donate online or write disaster on the memo of your check. Thanks!



Godly Discipline

In every successful organization there must be discipline. Where there is no discipline, confusion reigns. God is not the author of confusion (I Corinthians 14:33). He has prescribed in his word the standard to be used for correcting those who err. Because of abuses and misunderstanding upon this subject, many have rejected the idea of discipline altogether. We need to turn to the word of God and be instructed on this very important subject.



In spite of the fact that God is a God of love (I John 4:8), He is also a God of severity. *"Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God; on them that fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou shalt be cut off"* (Romans 11:22).

When Adam and Eve sinned in the garden of Eden they were driven from the garden (Genesis 3). They had disobeyed God and were punished. When Cain killed his brother Abel he was punished (Genesis 4:9-13). Because of the wickedness of those who lived in the days of Noah, God sent the flood to destroy them (Genesis 6:13). At the giving of the law on Mount Sinai, God commanded that His people, *"remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy"* (Exodus 20:8). While in the wilderness, a man decided to gather sticks upon the Sabbath Day. God instructed that he be stoned to death (Numbers 15:32-36). A whole generation of Israelites died in the wilderness because of their murmuring against God (Numbers 14:26-35). Paul reveals that twenty-three thousand fell in one day because of fornication (1 Corinthians 10:8). Along with the other things listed in this context, Paul states that they were written for our admonition (1 Corinthians 10:11).

Surely, we recognize that God is also a God of severity toward those who do evil.

Donnie Landrum

Dear Church Family,

Words cannot express the depth of gratitude in our hearts after Raygan's emergency surgery. Thank you so those who sat with Bridget and Raygan at the hospital. A huge thank you to the ladies who took shifts watching our other three children at home. Thank you to those who brought food and a huge thank you to the men and teenagers who came to the house to help Bridget with the yardwork.

The Bible speaks so powerfully to this kind of love and support. Galatians 6:2 says, *"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the love of Christ."* You all lived this out, carrying our burdens when we needed it most. Jesus Himself reminds us in Matthew 25:40, *"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me."* Your acts of service have been a ministry to our family and the Lord. We saw Christ in each and every one of you over the past couple of weeks. Thank you all for being the hands and feet of Christ.

Love, Johnny, Bridget, Brooklyn, Raygan, Jameson, & Braelynn Lovell