

MEADOWBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH

Worship This Sunday

June 13, 2021 ~ 9:00 AM

In our Sanctuary (masks are optional)

or

Outside Parking Area

Services on YouTube

Meadowbrookbaptist.cc

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Worship Attendance 47 World Hunger \$22.91

Budget Offering \$2,480.00

Weekly Needs to Date \$60,950.00

Weekly Offerings to Date \$64,942.35

What a Good Sight!

It was wonderful to see more of you “up close and personal” in our Sanctuary and Parking Lot. We encourage each of you to come inside as you feel more comfortable about getting out and being in a crowd.

Hopefully, in a few weeks we can observe the “Lord’s Supper” together. During the pandemic, some companies developed individual containers with the bread and juice so you can serve yourself.

When it comes to Sunday School, I am leaving that up to you. Adults can start any time they choose; so if you attended a class, call your fellow class members and we will have the building and literature ready.

When it comes to children’s nursery and Sunday School, I would like to hear from you parents. (Telephone, Email). We will be ready when you are.

--Preacher Bob

Mark’s Gospel

Mark 4:1-32

Training the Twelve Begins

Matthew 13:3-53 / Luke 8:4-18

THIRTY MINUTES TO RAISE THE DEAD

Near the close of His second year of ministry, Jesus began putting the emphasis on training the “Twelve” – the men who would lead His church after He was gone. And in a group of

parables, He tries to keep them from being discouraged; because most people will not listen to them. They will “hear” what they say, but will not “heed” it (Mark 4:10). It will be like trying to sell refrigerators to Eskimos. This is why preaching has been well described as, “thirty minutes to raise the dead.”

A lady coming out of church, told their new pastor he should be ashamed of himself; because he said the word “britches” in his sermon instead of trousers or pants. He asked her what he said before he said it, and she said “I don’t remember”. He asked her what he said after he said it and she said, “I stopped listening”. The pastor said, “Mrs. _____, if I hadn’t said “britches”, you wouldn’t have heard a word I said”.

The Calloused Response Whether we are preaching a sermon, teaching a Sunday School Class, talking to someone about following the Lord, or simply trying to get someone to come to church, most of it falls on deaf ears. They are **not interested** in the least. As my mama used to say to me, “Bobby, when I tell you something, it goes in one ear and out the other; and hits nothing as it is passing through.”

Jesus compared this to sowing grass seed on our lawns. Some seed falls on the sidewalk and dies immediately or is eaten by birds. A few of these are “god-haters” and “church haters”. Some are “agnostics” who say, “There is no way for anyone to know we are going to face God in an after-life.” Sadly, some calloused people have been hurt deeply by some church.

Most people like this don’t go to church; but sometimes, they not only attend, but are faithful to a church. An example is the “BTK” (bind, torture, kill) serial killer in Kansas who was president of his Sunday School class. They caught him, because he used the church typewriter to send notes to taunt the police. (Sitting right there in front of Jesus, when He said this, was Judas.)