

## MEADOWBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH

Worship This Sunday

November 14, 2021 ~ 9:00 AM

In our Sanctuary

(Please wear a mask & Social Distance)

or

Outside Parking Area

Services on YouTube

Meadowbrookbaptist.cc

November 7, 2021

Worship Attendance 27 World Hunger \$107.00

Budget Offering \$2,113.00

Weekly Needs to Date \$119,250.00

Weekly Offerings to Date \$133,287.30

## BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

November 21st

We hope all of you who feel comfortable being in a crowd will come to our sanctuary

(or parking lot) service on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. We will observe the Lord's Supper together, using the small, personal "Communion Kits" designed for churches to use at this time.

Let's Begin the Christmas Season  
**TOGETHER**

If you would like for us to provide a Nursery (Birth – Age 5), please call Preacher Bob or Mary Ann (224-0782)

## « SHOEBOX UPDATE »

FILLED SHOEBOXES ARE BEING RETURNED

**SHOEBOXES ARE STILL AVAILABLE**

If you have **individual items** that could be used to help fill another box *OR* had items leftover from filling your box; you can bring these items to the church no later than THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>.

ALL FILLED BOXES and ANY MONEY DONATIONS

must be returned to the church no later than

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>

*The shoebox you fill may be the door that God will use to open a child's heart to Jesus Christ!*

## THANKSGIVING FOR AMERICA

"Don't forget how the Lord has led you through the desert (wilderness) for the past forty years. - He wanted to find out if you were truly willing to obey Him and depend on Him."

**-Deuteronomy 8:2**

When our Pilgrim Forefathers landed at Plymouth Rock, they stood face to face with the wilderness, we now know as America. Before them lay the fierce land, with its hardships, heartbreaks, wild savages; torturous winters; and unseen treasures. Behind them was a bitter nation which would oppose their bid for freedom and make them pay for it with their blood. But with faith in God, an unquenchable determination to be free, a dedication to hard work and a willingness to suffer; they won the victory we now possess. A colonial tombstone on the James River in Virginia, raised in tribute to a pioneer woman, reads:

"Her foot touched the soil of Virginia, and a wilderness became a home."

Their story is not unique. It is always God's way to lead us through the wilderness to achieve anything worthwhile.

*"If you find life worthwhile, it is not because you found it that way, but because you made it that way."*

This is true when it comes to nations, to churches or to each one of us as individuals. It is through the hard, demanding roads through the wilderness, that we, like the children of Israel, four thousand years before us, find our promised lands.

The things in life that really matter are not just gifts, they are achievements. They are carved, like America, out of some wilderness. They are found, like Israel, at the end of a hard, dangerous path.

A *strong* character is not received, it is achieved. A *good* church does not spring up out