

Meadowbrook Baptist Church

102 North Park Drive

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Sunday Morning Worship 9:00 AM

Fellowship Time 10:00 AM

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There is good news coming from Bethel Baptist Church. The crowds are increasing and pastor Mark is moving past his depression (thank you for your prayers) and is preaching better than ever before. I believe there are great things in store for that church and when God places a period at the close of history, and time shall be no more, and we stand before him He will let us know the part we played.

We at Meadowbrook have helped untold hundreds of people we will never know until we get to heaven. That, my friends, is what life is all about. That is what Christianity is all about. Jesus said when we help one person who need our help we are helping Him. When you say your prayers today thank God for this wonderful privilege He has given us here at Meadowbrook.

There is no church in our city, regardless of their size, doing more for the people and ministries of West Anderson than the Mercy Chapel on South Main and Meadowbrook Baptist Church.

On the Lighter Side

A newscaster in a northern city said 3 inches of snow was coming and to help the snowplows get through he asked everyone to park on the side of the road with even house numbers. The man's wife (blonde) moved their car. The next night 2 inches were coming and folks were asked to move their car to the side with odd house numbers. His wife (blonde) moved the car again. The next night the newscaster said there would be 5 inches of snow and said nothing about cars. She (the blonde) told her husband she didn't know what to do with their car. He said, "Why don't you leave it in the garage this time?"

FORGIVENESS - WHO NEEDS IT?

"By the works of the Law (Trying to live right) no one will be made right with God. The law shows us our sins." / "There is not one righteous person, no not one. / All have sinned." (Romans 3)

The majority of people around us are not bad. They won't steal your money or rob your house. The problem is many of them believe in God and the hereafter but don't believe they have to become a Christian to go to heaven.

They usually say they treat people the way they want to be treated and in their thoughts of God, they hope He will grade on the "curve". He will see how much better they are than most people and let them into heaven. They do the "best they can" {?} and hope for the best.

We all need God's forgiveness. You do not have to be a bad person doing bad things to need it. If you are a nice person and you try to treat people right, C. S Lewis says, *you got that from God and your parents*. You were born with it. Being a nice person is not enough, he says, we must be a new person.

New people have confessed their sins; asked for forgiveness and asked God to help them be the right kind of person. Jesus called it being "born again" and says we will never see heaven without it. [Jn. 3]

The worst sin is to not be conscious of sin. The hardest people in the world to get to turn to Christ are those who are nice and see no need to come to Christ. Several things are wrong with this. One is it *goes against the Bible* verses we quoted. God's laws show us what we are not doing. Ephesians two says it *makes us proud and boastful*, thinking we are better than others ([Lk. 18].

More than that it goes against the *heart and soul of the Bible teaching*. Our forgiveness