

the Connection

06 NOVEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

Do you sometimes feel like you are out of place—that you don't belong? Does it appear that most of your coworkers and neighbours do not share your values? Are you troubled by the moral direction of our society? Is the culture becoming more hostile to your faith?

In Jesus' prayer to His Father He said, "The world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world" (John 17:14). Hostility toward Christ's followers is nothing new. In fact, Peter tells us not to think it strange when we are persecuted for Christ's sake (1 Pet 4:12-13). Peter reminds us, though, that we are foreigners and pilgrims on this earth (1 Pet 2:11). This wicked world is not our home.

This truth has always been a wonderful comfort to God's people. The faithful saints honoured in Hebrews 11 were eagerly awaiting a future city whose builder and maker is God (Heb 11:10). Their longing was not an earthly country but a heavenly one (Heb 11:16). Although Paul was diligent to live for God on earth, he believed it was far better to be with Christ (Phil 1:23). He reminded the Philippian church that their citizenship is in heaven (Phil 3:20). And that is why he told the Colossians to focus on things above and not on things on the earth (Col 3:2). Jesus tells us to store up treasures in heaven and seek God's kingdom first (Matt 6:20, 33).

I find there are many things in this life that can cause stress, anxiety, and grief. My prayer is that these things will give us a longing for home. Does sickness and disease cause you to long for a home with no more pain? Does anger and violence stir your heart for God's everlasting peace? Does the moral depravity of our society make you long for holiness? Does your daily struggle with sin produce a yearning for spiritual freedom? Does the sorrow of life turn your attention to the day when God will wipe away all tears from our eyes? The greatest desires of our heart are not found in this foreign land. One day we will reach our heavenly home and receive everything we value most!

Citizens &
Foreigners
Kevin Williams



SUNDAY ADULT FELLOWSHIP GROUPS AVAILABLE:

9:30 AM

- **Church History: Forerunners of the Faith** (Room 207) Jerry Ascher
- **Ladies' Class: Matthew Presents Christ, the Son of the Living God** (Room 312) Sandi Stephens

11:00 AM

- **Young Couples' Fellowship Group** (Room 207) Will Breckenridge
- **The Epistles of John** (Room 312) Manuele Russo
- **Acts: The Birth of the Church** (Room 306) Bob Cook
- **College & Career Group** (Room 221) Jeff McConnell
- **Teen Fellowship Group** (Room 308) Anthony Neumann

Sunday School Classes for Children 11 am:

Ages 4-5 Room 209
Grades 1-2 Room 212
Grades 3-4 Room 211
Grades 5-6 Room 309

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

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:30 OR 11 AM

Two in-person services take place in the auditorium. Services will simultaneously be live streamed in the gymnasium (no singing), or available to you at home.

Due to restrictions, nurseries are unavailable at this time, but classes are available for ages 2-3 for each service.



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- "I WILL SING OF MY REDEEMER"
- PRAYER
- "LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING"
- "OH, HOW HE LOVES YOU AND ME"
- SCRIPTURE READING: HEBREWS 3
- "SPIRIT OF GOD, DESCEND UPON MY HEART"
- SERMON: "CHRISTLIKE SERVICE" JOHN 13:1-30
PASTOR KEVIN WILLIAMS
- "THERE IS A FOUNTAIN"
- PRAYER

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING 6 PM

Foundations: Bible Truths for Christian Growth

Lesson 9b *The Holy Spirit: God's Presence in You*

Workbooks are available at the information desk for \$10

WEDNESDAY PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY/KIDS 4 TRUTH 7 PM

Children's classes for ages 4 to grade 6 are available. Adults and teens meet in the auditorium for Bible study and prayer. For our Bible study we will discuss the following questions that relate to the Sunday morning sermon:



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR JOHN 13:1-30

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?

Our Missionaries Respond to Your Generous Thanksgiving Offering:



"Thank you and praise the Lord for the kindness of MBC." ~ the Burrills

"Thank you. Meadowlands has always been a blessing and encouragement to our family and ministry in the North." ~ the Nolands



"Thank you so much! That is a huge blessing for us. This season has been one of seeing incredible answers to prayer and provision. We are looking forward to getting back to Canada as soon as we can!" ~ the Wilsons



"Thank You Meadowlands, we appreciate your help and prayers." ~ the Koltz

"Thanks so much for the gift sent to us. We greatly appreciate this gift and your continued support of us in prayer and finances as we seek to reach the people of Surrey BC. Because of the lockdown we were not able to go on our furlough to our US supporting churches this past summer. Lord willing, in the summer of 2021 we will be able to travel across Canada to touch base with all our Canadian churches." ~ the Hammermeisters



"Many, many thanks for this timely gift. As you can read in my latest prayer letter, our van is in serious need of replacing after several breakdowns have nearly left us stranded on the roadside. We'll put the gift in that fund...we'll call it the first fruits (appropriate for Thanksgiving, no?) of what may yet come in from supporters!" ~ the Hunters



Lord,

help me use my
fleeting breath

To honor You, through

life or death

And when my heart
drums its last beat,
I'll lay my labours at
Your feet.

Chris Anderson

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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.

November Calendar:

Wednesday, November 11: Church Offices are closed for Remembrance Day.

Sunday, November 15, 7 pm: Financial update and 2021 budget presentation.

Sunday, November 22, 7 pm: Opportunity for Q & A about the finances and budget.

