

MEADOWBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH

Worship This Sunday

January 2, 2022 ~ 9:00 AM

In our Sanctuary (Masks & Social Distancing Optional)
or

Outside Parking Area

Services on YouTube

Meadowbrookbaptist.cc

December 19, 2021

Worship Attendance 28 World Hunger \$21.31

Budget Offering \$2,397.00

Weekly Needs to Date \$135,150.00

Weekly Offerings to Date \$147,359.30

International (Foreign) Missions
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
MEADOWBROOK'S GOAL \$800.00
Given to Date \$1,465.00

NOVEMBER 2021, Financial Report

\$206,452.42	Beginning Bank Balance 11-1-21)
11,253.00	Budget Receipts
149.73	Design: World Hunger
150.00	Use of Building
396.00	Shoebboxes
<u>\$218,401.15</u>	TOTAL RECEIPTS (November)
9,570.35	Less Expenses (November)
<u>\$208,830.80*</u>	ENDING BALANCE (11-30-21)

*(Of this amount, \$43,099.67 is designated)

EXPENSES – NOVEMBER

\$1,550.00	Missions
5,842.71	Personnel
358.52	Post/Print/Off.Supp.
327.79	Utilities
99.91	Bldg.Maint/Supp/Repairs
<u>708.00</u>	Emergency Savings
\$ 8,886.93	Total Budget Expenses
<u>683.42</u>	Total Design. Expense
<u>\$9,570.35</u>	Total Expenses

From Preacher Bob

This year I am going back across my 62 years as a child of God and as a Pastor, and want to share some of the truths I have learned that can set us free. I am writing this thinking of my own family members, and would like to share it with **as many people as possible**. (If one baby can be kept safe because of the truth found in the column on "anger" our efforts will be blessed.) If you don't mind, tell people you know about this and we will put them on our e-mail list. For anyone wanting to receive the printed messages **monthly**, the cost of preparing and mailing them is \$20.00 for the year. For anyone who cannot pay, our church has a fund for "Free Materials".

Life Truths That Set us Free

The Sin of Anger

"Anger lives in the heart of a fool."

Ecclesiastes 7:9

Read 1 Samuel 31 As we begin a New Year, the sin we need God to help us overcome the most, is anger. It is the most destructive sin of all. It is the first sin outside of the Garden of Eden. Cain got mad at God and at his brother. He killed Abel even though he had not done anything to him. This is how insane anger is (Genesis 4). The next sin mentioned was when Cain's ancestor, Lamech, bragged to his wives (Genesis 4). He said a young man had hurt him and he was going to take revenge seventy times seven times more than he was hurt - probably on his family and friends. The next sin, the one that led God to send the flood was "violence" - anger in action.

If we explode in anger someone is going to get hurt. We often hear of child abuse being called "shaken baby syndrome". I wonder how many mothers and fathers, who were basically good parents, were overcome with rage for a moment, and went too far. I preached this in a revival and the Pastor told me when his wife started working, he began working from home with their baby. The pressure from his job and the constant crying got on his nerves and one day, he picked his baby up, and with his face pressed against hers said, "Shut up! Shut up!" He called his wife and she gave up her job.

Woody Hayes was one of the greatest college football coaches of all time. In a bowl game, when Clemson intercepted a pass and one of their players ended up on the sideline near the Ohio State bench; Woody Hayes hit him and was fired. Being a Pastor creates many temptations to retaliate. The old saying is, "Count to Ten". What I always did was quote Ecclesiastes 7:9 to myself, "*Anger lives in the heart of a fool.*" I knew I could undo 40 years of faithful service as a Pastor with one angry episode. Thank God, this kept me from making this mistake.