

MEADOWBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH

Worship This Sunday

May 16, 2021 ~ 9:00 AM

In our Sanctuary (*please wear a mask*)

or

Outside Parking Area

Services on YouTube

meadowbrookbaptist.cc

May 2, 2021

Worship Attendance 45 World Hunger \$19.31

Budget Offering \$1,705.00

Weekly Needs to Date \$47,700.00

Weekly Offerings to Date \$43,752.70

May 9, 2021

Worship Attendance 46 World Hunger \$37.69

Budget Offering \$1,881.00

Weekly Needs to Date \$50,350.00

Weekly Offerings to Date \$45,633.70

APRIL 2021, Financial Report

\$168,751.12	Beginning Bank Balance(4-1-21)
12,530.65	Budget Receipts
93.32	Design: World Hunger
570.00	Home Missions
1,130.00	Ongoing Love
300.00	Use of Building
<u>\$183,375.09</u>	TOTAL RECEIPTS (April)
<u>-9,494.74</u>	Less Expenses (April)
\$173,880.35*	ENDING BALANCE (4-30-21)

*(Of this amount, \$40,970.87 is designated)

EXPENSES – APRIL

\$1,200.00	Missions
5,982.71	Personnel
326.48	Postage/Print/Off. Supp.
11.94	SS Literature/Supplies
673.09	Utilities
105.00	Building Security
132.00	Equipment/All
232.08	Bldg.Maint/Supp/Repairs
<u>708.00</u>	EmergencySavings
\$9,494.74	Total Budget Expenses

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Prayer was the hardest thing Jesus ever had to do. He cast out demons; stilled storms and raised the dead with a simple word of command. Yet, in prayer, He **"sweated blood...in great anguish."**  
(Luke 22:44 TEV)

**OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN**

"When you pray, say, 'Our Father'."

*-Jesus in Matthew 6:9*

"This is what the Lord says, / 'As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you'."  
(Isaiah 66:13)

The first goal in praying, is to have a sense of making contact with God. Jesus tells us to go into a room and close the door. We must get away from the million-and-one things that are whirling around us and in our minds. What has helped me, is to have a **special place** of prayer. I go there, not to study or think about my day; I go there to talk to my heavenly Father. For me, it is a chair in front of a window, where I can look into the woods by my house. From the insects in the ground, to the squirrels jumping from tree to tree, to the quasars in outer space, God is in control.

The second thing is to **visualize God**. Jesus says to see Him as a loving Father. Galatians 4:6 says we can even see Him as our **"Daddy"** (abba). Psalm 131:2, Isaiah 49:15 and 66:13; all say He has the tender love a mother has.

"Our Father" is the proper place to **start**. When we truly believe the God of this universe is our "Daddy" (Galatians 4:6) we can face anything the world throws at us. The power of the universe is at our disposal. Looking out the window, I see God not only controls everything but all parts are working together in perfect harmony. The morning after I was converted, I walked out to go to work and feeling the warmth of the sun and hearing the singing of birds, I sang:

This is my Father's world  
And to my listening ears  
All nature sings and round me rings  
The music of the spheres

This is the proper place to **stand**. It means we have assurance of our salvation. We have been given **"the right to be called the children of God"** (John 1). We believe our sins are forgiven