

## MEADOWBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH

Worship This Sunday

October 17, 2021 ~ 9:00 AM

In our Sanctuary

(Please wear a mask & Social Distance)

or

Outside Parking Area

Services on YouTube

Meadowbrookbaptist.cc

October 10, 2021

Worship Attendance 35      World Hunger \$18.93

Budget Offering \$1,126.00

Weekly Needs to Date \$108,650.00

Weekly Offerings to Date \$117,609.30

### SEPTEMBER 2021, Financial Report

\$ 189,347.13	BEGINNING Bank Balance
17,983.65	Budget Receipts
58.61	Design: World Hunger
370.00	Shoebboxes
<u>\$ 207,759.39</u>	TOTAL RECEIPTS
8,516.27	Less Expenses
<u>\$ 199,243.12*</u>	ENDING Bank Balance

\*Of this amount \$42,322.32 is designated.

#### EXPENSES - SEPTEMBER

\$1,450.00	Missions
5,932.71	Personnel
35.12	Post/Print/OffSupp.
146.68	Utilities
64.08	Equipment
50.00	Special Days/Funerals
129.68	BldgMaint/Supp/Repairs
708.00	Emergency Savings
<u>\$8,516.27</u>	

## SHOEBOXES AVAILABLE

### Operation Christmas Child

Pick up a SHOEBOX (or two) from the vestibule or parking lot as you arrive or leave on Sunday. It contains a soap/wash cloth bag; 2 rubber bands for your box when it's returned and an instructional brochure "How To Pack A Shoebox" (**Remember to check Page 3 for items they will NOT accept.**)

***If you are not able to fill a complete box, you might like to help in one of these ways:***

***~buy an item (or items) to help fill boxes***

***~give a donation to help with project costs***

**Any filled boxes, items to be put in boxes or money donations can be brought to Meadowbrook from now through Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>.**

## THE CROSS AS A VICTORY

(Ephesians 4:8)

"When He ascended on high, He led ***captivity captive*** (a train of vanquished foes)."

(Colossians 2:14-15)

"He forgave all our sins; erasing the ***record that stood against us*** with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross (*Jesus accepted our penalty*). He ***disarmed*** the rulers and the authorities (*of evil - Ephesians 6:12*) and ***triumphed*** over them (*led them in a victory procession*)."

(Psalm 24)

"Who can ascend the mountain of the Lord and stand in His holy place - He who has clean hands and a pure heart. / Open up the ancient gates (to the city) and the ancient doors (to the Holy Temple) and let the king of glory in.

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord, strong and mighty ***in battle***."

(Ephesians 5:2)

"Live a life of love just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a sweet smelling offering and sacrifice to God."

Jesus' sacrifice was not only a *penalty* He bore for us, it was a *victory* He won for us. In Old Testament times, rival armies could each choose their best warrior and the two men could fight each other in place of their armies. We see this in 1 Samuel 17 where David's victory over Goliath was Israel's victory.

When Jesus forgave His murderers, He put the period at the end of His perfect life. Hebrews 4:15 says He, "***was tempted in every way we are, yet He was without sin***." Jesus fought Satan and his enticements to do wrong and never lost a battle. His victory is our victory. We don't know what it means; but the Bible sees Jesus' perfect life as a cosmic victory over all the evil beings God has allowed to exist, to accomplish His purposes.