

## MEADOWBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH

Worship this Sunday

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This Weeks Sermon

**“What Does the New Birth Look Like?” {Luke 3}**

### 2024 FINANCES

2024 Budget Requirements \$ 150, 120

2024 Offerings Received 144, 468

2024 Spent 144, 285

*Thank You for giving to the Lord, I am so glad you did. I am glad for the Lord, because, “He loves a cheerful giver.” He also loves to be loved by His children. First John 5 says, “This is love for God - to obey His commands.”*

*I am glad for the people we helped because of you (and me). We have never turned an individual down, and we are able to help in times of great need, like the victims in the North Carolina floods. Our gift went to First Baptist Asheville, where they examine each request for flood assistance individually. I am glad for you because Second Corinthians nine says,*

*“The farmer who plants only a few seeds will get few crops and the farmer who plants many seeds will get a large crop. / Don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure because God loves those who give joyfully. And God will generously provide you with all you need and then you will always have plenty left over to share with others, as the Bible says, ‘Godly people give generously to the poor. Their good deeds we'll never be forgotten.’” {Psalm 112:19}*

## HAS GOD POKED YOU LATELY?

Read Acts 7:54-8:1/ 9:1-18

### WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

**“Go through the narrow gate because the gate is wide and the road is broad that leads to destruction and many go through it; but the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and only a few find it. (Matt. 7: 13- 14)**

We are looking this year at some *highway signs on the road to heaven*. The first is to “live one day at a time” and the second is, “Be sure you are on the Road to Heaven.”

We all travel one of two roads. One leads to a place of joy and the other to a place of misery. One leads to a place so beautiful the Bible calls it a garden (Paradise). The other leads to a place so ugly and filthy that the Bible calls it a garbage dump (Gehenna)

We don't know much about either place because the Bible uses figures of speech to describe them both. Picturing heaven is like an unborn child in his mother's womb. He has eyes that can distinguish colors but he doesn't have a clue what “color” is. He has hands that can pick things up, but he doesn't even know what a “thing” is. What we do know is we want to go to a beautiful place where all sin and suffering are gone. (Revelation 21)

### HAS GOD POKED YOU LATELY

If you are on the road to heaven, it is not because you went to God; it is because He came to you and touched you in some way. Back when farmers plowed with mules one farmer had a stubborn mule, who would not obey his commands - go right, go left, etc.

He loved that old mule, so he didn't want to whip him. He heard about a “*mule whisperer*” who gently taught mules to obey by talking to them. The mule whisperer came out, walked in front of the mule, looked at him eye to eye, took out a hammer and hit him right between the eyes and the mule dropped to his