

Attendance & Contribution

2025 Weekly Budget:
\$12,950.00

Collection 8/3/25:
\$11,058.09

Sunday AM (8/3) ... 180

Bible Class (8/3) ... 112

Sunday PM (8/3) ... 47

Wednesday PM (8/6) ... 106

Weekly Averaged Collection
for July: \$12,626.64

Building Fund: \$2,469.25

Disaster Relief: \$6,520.39

“It’s good to have money and the things that money can buy, but it’s good, too, to check up once in a while and make sure you haven’t lost the things that money can’t buy.”

Over in the Meadows Preschool

Now is the time to enroll your 3 or 4 year old in Preschool. School starts **Tuesday, September 2nd**. It takes place every Tuesday & Thursday mornings for the school year. The children will learn under a safe and positive learning environment. For more information, contact Medley Coatney @ 409.617.3030.

Playground Coming to the Meadows ...

If you would like to help with the funding for a new kids playground, 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!



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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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Meadows Messenger



Hope: The Anchor of the Soul

*“This hope we have as an anchor of the soul,
both sure and steadfast...” Hebrews 6:19*



In a world of uncertainty, fear, and constant change, hope stands as one of the most essential virtues of the Christian life. Hope is not mere wishful thinking or blind optimism. Biblical hope is a confident expectation based on the promises of God. It looks forward with assurance because it is grounded in what God has *already* done - especially in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The world often misplaces hope in politics, wealth, health, or relationships - each of which can change in a moment. But Christian hope is different. Peter calls it a *“living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,”* (1 Peter 1:3). Because Christ conquered the grave, we have hope - not only for forgiveness now but for eternal life to come.

Hope keeps us going when we’re tired. It helps us persevere when trials seem overwhelming. Paul reminds us that *“we are saved in this hope,”* (Romans 8:24), and it teaches us to wait patiently, trusting God’s perfect timing. In fact, hope is one of the qualities that sustains our Christian character- *“faith, hope, and love,”* (1 Corinthians 13:13).

But hope is not meant to be kept to ourselves. Christians are told to be ready to *“give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you,”* (1 Peter 3:15). A hopeful life is a powerful testimony. When others see joy in our trials, peace in our storms, and endurance in our suffering, they see something different - something divine.

As we gather each Lord’s Day, let us be reminded of the source of our hope. As we partake of the Lord’s Supper, sing hymns of praise, and hear the Word proclaimed, our hope is renewed. It is rooted in the unshakable promises of a God who *“cannot lie,”* (Titus 1:2).

Hold fast to that hope, Christian. Let it anchor your soul. And as you do, you’ll not only endure this life - you’ll inspire others to long for something far better: *“the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,”* (Titus 2:13).

Rick Walker

Meadows Prayer List:

Members:

Patsy Bass / Kidney issues
Weldon Dunlap / recovering
Dot McCray / health issues
Elmer Sabrsula / Health
Preston Simmons / diverticulitis
Rick Walker / recovering from fall

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

Friends & Family of Meadows Members:

Nina Burgess / B. Hailey’s
grandmother, health
Tanya Goldbeck / fr. of E. Keller /
upcoming heart/leg surgery
Willie Keller / E. Keller’s dad,
found tumor in kidney
Shirley Kriegel / health
Eiza Smith / Drake Smith’s daughter,
1 year old, installing
heart catheter procedure
Betty Whitehead / health

Baptisms:

Westin Page (on 7/30)
Isabella Terry (on 8/3)
Devi Lott (on 8/3)

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
Daryl Phelps
Ben Terry

PULPIT MINISTER:

Rick Walker (303) 359-9160

YOUTH MINISTER:

Seth Pearman (580) 812-2550



Current Events & Activities:

Our congratulations to the following teens in their recent baptisms: Westin Page (7/30), Isabella Terry (8/3), and Devi Lott (8/3). Please keep these in your prayers as they begin their walk with God.

Our sympathy to the family of Sam Daleo. He will be missed by several Meadows members that were close to him. He lived on this earth for 101 years and will be missed by the Wednesday gang that went to eat lunch together. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Ladies Bible Class (LBC) will have a **“Welcome Back Kick-Off” luncheon** on **Tuesday, August 26** at Paulette Austin’s home (9645 Arkansas St) from 11am - 1 pm. Lunch will be provided, Please RSVP to Doris McQueen @ 409.880.5849. There will be a caravan leaving the parking lot sharply at 10:30 am. In case you need a ride or to follow the van. Thanks!



Come bloom with us! Grow in your knowledge of God’s Word, while growing friendships with other women of all ages. We will start the class, **“Flowers for You,”** on Sept 9th, coffee time is 9:45 am with class from 10-11 am. Dress is casual, babysitting is available. Freshen up your spiritual life! Leave with your own fresh flowers during this study for your homes, as well as fresh new spiritual enlightenment for your hearts! Hope to see you there!

There will be a coed wedding shower brunch for Michelle Diaz & Christian Adame on **Saturday, August 23rd** from **10:30 am - 12:30 pm** here at Meadows. They are registered at Amazon, Target, and PotteryBarn. Ladies are encouraged to wear your best hat! Guys, you can wear one too if you want to!



