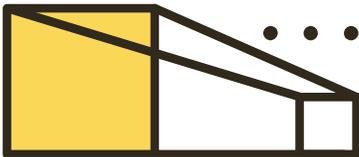


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PERSPECTIVE

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What we fill our minds with in times of uncertainty will colour the lenses through which such circumstances are viewed. As we've spent more time consuming the news in the last few weeks, a theme that comes up often is the fear and despair that is facing our society as a result of the current crisis. Such responses are normal emotions that all of us have experienced at one time or another. But we don't have to lose heart and turn to worldly remedies. God can help us change the feelings of hopelessness and despair as we focus our minds on the truths of His Word. When tempted to give in to our fears, we need to turn to the Bible and allow God's Spirit to renew our minds and ground our faith. As we meditate on God's Word, we will gain a godly perspective on our current situation, whatever that may be. Some of my favorite Scripture passages which have helped refocus my perspective are Psalm 42 and 2 Corinthians 4. Let me encourage you to spend time this week meditating on these two passages of Scripture. "Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself...comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work." (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)

SUNDAY'S SERMON BROADCAST

You can find the video and audio of the sermon and children's story broadcasts on our [website's sermon audio page](#).

"TRUE JOY"
PHILIPPIANS 4:4
PASTOR KEVIN WILLIAMS

- WELCOME
- PRAYER
- HYMN: "THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION"
- HYMN: "COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING"
- EPHESIANS 4:17-32
- PASTORAL PRAYER
- HYMN: "SPEAK, O LORD"
- MESSAGE
- HYMN: "REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING"

CHILDREN'S STORY BROADCAST

This Sunday's children's story will begin an 8-part reading of The Big Picture Story Bible by David Helm. Children of all ages will learn the Bible's message of "God's people in God's place under God's rule."



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

If you would like to join a group to discuss these questions over video conference at 7 PM this Wednesday, please send an email to Pastor Kevin: kwilliams@meadowlandsbaptist.com



1. What commands can you find in Philippians 4:1-9?
2. What caused Paul's rejoicing in Philippians 1:12-18?
3. Why are Christians commanded to rejoice in all circumstances?
4. How are believers able to rejoice at all times? (Phil 4:4)
5. What circumstances threaten to steal our joy in the Lord?
6. Is there anything this week that stopped you from rejoicing?
7. How is biblical joy different from happiness?

REDEEMING THE TIME BY STRENGTHENING MARRIAGE

WRITTEN BY PASTOR MARK RICHMOND

The pressure cooker of this current situation will bring to surface the contents of the heart. I want to encourage moms and dads to invest in your marriage, work together as a team, and remember that your spouse is not the enemy. Before we can properly address the behaviors of our children, we need to repent of the sin and idols that God has exposed in our own hearts. We cannot model what we are lacking. The apostle Peter offers these encouraging words: "Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust" (2 Pet 1:2-4).

The Lord has equipped us with everything we need for the responsibilities He has given. What is coming to the surface of your heart? How is this season affecting your marriage relationship? When you feel the emotions beginning to boil below the surface, remember that His divine power has given all things that pertain to life and godliness. Stop, ask the Holy Spirit to help your response rather than reacting in the flesh. Confess your sin to the Lord and to your spouse. And remember: you are not alone in your struggles. Reach out to others for prayer and encouragement. We can come out of this difficulty with stronger marriages and families if we will forsake our sin and depend on God. [See Family Resources from Paul Tripp](#).

BRIDAL SHOWERS

Each recipient is featured on our Ladies' Sincere Heart Facebook page along with gift registry information. This information is also available through the church office. Gifts can either be purchased online and sent directly to the individual, or money can be sent to the church to be applied toward a gift card. To e-transfer funds from your bank, please use the email address: custom@meadowlandsbaptist.com. (Please note the intended recipient in the message line.) These funds will not be tax receiptable. A delivery of a small cake and gift card will be made on the recipient's selected shower date.

**Anmol Davis & Emily
Stobbe: April 24**

**Jason Ramer & Kianna
Owen: May 1**



ONLINE ESCHATOLOGY BLOCK CLASS WITH DR. BRIAN COLLINS: MAY 18-23, 2020



This block class will be taught online through Zoom. There is an online registration and payment system set up so that anyone can participate. All of the information for the class, including a registration link, can be found at the [college website course page](#).

"you will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on you..."

Isaiah 26:3

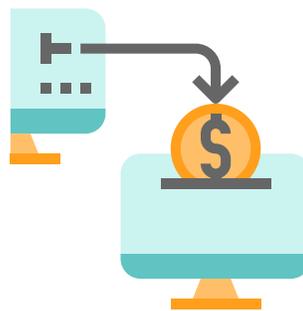
PRAYER REQUESTS

In the newsletter, we try to include submitted prayer requests from those in our church family who want to share their requests in this format. Requests may be emailed to info@meadowlandsbaptist.com by Thursdays at noon.

- Diane Burdett's son, Steven, is homeless. Pray that he finds the Lord, comes off the streets, and repents of his lifestyle.
- Estelie Fries, and Diane Burdett are among 24 members and attendees of Meadowlands who work in the health care industry.
- Rachel Manikkawasagan's cousin, Ruth, is doing well with her recovery from Covid-19. They thank the church for praying!
- Merv Tuplin is recovering from having a stroke. Please continue to pray for him as he is under a lot of restrictions.
- Pray for our government leaders: PM Justin Trudeau, Alberta Premier Jason Kenney, Millwoods MP Tim Uppal, Meadows MLA Jasvir Deol, Mayor Don Iveson
- Missionary/Ministry: Foundation Baptist College and Pastor Bud and Debbie Talbert

Giving

E-transfer is available. From your bank's website, select the e-transfer feature. The email address to transfer to is donations@meadowlandsbaptist.com. Your donation will be automatically accepted and you will receive a confirmation of the transfer.



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