

MEADOWBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH

Worship This Sunday

December 19, 2021 ~ 9:00 AM

In our Sanctuary

(Masks & Social Distancing are optional)

or

Outside Parking Area

Services on YouTube

Meadowbrookbaptist.cc

December 12, 2021

Worship Attendance 30 World Hunger \$27.14

Budget Offering \$1,540.00

Weekly Needs to Date \$132,500.00

Weekly Offerings to Date \$144,962.30

DECEMBER

is our Month of Prayer & Giving for
International (Foreign) Missions through the
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

TOGETHER, we're able to transform lives
and reach the nations

100% of your gifts go to our foreign missionaries

Denomination Goal: \$185 million

MEADOWBROOK'S GOAL \$800.00

Given to Date \$1,070.00

OCTOBER 2021, Financial Report

\$199,243.12	Beginning Bank Balance 10-1-21)
16,324.00	Budget Receipts
92.62	Design: World Hunger
10.00	Other Designated
595.00	Memorials/Honorariums
<u>236.00</u>	Shoebboxes
\$216,500.74	TOTAL RECEIPTS (October)
<u>10,048.32</u>	Less Expenses (October)
\$206,452.42*	ENDING BALANCE (10-31-21)

*(Of this amount, \$43,087.36 is designated)

EXPENSES - OCTOBER

\$1,300.00	Missions
7,082.71	Personnel
574.03	Utilities
105.00	Building Security
110.00	Bldg.Maint/Supp/Repairs
<u>708.00</u>	Emergency Savings
\$ 9,879.74	Total Budget Expenses
<u>168.58</u>	Total Design. Expense
<u>\$10,048.32</u>	Total Expenses

When a nice lady brought some clothes and food for a poor family, one of the little girls asked her, "Lady, are you Jesus' sister?" She started to say "No" but instead said, "Yes. He is my brother. We have the same heavenly Father." Our job on this earth is to so live and love that others will see Jesus in us.

THE JOYFUL JESUS

John 15:11

"I have told you all this, so My joy may be in you and your joy may be complete."

In seminary some friends and I took a break from study to watch the World Series. And as men (grown up boys) will do, we yelled a lot and ate Pizza. One night we found a note taped to the screen, "If you got as excited about Jesus as you do about a baseball game, we could win our world to Christ". Today, I hope to show you that Jesus was the kind of person who would say, "What's the score?" He might watch it with us.

"Joy" is what Christmas is all about, but it seems strange to talk about the "joyful Jesus". Isaiah 53 says, "*People despised and rejected Him and He was a man of sorrow, well acquainted with grief.*" True joy is that which cannot be taken away from us, no matter what happens to us.

It is a gift from God, but it is also an achievement. God gave us the tools and showed us the way when He lived among us. Jesus found joy by **helping people physically**. Can you imagine how He felt when He healed a crippled child? He helped people **spiritually, like Matthew**, and changed him from being a hated tax collector to being the writer of the first New Testament Book. He found it by **making friends**, like the Twelve who stayed with Him until He was arrested.

He found joy in **finding and doing God's will**. We all need a purpose, a reason to get up every morning and someone who depends on us. He found it, finally, in having the **hope of heaven**. Hebrews 12:2 says:

"Because of the joy waiting for Him; He endured the pain and ignored the shame
He would go through on the cross."