

## MEADOWBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH

Worship This Sunday

May 30, 2021 ~ 9:00 AM

In our Sanctuary (*please wear a mask*)

or

Outside Parking Area

Services on YouTube

Meadowbrookbaptist.cc

### May 23, 2021

Worship Attendance 33      World Hunger \$24.26

Budget Offering \$1,612.00

Weekly Needs to Date \$55,650.00

Weekly Offerings to Date \$58,569.70

### “YA’LL COME BACK”

This is a good old “Southern Phrase” for people to come back and see us. Our church is open, and like other Pastors I’ve talked with, we are just saying mask wearing is optional. Seating will be socially distanced for all who desire that. We can move to the gym if necessary. Once again we are asking you to come only if you feel safe and comfortable. Our attendance in the Parking Lot has been good and we will continue broadcasting there for as long as you want it.

### Memorial Day

The first Memorial Day celebration took place in 1868 with a call for Americans to decorate the graves of those who died in military service to our nation. Meadowbrook offers its highest appreciation for these men and women, and to all of our members who, like me, have lost a family member in wartime. We also pledge to pray for peace in the years ahead; and for our leaders to have God’s wisdom in determining when a situation is grave enough to send our fellow Americans to risk their lives in the service of freedom.

## The Gospel of Mark

### THE BOY WHO GOT LOST

*See Mark 1:13-17*

“The Rabbis who were Pharisees, saw Jesus eating with sinners / and asked His disciples, ‘Why does He do that?’ Jesus heard them and said, “Doctors go, where sick people are.”

*See Luke 15:1-24*

“Get the best calf so we can eat together and celebrate, because my son was lost, but now we have found him.” (15:23-24)

The biggest difference between the Pharisees and Jesus, was their attitude towards sinful people. They looked down on them but He reached out to help them. God’s attitude about sinners, like us, is perfectly illustrated in Luke 15.

Years ago Mary Ann said to me, “Bob, go tell the girls it is time to eat”. I found Mendy and Leigh, but not Donna. We looked and looked and called and called, but she was nowhere to be found. Only a parent knows the horror and fear we felt. Then I remembered - she went to the hospital with me after church. I forgot she did and came home, leaving her sitting in the hospital lobby.

One term Jesus uses for people who have not accepted God’s forgiveness; His power to be a better person and the right to go to heaven, is “lost”. Jesus said His mission was, “**to seek and save that which was lost**” (Luke 19:10).

“Lost” is a wonderful word because it points to the HEARTBREAK of God. He is the shepherd who has lost a sheep. He is the woman who has lost her coins. And He is the father who has lost His child.

Some, like the *lost sheep*, simply wander away from God *without realizing it*. Frank Pollard says the road to hell is a gradual slope. We can so easily get absorbed in “things,” even good things, to the point that God is left out or put behind family, jobs and hobbies.