Meadowbrook Baptist Church

102 North Park Drive

July 20, 2025 Worship 9:00 AM

10:00 AM

Coffee, Coke and Brunch Time

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THE HALF-WAY MARK

It seems like only yesterday that I was trying to get over the madness of the Christmas season. And here we are halfway through 2025. I want to thank everyone who has given their offerings for the Lord through Meadowbrook. Our finances at the halfway mark are:

Needed: \$72,500 / Received: \$69,849

Spent: \$73,514

"Everyone should purpose in his heart what he will give," [2 Cor. 9:7]

The future of Christianity and every individual church depends upon people who make up their minds to give offerings to the Lord for His work and how much to give. This is the Lord's chosen method. It is not based on feelings, but an act of the "will". A worn-out father, just home from work, does not really FEEL like playing ball with his boys but he musters the energy and does it anyhow because he loves them. "If you love me," said Jesus, "keep my commandments."

Too many Christians are I like the little boy whose mother gave him two quarters for Sunday school. On the way, he dropped one and it rolled into a sewer. He said, "Oops Lord! There went your quarter." We snatch our coins from the pierced hands of Him who died in our place.

[From a message first preached in 1966 in Haddock, Ga.]

The Cross [2]

WHO KILLED JESUS

"They crucify the Son of God all over again."
(Hebrews 6:6)

This was written almost forty years after the death of Jesus to Jewish church members who were turning back to the Jewish faith. Great controversy surrounded Mel Gibson's movie, *The Passion of the Christ*; over who was to blame for murdering Jesus. Mel Gibson knew. In the movie only a hand holding a hammer is shown driving the nails. It was Mel Gibson's hand. We all have a part in the cross. It was not the Jews alone or the Romans alone. Sins like ours killed Jesus. The callousness of the by-standers; the cruelty of the soldiers and religious leaders who mocked Him; the cowardice of Pilate; etc. are sins we commit.

Last week I saw Calvary on a school bus. A security video camera showed a boy hitting another boy with his fists and feet. The bus driver saw it but kept on driving. Some kids joined in and threw a few punches while others laughed and cheered. These were children in modern affluent America repeating the acts of the crowd around the cross.

NO WORTHLESS PEOPLE

"Don't be deceived / fornicators / adulterers / drunkards swindlers / will not inherit the kingdom of God / And some of you were like that / But you were washed / you were declared not guilty in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 6:9-11)

Muretus, a wandering scholar in the Middle Ages, fell on hard times and was forced to live on the streets. He passed out one night and was taken, half dead, to the hospital. The doctors, speaking in Latin (the language of the scholars) so he would not understand, said he was worthless and the best thing would be to let him die". He motioned them over and said in Latin

"Sirs, call no man worthless for whom the Son of God was willing to die for."