Meadows Church of Christ
Gospel Meeting with
Donnie Bates
Sunday, August 24th ~
Wednesday, August 27th
“Reviving a Tired Church”



Sunday AM (24th) ~ “Superiority of Christ”
Sunday / Class ~ “A Warning Based on Israel’s History”
Sunday 5 PM ~ “The Need to Grow”
Monday 6:30 PM (25th) ~ “Confidence Based on the Sufficiency of Christ”
Tuesday 6:30 PM (26th) ~ “Unto the Mature Man”
Wednesday 6:30 PM (27th) ~ “So Great a Cloud of Witnesses”

There will be a **sandwich supper** & **ice cream sundaes** (provided) **after PM service on Sunday, August 24th to kick-off the gospel meeting.** Please join us!



There will be a baby “boy” shower for Jamie Rodriguez (David) on **Sunday, August 24th** from 2-4 pm here at Meadows. She is registered at babylist.com.



Mommy & Me
4 years & Under
Scheduled Activities on
Tuesday, August 19th



Bible Lesson ~ Craft ~ Playtime
Takes place in the Toddler Rm
@ Meadows @ 10 AM

If you need more info, please contact Cynthia Barnes.

“Friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together.”

Time Management

Time is a unique word with different meanings. One definition is the indefinite continued progress of existence and events in the past, present, and future regarded as a whole. Another definition is the continued progress of existence as affecting people and things. Time is a word that is often used in songs that were big hits like: **“Time in a Bottle”**, **“Time after Time”**, and **“If I Could Turn Back Time.”** How do you use your time in your daily lives? Do you realize that most of your daily life is set up on a schedule? **You have to wake up at a certain time**, (unless you are retired), **eat breakfast at a certain time**, **go to work at a certain time**, **have your children at a ballgame at a certain time**, **go to bed at a certain time**, etc! How about the weekend? Are you on a schedule like the weekdays, perhaps maybe a little more flexible. Do you schedule in time to meet with the saints on Sundays? Going to church should be an important part of our Christian lives. It’s a time to connect with God, learn about the Bible, and gather with fellow believers. However, sometimes life can get in the way, and we end up arriving late. Whether it’s from traffic, a train, waking up too late, getting kids fed and dressed, or just losing track of time. Being late happens to the best of us. Arriving late at church can sometimes feel stressful. We all experience those days when things do not go as planned, but how does the Bible guide us about being on time for worship? Understanding what Scripture says can help us see the importance of being present and ready to connect with God and our church family.



Worship is at the heart of our relationship with God. When we attend church, we are not just going through the motions; we are engaging with our Creator and embracing the community that He has given us. Scripture teaches us that worship takes many forms, from singing hymns to listening to God’s Word. Through God’s word we find that being present for worship is an act of devotion that brings us closer to Him. **“Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.” – Psalm 100:2.** This verse invites us to worship with joy, showing that our hearts should be light and filled with gratitude as we come into His presence. When we arrive on time for worship, we can fully engage in the experience of connecting with God and embracing the fellowship of believers. Another verse we can draw from, **“Not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” – Hebrews 10:25.** This verse highlights the importance of gathering with fellow believers. It’s a reminder that being part of a community strengthens our faith, especially as we anticipate Christ’s return. Arriving promptly helps us build those connections with one another. One additional verse to give you food for thought; **“God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.” – John 4:24.** Understanding that God desires our worship to be sincere and true encourages us to present ourselves ready and eager for the worship experience. Arriving on time allows us to focus as we prepare to honor Him with our hearts. One of the key aspects of worship is the community it fosters. Being part of a church means sharing our lives, both the highs and lows, with fellow believers. Scripture has many verses reminding us of the value of fellowship and encouragement that comes from being together. Arriving on time for church allows us to connect and support one another genuinely. How is your time management when it comes to worship? Sunday’s and Wednesday’s attendance is beneficial not only to your Christian walk, but to the health of the congregation. Being on time and ready to worship is Good-Time Management!

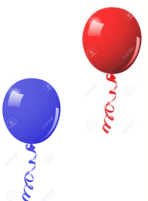
Carl Sundgren

There will be a **“baby boy sprinkle”** for Taylor Heartfield. Please purchase diapers, wipes, etc and drop them in the Baby Heartfield box. The box will be left up for several weeks. Thanks!



This Week’s Birthdays:

8/10 Sally Bourg
8/11 Elijah Jones
8/14 Dean Arnold
8/17 Erin Fife



This Week’s Anniversaries:

8/16
James & Medley
Coatney



Teen August Schedule:

August 10th ~ Uplift
August 18th ~ Mystery Monday
August 24th ~ Uplift
August 28th ~ Bible Study

Meadows’ Promotion Day for our Children’s Bible classes will take place on **Sunday, September 7th**. This begins our Fall Quarter and all of the schools will be in session by then. Until then, stay in the same class that you are in now. Thanks!

