MEADOWBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH

Worship This Sunday September 5, 2021 ~ 9:00 AM

In our Sanctuary (<u>please</u> wear a mask & social distance)

Outside Parking Area (mask optional)

Services on YouTube Meadowbrookbaptist.cc

August 29, 2021

Worship Attendance 35 World Hunger \$9.00
Budget Offering \$2,703.00
Weekly Needs to Date \$92,750.00
Weekly Offerings to Date \$96,866.65

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 September 13, 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 like this 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.

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Walking With God

"Enoch walked with God for 300 years."
(Genesis 5:22)

This beautiful breaks sentence the monotony of a long list of names covering hundreds of years who just lived and died. This is also the first description of what the life of a Christian is all about - a daily walk with Jesus. One thing that strikes me is, that Enoch's walk is so uneventful, so lacking in glamour, so routine. We do not read that he charged any hill like Joshua, or brought any king to his knees like Moses, or brought fire down from heaven like Elijah, or had a ship destroyed beneath him like Paul, or died a martyr's death like Stephen. All he did was walk with God - what we can do.

The longevity of this relationship was the result of love. The whole picture here is that of two very dear friends - Enoch and God walking together. Enoch never grew bored or tired of walking and the reason was he was walking with a friend. You will get bored having a daily prayer time but not with talking to the person you love the most. Talking with Him makes life an adventure. You will get bored with the dull routine of going to church, but you never get bored when listening to His other friends talk about their life with Him.

This is the walk of faith and the Bible says, "Faith is the victory that overcomes the world" (1 John 5:4). Why? Because the opposite of faith is fear and the life of trust is the only one worth living. When we lose our job, we believe God has a better one waiting. When the one we love refuses to marry us, we believe it is because God has someone better on down the line. When our health fails, we believe God is bringing health to our souls. When death comes to take us, we believe God is calling us home. It is, from start to finish, a life of trust. Not all that happens is good, but we believe it all works together for our ultimate good (Romans 8:28).