

MEADOWBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH

Worship This Sunday

March 28, 2021 ~ 9:00 AM

In our Sanctuary (*please wear a mask*)

or

Outside Parking Area

Services on YouTube

meadowbrookbaptist.cc

March 21, 2021

Worship Attendance 40 World Hunger \$17.26

Budget Offering \$3,265.00

Weekly Needs to Date \$31,800.00

Weekly Offerings to Date \$26,942.60

MARCH IS OUR MONTH OF PRAYER AND GIVING

for

"The Mission Moves Forward"



Meadowbrook's Goal ~ \$800.00

Given to Date -- \$395.00

FEBRUARY 2021, Financial Report

\$165,393.80	Beginning Bank Balance(2-1-21)
12,271.65	Budget Receipts
63.99	Design: World Hunger
250.00	Current Needs
800.00	Use of Building
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\$178,779.44	TOTAL RECEIPTS (Feb.)
-9,646.05	Less Expenses (Feb.)
\$169,133.39*	ENDING BALANCE (2-28-21)

*(Of this amount, \$38,646.46 is designated)

EXPENSES - February

\$1,444.62	Missions
5,932.71	Personnel
567.26	Postage/Print/Off.Supp.
150.00	Church Promotion
45.16	SS Literature/Supplies
686.17	Utilities
112.13	Bldg.Maint/Supp/Repairs
708.00	EmergencySavings
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\$9,646.05	Total Budget Expenses

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The Gospel of Mark

Jesus Tempted (continued)

“Be strong, with the mighty power of the Lord. Put on the armor God gives you so you can defend yourself against the devil’s schemes and tactics / We are not struggling with flesh and blood but with forces / rulers

and powers in the spiritual world ...take up the sword the Spirit uses, the Word of God / And pray in the Spirit / with all kinds of prayers.” (Ephesians 6:10 -18)

Committing to God's Will

It doesn't take long to ruin a life. David sees a beautiful woman bathing; gives in to temptation; ends up killing her husband to hide it and watches his family fall apart (2 Samuel 11 -19). One night of drinking and driving can put us in a wheelchair for life.

When I first came to South Carolina I made friends with a young black man in his early twenties who was taking a Bible correspondence course to become a pastor. We became friends and I helped him in preparing sermons and selecting the right books.

He had never been involved with alcohol or drugs. One day I got a call from his family, asking me to help with his funeral. He had been at a New Year's Eve party and some of his "friends" talked him into drinking alcohol. He drank too much, passed out, and choked on his own vomit.

To stand against these urges, it helps, like Jesus did, to make a **prior commitment**. Before thousands of witnesses he had committed to go to the cross. A young man named Daniel was being taken captive to Babylon and before he arrived there, he **"purposed in his heart"** that he would not go against the Bible he grew up on (Daniel 1). The time for a girl to make up her mind she will remain a virgin until she marries, is not when she is parked on "lover's lane" with the captain of the football team. The "Just Say No to Drugs" program is based on making a prior commitment.

Living in God's Presence

We should begin every day with prayer. At breakfast when you say your blessing, ask God to protect you and your family "today" and ask Him to help you live for Him "today".