

## MEADOWBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH

Worship This Sunday

July 18, 2021 ~ 9:00 AM

In our Sanctuary (masks are optional)

or

Outside Parking Area

Services on YouTube

Meadowbrookbaptist.cc

July 11, 2021

Worship Attendance 35      World Hunger \$18.03

Budget Offering \$1,612.00

Weekly Needs to Date \$74,200.00

Weekly Offerings to Date \$77,317.35



RE M I N D E R



**ON-GOING LOCAL MISSIONS PROJECT**

**COLLECTING ALL KINDS OF FOOD ITEMS**

*(You may also give monetary donations.)*

**YOUR CONTINUED HELP WITH THIS PROJECT  
IS TRULY NEEDED AND APPRECIATED.**

**BACK TO CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 12th**

**WE WILL KEEP OUR PARKING LOT SERVICE**

### REPENTANCE AND SALVATION

“The people said, ‘Brothers, what must we do?’”

“Peter said, ‘**Repent** and be baptized (make a public commitment people can see) – so your sins may be forgiven.’” (Acts 2:37-38)

“Jesus went into Galilee preaching - He said,  
‘Repent and **believe** the good news.’”  
(Mark 1:14 -15)

The second step, after faith, in being saved is to repent. We **believe** we are in trouble with God over the wrong things we are doing and believe He will forgive us. Because of this, God **“leads us”** (Hebrews 6) to **“change our minds”** (repent) and turn to Him. The Greek term “repent” has nothing to do with right and wrong. It could be used in Jesus’ day for someone who changes his mind about being faithful to his wife and start being unfaithful. But when it comes to salvation

in the Bible, it means we change our minds about the sinful kind of life we have been living.

Jesus said we need to “repent” like the people in ancient Nineveh did, when Jonah preached to them. The word “repent” is not found in the Book of Jonah. What Jonah said was, **“turn from your wicked ways”**. When God **“leads us to repentance”** He gives us the desire to live right. Adrian Rogers says He changes our “want to”. This is the beginning of the “new birth”.

We know we cannot change our ways or give up some pet sins we feel guilty about. Jeremiah 13:23 says:

“Can the African change his color? Can the leopard remove its spots? Neither can you, who do evil, start doing good.”

This is why we are changed on the inside (born again – John 3) by the Holy Spirit when we come to Christ. In Ezekiel 11:19-20 God says:

“I will give them a new heart and put a new spirit inside of them / and they will walk (order their lives) by My commands.”

We don’t have to stop doing bad things. We can’t do it. All God asks is, for us to want to (He gives us that), and to ask Him to help us. I told my Pastor I could not come to Christ because I knew I could not “turn the other cheek” (Matthew 5) if someone hurt me. He asked me if I wanted to ask Jesus to help me become that kind of person, and I said I did. He told me, “That is all God wants”. I believed him, gave myself to Jesus, found salvation and came forward in church to let people know. However... Please don’t come up and slap me. I’ve been a Christian for 61 years but I might slap you back. If I did, I would ask you and God to forgive me and would ask God to help me never do that again. That is what a true Christian is. Peter denied knowing Jesus and cursed to prove he meant it; but he ran sobbing into the night. (John 18) He found forgiveness and became the first leader of Jesus’ church (Acts 1-2).