

MEADOWBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH

Worship This Sunday

November 15, 2020 ~ 9:00 AM

In our Sanctuary (please wear a mask)

or

Outside Parking Area

Services on YouTube

meadowbrookbaptist.cc

Make sure you test positive for *FAITH*.

Keep distance from *DOUBT*,

And isolate from *FEAR*.

TRUST GOD THROUGH IT ALL!

**FILLED BOXES ARE BEING RETURNED
BUT SHOEBOXES ARE STILL AVAILABLE**

and there is still time for you to participate in this

Operation Christmas Child Ministry

Pick up and pack a box or give a money donation.

November 8, 2020

Worship Attendance 36 World Hunger \$13.00

Budget Offering \$8,688.00

Weekly Needs to Date \$119,250.00

Weekly Offerings to Date \$130,377.95

OCTOBER 2020, Financial Report

\$ 153,263.36	Beginning Balance
8,396.00	Budget Receipts
64.85	Design: World Hunger
50.00	Snacks (Mercy Center)
<u>115.00</u>	Shoebboxes
\$ 161,889.21	TOTAL RECEIPTS (Oct.)
<u>-9,233.91</u>	Less Expenses
\$ 152,655.30*	Ending Balance (10-31-20)

*(Of this amount, \$37,444.90 is designated)

EXPENSES - October

\$1,200.00	Missions
5,975.89	Personnel
234.13	Ch. Promo/Adv. Fees
285.89	Utilities
105.00	Building Security
<u>708.00</u>	Emergency Savings
\$8,508.91	Total Budget xpenses
<u>+725.00</u>	Designated Expenses
\$9,233.91	Total Expenses

Meadowbrook Christian Sympathy

is expressed to ***Fran King***, family and friends
in the death of her husband,

George W. (Bill) King

(11-17-1931 to 11-8-2020)

His funeral was Wed., Nov. 11th at Concord Baptist

Countdown to Christmas 2020

PEACE AND GOOD WILL?

This week a man in a convenience store asked a clerk why wearing masks was not required there. A lady next to him, with no mask, punched him in his left eye as hard as she could. He fell to the floor and she kept on kicking him while cursing and screaming. Several customers came over and also started cursing and kicking him. This is not an isolated incident; this is where America seems to be right now, as we enter the Christmas season.

When God gave His Son to us, He sent an angel to some lowly shepherds, who told them, **“Don’t be afraid! I have good news that will bring great joy to all people.”** God sent heaven’s choir with Him and they sang, **“Glory to God in the highest - peace on earth and good will towards man”** (Luke 2:8-14). The last phrase can also mean, “peace on earth on whom His favor rests”. Both are true, only God can bring peace and good will.

In World War I, the longest battle was over protecting Paris. For months on end, the Allies and the Germans fought from deep trenches, some hundreds of miles long. The Germans would come out and the Allies would come out, and “no man’s” land between, was stained with blood and body parts from both sides.

One Christmas Eve, something strange happened. Through the darkness, somewhere along those trench lines, soldiers heard the singing of Christmas carols. American, German, Canadian, British and French soldiers had gotten together to sing carols. After a time, they went back to their trenches and prepared to start killing each other again the next morning.

Christmas always seems a little like sticking our heads in the sand, oblivious to what is going on around us. In the First Christmas, when Jesus came, every other person was a slave. A slave had no rights, he or she (regardless of age) could be killed or tortured by any master who wanted to do so. Those who were free, lived in constant fear. Crucifixions lined the roads, reminding them of the price of disobeying Rome.

Today in America, this conflict seems worse and our task, as believers, is to **do our duty** for Christ. Our primary loyalty is to Jesus. We are