

MEADOWBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH

Worship This Sunday
January 9, 2022 ~ 9:00 AM

In our Sanctuary
(Masks & Social Distancing are optional)

or

Outside Parking Area

Services on YouTube

Meadowbrookbaptist.cc

MEADOWBROOK CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

is expressed to *Butler Nanney* and all family members and friends in the death of his wife,

LUNETTE NANNEY

(5-4-1939 – 12-31-2021),

our faithful and committed member who joined our fellowship in 2011.

2021 Corrected Report

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Our 2021 Meadowbrook GOAL WAS \$800.00

WE GAVE THIS YEAR: A Total of **\$2,315.00**

\$1,615.00 in offerings you gave in December
+700.00 taken from our 2021 missions budget.

If you know of anyone who might want our newsletter articles this year on "Walking with God", please tell them to give us their e-mail address and they will receive them weekly at no charge. For those with no computers we can mail them each month for \$20.00 a year. (Our cost)

From Preacher Bob

Most New Year cards wish us "all sunshine and joy." Way down deep we wish the same. Nervously we wonder if bad things might happen. However, I remind you that "all sunshine will make a desert" and "our dark pages can turn out to be some of our best pages". Luther once said, "Tears have been my best teachers". Henry Ward Beecher said, "Tears are telescopes through which we see into heaven". T. DeWitt Talmedge said, "I never had a setback that didn't turn out to be a set-forward." I wish you (and me) all sunshine and joy this year.

Sixty Years with God

Week 2

GOD'S COSTLY FORGIVENESS

Romans 3: 11-27

"We have all fallen away and done wrong. We will not be made innocent (in God's sight) by obeying God's commands (law). The Law shows us how sinful we are.

God's way of making us innocent comes through faith / He put Jesus forward as an atoning sacrifice which is received by faith.

This is so God can be just (righteous) and still declare us innocent in Christ Jesus; since He had let sins committed in the past, go unpunished."

God is not only like a Father who runs to meet us to forgive us; He is the moral Judge of the universe who punishes sin. If a Judge sets someone like a child abuser free because he says he is sorry; he loses all our respect and he encourages others to commit heinous crimes. It is not in God's nature to do that.

He warned Adam and Eve, but they disobeyed, and the process of death entered their bodies, as He promised (Genesis 3). When people first filled the earth, the earth was filled with evil desires and violence (Genesis 6). God sent the flood to wipe them all away. But before He did; He raised up Noah, not only to build a huge ark but to "**preach righteousness**" (2 Peter 2:5) – the call to turn from sin to find forgiveness. They probably had tour buses to take people out to see the crazy man who was building a boat in the middle of the desert. They heard him preach, but paid no attention. When the rain began to fall and slowly rose higher, I can see them in boats, crying for Noah and his family to let them come in. Jesus used this to describe His return to earth.

Matthew 24:37-42

"(Jesus said) As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be at the coming of the Son of Man.