

MEADOWBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH

Worship This Sunday

July 4, 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 35 World Hunger \$18.41

Budget Offering \$5,784.00

Weekly Needs to Date \$68,900.00

Weekly Offerings to Date \$73,323.35

THREE BIRTHDAY PRESENTS FOR OUR COUNTRY

What our Founding Fathers feared would bring down any Republic form of Democracy is unfolding before our eyes – people who are different culturally, religiously, racially, etc. demanding the “rights” that being “free” gives them. When one group’s “rights” is seen as infringing on another’s; there is anger, violence and eventually hatred. As Christian Americans representing Jesus, we need to give our country three birthday presents – the “3 C’s”.

Compromise Mothers and fathers do this when they disagree – for the good of their children. Congress has been doing it from the beginning. **Caring** God created and Jesus died for every human being; and we are told to take their salvation to every human being, even when we think their lifestyle is wrong.

Communication Since 1983 Daryl Davis, a well known black R&B musician, has been sitting down with members of the KKK and listening to their point of view, and sharing his with them- listening and not arguing. Over 200 KKK members have laid down their hoods, their robes and their hatred because of these conversations. It is impossible to see life through someone else’s eyes; but we have to try, and Christians should lead the way. If we don’t, we are going to lose the Country we love.

-- Preacher Bob

Mark's Gospel

The Storms (2)

LORD I'M HURTING, WHAT NOW?

(Job 3:25-26)

“What I always feared, has come upon me. What I dreaded, is now real. I have no peace, no quiet and no rest. I have troubles instead.”

Christians not only go through suffering like everybody else, but we often **suffer more** than the unsaved. Jesus does not hide this fact. His call for followers is, “**take up your cross**” (Luke 9). In the first century that was like saying, take up your electric chair or prison cell. Right after Paul was converted, God told Ananias to welcome him and to “**tell him how he is going to have to suffer for Me**” (Acts 9).

Christian writings from the second century tell us eleven of the Twelve Apostles were killed because they followed Jesus; and John was exiled to the island of Patmos, where his sufferings could have been horrible (Revelation 1). Jesus went to the cross **because** He did God’s will.

The Mystery of Suffering

I was in revival with a fine young Pastor years ago, and was impressed with his commitment to hard work for Christ. Two years later his son accidentally shot and killed a church member’s son and the year after that he came down with a rare disease that took his life. It is hard to see things like this, and not ask “**Why?**”

The answer, 99.9 percent of the time, is we “don’t know”. If you die in a car crash going 100 mph on a mountain road, we do know why. When my mother died choking to death with emphysema, she said, “Bobby, this is my fault. I started smoking when I was fifteen years-old.”

It is **alright to ask God “Why”**. Jesus, on the cross, asked Him “Why have you forsaken Me?” (Matthew 27). A fine Christian lady in one of my churches wanted to have a child, but couldn’t.