

MEADOWBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH

Worship This Sunday

January 4 ~ 9:00 AM

Fellowship Following

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Sympathy

"Celebration of Life" Service

This Sunday, January 4, 3:00 PM

Meadowbrook Baptist Church

Receiving Friends After Service

Fellowship Hall

Please be in prayer for the family of Mary Jo Whitfield, Ronnie Whitfield's sister-law, who went to be with the Lord December 18. Pray especially for her two sons, Jason and John and two grandsons, Brooks and Caleb. This family has been part of our church from our beginning sixteen years ago. See the "Standard Cremation and Funeral Center".

WOW!

For most of this year we have been below our budget needs in giving. But so many of you gave this month, it is almost a certainty, that we will meet our budget. We are doing a good work here at Meadowbrook and helping a lot of people who would not be helped if we were not doing it. Helping those in need is one condition, for having our prayers answered. [Proverbs 21:13]

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR FOREIGN MISSIONARIES

Start the New Year off right by helping the dedicated men and women who have sacrificed so much to tell people who don't know the Lord, about Him and his salvation. Write a check out to our church and put "For Lottie Moon"

DAY BY DAY HAPPINESS

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again, rejoice." / "Because of my chains, most of my brothers in the Lord have been encouraged."

Philippians 4:4; 1:14

YOUR NEW YEAR'S TREE

If there was such a thing as a New Year's tree, I know exactly what present you want to have under it. We all want it. Some get married to find it and some get divorced. Some make money to find it and some give money away. Some turn to church to find it and some turn from church. Call it joy, peace or happiness - we all want to be happy. It is not easy. Nothing worthwhile is. Paul said in prison **"I have learned to be content."** (Philippians 4:12-13) It takes much prayer, time and effort.

That is why so few people find it. Today I just want to share some common-sense steps we can all take to get started right now.

Common Sense Steps to Happiness

1. Live One Day at a Time

"As your days are, so will your strength be." - Deuteronomy 33:25

Jesus says, **"Don't worry [get all torn up] about tomorrow. Today's troubles are enough for today."** (Matthew 6:34). Paul says, **"Forgetting what lies behind me; I reach forward to what lies ahead"** (Philippians 3:13). We can take anything today. Failure today does not mean we are failures; it means we have the chance to do better tomorrow. God assigned the rugged hill country to the tribe of Asher and promised them, **"As your days are, so will your strength be."** A different twist on this comes from Thoreau, "The