

Hope - The Anchor of the Christian

Hope is the great anchor of the soul or stabilizer of the soul (Hebrews 6:19) and that hope for Christians is Christ the Lord, who has gone through the veil, that is into heaven itself. This mimics the actions of the Jewish High Priest for about 1,500 years which is now unnecessary because Jesus did it once for all time. Our Lord ripped the veil and entered into the true sanctuary (Heaven) and took His blood (figuratively) to God's throne for everyone who will accept God's terms of pardon *“which we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and which entereth into that which is within the veil”* (Hebrews 6:19).



The appropriateness of the figure of an anchor appears in the fact that an anchor is not doing any good at all as long as it is visible. It is only when it disappears under water that secures the stability of the ship. It is a beautiful image of the Lord being out of sight of His followers having disappeared into the world unseen by us except by our faith unseen but still connected by the strong and enduring cable of His love for His people just as the anchor though unseen is connected by a powerful chain. The absolute necessity of the disappearance of the anchor, if it is to do any good also suggests the needed separation of the Lord from His people accomplished by His ascension into Heaven.

That this was truly necessary in the light of Hebrews 8:4 where it is demonstrated that our Lord would have been no priest at all if He had stayed upon earth. Jesus was not from the tribe of Levi, so for Him to be the great High Priest of Christians, He would be required to enter into Heaven to do His priestly work. So it is a truism and marvelous as well that our hope is in Heaven where our Lord has ascended to and with that hope everything else that is important is also there. For us Christians our treasure is there (Matthew 6:19), our citizenship is there (Philippians 3:20), our names are written there (Luke 10:20, Philippians 4:3), our Lord is there (as here, and in John 14:1-6), and our affections should be there (Colossians 3:2), so shouldn't we try to get the word out to our community about this hope!

Donnie Landrum

Dear Meadows Church Family,
There are no words that can truly express how grateful we are for the love, kindness, and support you showed our family during the passing of our loved one, Georgia Guillory. Losing a mother is a pain that is difficult to put into words, and during those darkest moments, you surrounded us with compassion, comfort, and love. We want to give a special and heartfelt thank-you to the beautiful, kind hearted ladies who came together to prepare a meal for so many people. The food was delicious, but what touched our hearts even more was the love that was put into every dish. The plant was beautiful. Your generosity and thoughtfulness reminded me of what a church family is truly meant to be; people who come together, lift one another up, and show God's love through their actions. Thank you for being there for us. May God bless every one of you for the love you showed us. May He return to you the same kindness that you so freely gave to our family.

With Sincere Love, Maura & Floyd Jr & Floyd Guillory Sr.

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Schedule of Services:

Sundays:
Morning Worship 9:30 AM
Bible Class 10:45 AM
Evening Worship 5 PM

Tuesday Ladies Bible Class:
9:45 AM / Refreshments
10 AM / Bible Class

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

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

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

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What Did You Learn in Class Today?

When children leave Bible class, parents often ask, “Did you have fun?” or “Did you behave?” Those are fair questions, but perhaps an even better one is, “What did you learn in class today?”



That simple question can help a child understand that Bible class is important. It also gives parents an opportunity to reinforce the lesson. Ask your child to retell the Bible story, name the people involved, repeat the memory verse, or explain one lesson that can be practiced during the week. Younger children may need help remembering, so look at their worksheet or craft and ask specific questions. Older children can be encouraged to explain how the lesson applies to school, friendships, and everyday decisions.

Rehearsing a lesson helps move it from short-term memory into the heart. God instructed Israel to teach His words diligently to their children and to speak of them throughout the day—at home, while traveling, at bedtime, and in the morning (Deuteronomy 6:6–7). Bible instruction was never intended to be confined to one classroom hour each week.

However, parents should not only ask their children what they learned; they should model the same behavior. On the way home, parents might say, “Here is something I learned in Bible class today,” or, “The sermon helped me see this passage differently.” At the dinner table, they can share a verse that encouraged, corrected, or challenged them. When children hear their parents discussing Scripture seriously, they learn that Bible study is not merely something children do—it is the lifelong practice of disciples.

Parents do not need to know every answer. Saying, “I am not sure; let us study that together,” teaches humility and demonstrates a sincere desire to understand God's Word.

Bible class teachers are valuable partners, and their preparation deserves our gratitude. Nevertheless, the primary responsibility for a child's spiritual instruction does not belong to the teacher or the congregation. Paul wrote, *“Fathers... bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord”* (Ephesians 6:4).

Teachers may plant and water during class, but parents cultivate that seed through-out the week. So, after the next Bible class, ask your children, “What did you learn today?” Then be ready to tell them what you learned too.

Rick Walker

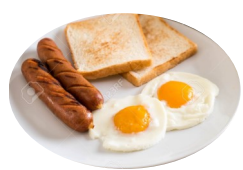
EVENTS

Current Events & Activities:

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible class is off to a great start. Neither rain, nor wind, or hurricane can keep this class from meeting. Melinda Barnett will be teaching on "A Balm for the Soul." Ladies, come join us this **Tuesday at 10 am. Coffee & fellowship at 9:45 am.** Free babysitting is provided. Looking forward to seeing you and studying God's word with you.



