

The Connection

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ENDURANCE FOR THE RACE

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I am not a long distance runner. I once joined the cross-country team in high school purely because the coach needed people. When the season ended, any desire to run competitively ended with it. You won't catch me signing up for a marathon any time soon, that's for sure. I can't even imagine running the 26.2 miles that constitute the modern marathon. However, every year throughout the world, many people participate in these grueling events, and the number continues to grow. Unfortunately, in the end, many who participate in marathons are found to have cheated somewhere along the course, and in this technological age, many are caught and disqualified. Paul makes this statement to Timothy, "And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules." Many believers want to receive the promised rewards from the Lord at the end of life's race but those same believers lack the endurance to persevere each day in His service. They want to finish the race and receive the imperishable crown, but they aren't willing to follow Paul's instruction to "run in such a way that you may obtain it." Temptations to cut spiritual corners, to find the easy route, to consider God's commands burdensome, or to just give up following Christ altogether face the believer every day. For some, these temptations have no doubt increased in their intensity during this crisis.



The writer of Hebrews reminds each of God's children that success in the race is dependent on keeping our focus on Christ, "the author and finisher of our faith." So, let us run with endurance, and let us run according to the rules, so that one day, God can proclaim to every believer, "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM

The main service (including congregational singing) will take place in the auditorium. Overflow will be in the gym (no singing allowed). If you desire to watch the service from your home, please go to the front page of our website and click the link that will join you to our [live service or the recording of it to follow.](#)

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- CALL TO WORSHIP
- "THE PERFECT WISDOM OF OUR GOD"
- "O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST"
- PRAYER
- MINISTRY IN SONG
- "HIS MERCY IS MORE"
- CHILDREN'S STORY
- "COME, LONELY HEART"
- MESSAGE: "EATING THE BREAD OF LIFE"
JOHN 6 PASTOR KEVIN WILLIAMS
- "THE SOLID ROCK"
- PRAYER

*And let us not grow weary
while doing good, for in
due season we shall reap
if we do not lose heart.*

Galatians 6:9

WEDNESDAY PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY 7 PM

This service takes place in the auditorium. In addition, you may also participate in a Zoom group that will follow the same format at the same time (Please email kwilliams@meadowlandsbaptist.com for a Zoom invitation). For our Bible study we will discuss the following questions that relate to the Sunday morning sermon:

JOHN 6

1. Which three words in this passage do you think are most significant?
2. What is being said about those three important words?
3. What does this passage say about Jesus?
4. How do people in this passage respond to Jesus?
5. How does this passage challenge or encourage you?
6. What from this passage can you share to encourage a fellow Christian?
7. What from this passage can you share with an unbeliever?

VIRTUAL VBS 2020

This year our VBS will look much different from previous years. However, Answers in Genesis has crafted a COVID VBS for use online. This is a VBS experience that a family, grandparents, or even cohort families could do together over the summer. As cohort families, you could meet daily for the week, play the games, participate in the snack together and watch the video of the teaching lesson.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Sign up by July 17 on [Eventbrite](#) for a customized family package kit (contains daily devotional, game instructions, snack suggestions, craft materials and instructions)
2. Pick up packet at the church office anytime July 19 or later
3. You can use the program any week of the summer (ages 3 to grade 6)

Instructions and links for Virtual VBS will be forthcoming.



ORDER YOUR FAMILY PACKET BY JULY 17

Need to contact us?



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GIVING

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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.

- Several of our senior citizens are in assisted living homes and isolated from friends and families.
- Laura Cook's sister, Lee, is going through chemo treatments for breast cancer.
- Nell Popowich has lymphoma and is in hospital recovering from surgery.
- MBC Missionaries in Canada: Hammermeisters (BC), Ouellettes (QC), Talberts (AB), Nolands (NT), Hammonds (SK), Duguays (SK)

UPCOMING EVENT



CANADIAN BLOOD SERVICES DONATION SITE

MEADOWLANDS GYM

Wednesday, July 15, 3-7 pm

By Appointment: 1 888 2 DONATE or blood.ca

Guidelines for in-person gatherings may be found on our website.

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