

MEADOWBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH

Worship This Sunday

September 12, 2021 ~ 9:00 AM

In our Sanctuary

(Please wear a mask & Social Distance)

or

Outside Parking Area (Mask Optional)

Services on YouTube

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September 5, 2021

Worship Attendance 24 World Hunger \$3.15

Budget Offering \$10,826.00

Weekly Needs to Date \$95,400.00

Weekly Offerings to Date \$107,692.65

Opening Our Church

It is hard to know what is right about masks and church. More people I knew personally, have died in the last six weeks than in all the “covid” months before that. Randy’s church opened everything and was forced by the number of “covid” cases, to close down.

Although we had announced last month, that on this Sunday, September 12, 2021, we would be opening back up our Children’s Sunday School Classes; we just don’t feel it is what we should do at this time.

So for now we are going to leave things as they are. We ask everyone who worships inside the sanctuary, to please wear a mask and practice social distancing as you enter and leave. Our chairs are spaced this way and if more of you want to come inside to worship we can move to the gym. We will do our part and continue cleaning and disinfecting the church. We will continue having “parking lot” services and keep trying to find ways to make it better and to accommodate more cars.

I know you are praying that our little church will survive what lies ahead. I thank you for your prayers, your patience and your outstanding financial faithfulness as we have gone through and continue to go through this trying time.

—Pr. Bob

Marks Gospel

Mark 6:56

WHY PETER COULD NOT LEAVE JESUS

“My sheep listen / and follow me. I give them eternal life / no one can snatch them out of My hands.”

(John 10:27-28)

As Jesus’ second year of ministry closes, the spotlight of the Gospels begins to shine on our favorite Apostle, Simon Peter. He won our hearts, a few weeks earlier when he jumped out of a boat in a windstorm and tried to walk on the water. When Jewish crowds and some of Jesus’ followers rejected Him, He asked the Twelve if they were going to leave. Answering for the group, Peter said, “**Lord. Where would we go? You have the words of eternal life**” (John 6). It seems they had *thought* about leaving and had been *tempted* to do it. The spotlight also begins to shine on Satan, the “tempter” (1 Thessalonians 3:5).

The truth is; Peter *did* have somewhere to go. He could have gone back to his fishing business, his family, his friends and his synagogue. His answer seems to say he and the others *could not* leave. This introduces the wonderful teaching - “eternal security”; “the perseverance of the saints” and “once saved always saved”.

A child of God can *sin horribly*, David’s adultery with Bathsheba and murder of her husband proves that (2 Samuel 11-12). But, because of who he was, it broke his heart; caused his body and soul to lose all of their health and strength (Psalm 32) and drove him back to God begging for forgiveness (Psalm 51). The thing to remember is that David did not lose his *salvation*; he asked God to restore the “joy” of his salvation (Psalm 51:12). We can sin, but we cannot stay in it. Our new nature, created in us when we were born again (2 Corinthians 5 & John 3), drives us back as it did David and Simon Peter when they fell into sin (John 21).

One of the Twelve, Judas, *did leave*. He joined Jesus’ enemies and betrayed Him. We have all