Men's breakfast will take place this **Saturday, September 12th at 9 am** here at Meadows. Come enjoy the fellowship and a good breakfast!



Diaper Sprinkle for baby Obadiah Pearman
Let's shower Seth & Chloe with diapers & wipes because Obi will be here in September. There is a box set up in the kids hallway for the gifts to go in. The box will be left up for several weeks!



GRAND OPENING
Lamar Church of Christ
Student Center
(1018 E. Virginia St)
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH
6-8 PM
Check out the new updates!



LADS TO LEADERS KICKOFF CONGREGATION LUNCHEON
HAS BEEN MOVED TO SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH
This is for the whole congregation so bring your favorite dish (or two). Drinks will be provided.



There is a new phone training class (for men & women) that starts this Wednesday, September 9th at 5:45-6:15 pm. This week's skills to cover are Navigation and the basics. Understanding the lock/home screen and basic touchscreen like tap, swipe, and scroll. Adjusting the screen brightness and volume. Also you will learn how to make calls, send texts, and FaceTime. Making calls, texts, and setting up voicemail greetings. Making sure you can easily reach family and friends. There is a sign up sheet on the round table in the foyer.



Area Wide Worship Night
Liberty Church of Christ
(3201 No. Main St.)
Saturday, September 12th
5-8 PM
Singing & Devotional Snacks & Fellowship



Retirement Reception for Tony Fitzgerald
Saturday, September 19th @ 2 pm
@ Lamar Student Center
After 24 years of being the Director of the Lamar Church of Christ Student Center, Tony has decided to retire!
Bring your best stories!
Cake & punch reception.

This Week's Anniversaries:
9/1 Bobby & Carol Case
9/3 Randy & D'Ann Riggs
9/9 Elmer & Rose Sabrsula
9/16 Mike & Alissa Williams
9/21 Chris & Melyna Lyons
9/21 Josh & Meredith Sherman

Meadows Prayer List:
Members:
Weldon Dunlap / cancer, trmts
Telesha Mason / rec from gallbladder surgery
Martha Richardson / fell, bruised
Keri Robin / cancer
Vicki Thomas / upcoming injections
Cristy Stanford / blood pressure issues
Members Unable to Worship With Us:
Charles Baird.....John Beard
Jack & Majorie Crabtree
Floyd Guillory.....Darline Harrell
Marsha Hoskins.....Annie Pearl Leigh
Louise Runnels
Friends & Family of Meadows Members:
Patsy Bass, Lorene Bass / health
Coleen Clark / Melinda Barnett's cousin /cancer
Dwain & Raye Dorrell / health
Hannah Fraser / Deanna Roerick's daughter / had car accident w/18 wheeler, several surgeries ahead
Mary Johnson / C. Case's Mom / health issues
Colby Judice / fr of L. Case / metastatic disease in lower body (spine, hips, legs, pelvic)
Linda Romero / Dot's sister inlaw / recovering from knee replacement
Betty Scott / health
John Sehon / former member, cancer
Allison Stephenson / fr of K & W Fowler, rec from cancer surgery
Wayne Turner / T. Gonzales bro / kidney stone issues
Don Welch / brother of Cathy H, rec from broken knee cap surgery

If you have a loved one on the Friends & Family Prayer List, please keep the office up to date every 2 weeks. That will help us to keep the prayer list up to date with current health information. Thanks!

Bible Class Promotion Day has Arrived!!!!
4 Yrs—Kindergarten Rm # 103 Megan Milich, Fawnn & Tina Paul, Theresa Wilson
1st—2nd Grades Rm # 104 Carl & Debbie Sundgren
3rd—5th Grades Rm # 105 Melinda Barnett, Rinda Phelps, Rolan Phelps
6th—8th Grades Rm # 106 Bradly & Alicia Hailey
9th—12th Grades Rm # 112 Seth & Chloe Pearman

Please take the time to look at the Youth Worship Kids Bible Story projects. They are located in the back of the foyer by the office hallway. Each child was given a canvas to use for the base, and was asked to create their favorite story from the Bible. A table was loaded down with every craft item we could find in the building for them to use. They had a blast creating their version of the Bible stories that we go over and over in class. If you do not believe that they made these projects themselves, then please ask the children because they will tell you the truth. Today is the last day they will be up due to the L2L luncheon next Sunday. Thanks! ** Tell them how great a job they did!

This Week's Birthdays:
9/7 Charles Baird
9/7 Sean McFarland
9/8 Paislee Wilson ... "Happy Sweet 16"
9/9 Carlene Morgan
9/10 Charis Phelps
9/11 Judith Miller
9/12 Josh Sherman

The other line moves faster
Sunny Glen Children's Home Grocery Run
Items Requested:
SHAMPOO
CONDITIONER
BODY WASH FOR KIDS & ADULTS
Pick Up Date: Oct 13
***Please put on the cart in children's hallway**

Attendance & Contribution
2026 Weekly Budget:
\$13,100.00
Weekly Averaged Collection for August: \$13,346.79
Collection 8/30:
\$13,579.92
Sunday AM (8/30) ... 166
Bible Class (8/30) ... 110
Sunday PM (8/30) ... 41
Wednesday (9/2) ... 66
Building Fund: \$34,848.80
Disaster Relief: \$2,706.86