

MEADOWBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH

Worship This Sunday

April 11, 2021 ~ 9:00 AM

In our Sanctuary (*please wear a mask*)

or

Outside Parking Area

Services on YouTube

meadowbrookbaptist.cc

April 4, 2021

Worship Attendance 50 World Hunger \$25.07

Budget Offering \$3,806.65

Weekly Needs to Date \$37,100.00

Weekly Offerings to Date \$33,323.70

Annie Armstrong Home Missions to date **\$1,065.00**

MARCH 2021, Financial Report

\$169,133.39	Beginning Bank Balance(3-1-21)
9,729.45	Budget Receipts
66.09	Design: World Hunger
495.00	Home Missions
70.00	Free Materials

\$179,493.93 TOTAL RECEIPTS (March)

-10,742.81 Less Expenses (March)

\$168,751.12* ENDING BALANCE (3-31-21)

*(Of this amount, \$38,877.55 is designated)

EXPENSES – MARCH

\$1,342.00	Missions
5,832.71	Personnel
188.28	Utilities
2,006.00	Building Insurance
265.82	Bldg.Maint/Supp/Repairs
<u>708.00</u>	EmergencySavings
\$10,342.81	Total Budget Expenses
<u>+400.00</u>	Designated Expense
\$10,742.81	Total Expenses

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### What We Can Learn from Easter

#### **GOD IS GOOD**

"God gave the world to the wicked / if He didn't, who did? (Job 9:24)

The sights, sounds and smells of a "mental ward" are sickening. I learned this when I was forced to put my mother in one because of her depression. I remember telling her, "Mama, remember that God loves you and is with you." She said, "Bobby, that is hard to believe in a place like this." She, like Job, was tempted to believe that God was not "good". Thank

God, she, like Job, learned that God is "good" and can and does make "*all things*" (nice or horrible) *work together for good*", for His people. (Romans 8:28)

**"If Christ has not been raised,  
our faith is meaningless."**

**(1 Corinthians 15:14)**

If Jesus Christ did not rise from the grave, then we have absolutely no basis for believing a God of love controls our world. Calvary is the work of Satan and is a horrible snapshot, in a moment of time that reveals the terrible kind of world we live in. We have injustice and cowardice and cruelty and hate and pain and bloodshed and greed and murder. But Jesus let it happen to Him because He *loved us* and paid for our sins. When God raised Him, He showed what side He is on. Love was the winner that day; not evil.

### The Gospel of Mark

#### **FRIENDS AND FELLOW WORKERS NEEDED**

Mark 1:14-45 / John 1:19 - 4:42

In His first year of public ministry, John tells us Jesus spent the first six months in the South, in Judah. During this time, He was laying the foundation for His church – the people who would carry the gospel to the whole world. The term "church" does not mean a building. It means a "congregation" or "group" of people; so Jesus was finding friends and fellow workers. First, He found some **friends**.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 says, "**Two are better than one / If one falls, the other can reach out and help.**" Imagine yourself on "911" being in one of the Twin Tower buildings above where the planes exploded. You can see on television what is happening and you know you will not survive. Now, imagine there is *no one you want to call*. That is a life not worth living. Life is hard and we all need friends who walk in when everyone else walks out. A burden shared is halved and a joy shared is doubled.