

## MEADOWBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH

Worship This Sunday

November 22, 2020 ~ 9:00 AM

In our Sanctuary (*please wear a mask*)

or

Outside Parking Area

Services on YouTube

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### THANKFUL FOR THE LETTER “M”

Jesus looked at people being converted by the Gospel, and thanked God that He concealed the truth from the wise and learned, and revealed it to childlike (humble) people” (Luke 10:21). Paul said not MANY of his converts were “wise, influential or of noble birth” (1 Corinthians 1:26). God does not hide truth, but people like this are often too proud to admit the truth about themselves; and come down to the level of the “common person”. Paul was wise and influential, so we can be thankful he did not say, “not ANY can come, but that not MANY will come.”

### “OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD”

## SHOEBOXES

and ALL MONEY DONATIONS

**MUST BE TURNED IN THIS SUNDAY,**

**NOVEMBER 22, 2020**

(Mary Ann will be delivering all boxes to Concord Church Gym tomorrow morning. **IF YOURS WAS NOT READY THIS MORNING, you may drop it by the Marcaurelle home any time today and leave it on the front porch; OR** take it to the Concord Church Gym before 12:00noon, Monday, Nov. 23, 2020.

November 15, 2020

Worship Attendance 30    World Hunger \$28.75

Budget Offering \$3,117.00

Weekly Needs to Date \$121,900.00

Weekly Offerings to Date \$133,494.95

## THE FIRST CHRISTMAS SERVICE

(Luke 2:1-21)

When Neal Armstrong put his foot on the moon, someone from NASA said, “We should change the calendar and mark our dates from this moment.” In other words, that was more

important than dating our calendars from when God walked on the earth. Looking at the first Christmas in Luke, it has all the elements of a worship service. It has:

### GOD

Without God, there would be no service; no Bethlehem; no donkey for Mary to ride and no Mary. After his first year at college, a young man told his parents he had taken philosophy, and truly believed there was a God. The dad said, “We spent \$5,000 for you to learn you are not a fool;” and quoted Psalm 14:1 “The fool has said in his heart—there is no God.” Hershel Hobbs said, “He said it in his heart; his head knew better.”

People who don’t believe in a God are like two fish swimming in the ocean, between here and Europe. One asks his buddy beside him, if he believes there is an Atlantic Ocean?” When his buddy said he did, he said, “I don’t. I’ve never seen the Atlantic Ocean. Show it to me and I will believe in it.” Acts 17:28 says, “**In Him we live, and move and have our being.**”

### A PLACE

Churches show us that **God is here** with us. The place of worship was a barn in the little village of Bethlehem, near Jerusalem. We do not need a special place to worship God, but God knows it helps us. Every time God touched Abraham’s life he built an altar (Genesis 22, 26, etc.). In the forty years Israel lived in the burning desert with fierce tribes all around, God promised Moses He would travel with them, and Moses said, “**Lord, if You don’t go with us, I don’t want to go**”(Exodus 33:15).

God was with them every step of the way; and He made His presence known in a Tent (Tabernacle) He designed. It was set up in the center of the camp where the glory of His presence shined for all to see. When the glory came out and moved, the whole camp moved. When enemies attacked, the glory went between them and His people. God was saying, “To get to them, you have to come through Me”

Picture a little Israelite boy, in his tent getting