#### 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS MEADOWBROOK LEADERSHIP

#### June

30 - 5...Rose of Sharon Camp

#### July

4... Office Closed17...Fellowship Meal 6p.m.

#### SMALL GROUPS

Roy & Susan Kellum (601) 362-3004 **Cedars** - 6pm 4145 Old Canton Rd. 39216

Belhaven Neighborhood Ryan Howard (318) 550-7274 Tuesdays 7p

Brandon 1 - Jeff & Kathy Fletcher (601) 992-0210 Sundays 6p

**Brandon 2** - Caleb & Paige Stevens (601) 214-1744 Young Professionals Tuesdays 5:30p

#### Jackson 2

Stephen Masley, Honey May (601) 454-9987 / (662) 801-3462 Sundays Noon

Madison 2 Kate Totty, Amy Nisbett (601) 506-7556 / (601) 750-2190 Sundays 5-7p

MYG - Ryan Howard (318) 550-7274 Alternate Sundays 5:30p June Chairman - Rob Whitley Shepherds Chuck Bearman, bearman4@gmail.com Dwayne Blaylock, ldblaylock38@gmail.com Tony Edwards, tonedw@yahoo.com Roy Kellum, rbkellum@comcast.net Randy Monaghan, randalmonaghan@yahoo.com Randy Sanders, randsand@gmail.com Rob Whitley, roxburyplace@gmail.com

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## **Office Hours**

Please call a person on staff for assistance

# JUNE 23, 2024 STATISTICS Attendance: 96

Contribution: \$ 6,884.77

#### MEADOWBROOK CHURCH OF CHRIST



Welcome! Please join Meadowbrook in-person this Sunday at 10:30am. We will also livestream the service on Facebook.

#### June 30, 2024

Come Ye Sinners, Poor and	Needy	Blaine Totty
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Come Worship Christ the King

Welcome .....Larry Stowe

Surround Us, O Lord

#### Prayer

### God is so Good

Communion ......Chuck Bearman

The Bread Has Been Broken

Jesus, Name Above All Names

Scrip	ture Revelation	2:1-7	7	Judy	Seabroo	k
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"Rekindle Your First Love".....Brian Cunningham

## Lord, I Need You

Benediction.....Chuck Bearman

### Lord, Reign in Me

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If you are visiting with us this morning or if anyone is in need of prayers, please fill out a **Visitor/Prayer** card available on the table in the gym. Cards may be placed in the designated basket.





To be the hands and feet of Jesus

# Praying for -

Quentin Dickerson, recovering from back surgery Eleanor, Brian Cunningham's grandmother Kristen Cox, friend of Randy & Teresa Monaghan Michelle Click, Dawn Eifling and Dwayne Blaylock's cousin Thomas Mangum, Bonita Ellwein's father, hospice care Lee Ann Foster, Linda Easterling's sister, broken leg Dennis Schulte, Cindy Skipworth's cousin, car accident in VA Latasha Crump Coleman, Lula Bell Luckett's godchild Jerry Neill, Linda Sue, Cameron, Jacob and Cody on the passing of Jerry's mother, Jeanne, on Saturday, June 22.

## **Question for Reflection**

1. Ephesus did a lot of good works and taught the right things. Jesus said they were not enough. Why?

## (cont'd from page 3 Like a Berean)

If we follow the path toward spiritual maturity, through a daily acquaintance with Scripture, our views *should* change. Think about that: our views SHOULD change! Not our views of the death, burial, resurrection, and ascension of Christ, but on the way we express our faith in the community of believers and in the world. Our understanding of Christian practice, Christian living, and life in the Spirit must change as we mature. We are "being transformed," but we are not complete yet.

This truth requires insight and discipline. It requires an increasing understanding and application of Scripture through daily time spent in pouring over the words of the Bible. It requires that we allow the Spirit to lead us as individuals (Rom. 8:14) as we follow his direction. We need the community of believers, the church, the collective group who are also led by the Spirit, to hold our ideas to the influence of the Spirit.

## Like a Berean (Acts 17:11) by Dr. David B. Jackson (condensed)

Don't you just love the way certain familiar verses of Scripture will suddenly "leap from the page" and shed new light on something that you have missed 100 times before? When the Psalmist says, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path," he intends for us to understand God's word as a path for life, but he also intends these moments of insight given by his Spirit. His word is, indeed, "living and active" (Heb. 4:12). It gives insight into what the disciples experienced when Jesus "opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures" (Luke 24:45).

Luke's description of the Bereans is my latest insight into the daily enlightening power of Scripture. One verse, one that Luke does not emphasize, contains a powerful truth that is for me a guide to Christian understanding of Christ's will for his church. He says simply, "the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scripture every day to see if what Paul said was true" (Acts 17:11).

The Bereans 1) received the message with *great eagerness*, translated by many as "open-mindedness," 2) examined the Scriptures *every day*, 3) to see if what Paul said was *true*. Their genuine hearts led to daily Scripture study as they searched for the truth about God's will. For that they were called "noble." That should be the goal for all of us.

Here is the significant point: A necessary goal for Christians is "maturity." We begin as infant believers, and as we continue to study, we become mature (Eph. 4:13-16). We are expected to "grow up" in faith. Paul says we "are being transformed into his likeness" (2 Cor. 3:18). We do not want to remain forever as infants. The writer of Hebrews was prevented from certain discussions with his audience because they were still infants in their faith and knowledge of Scripture (Heb. 5:13).

We know that children can't see the world as adults do. Maturity is required to understand concepts like guilt and sin. They are not responsible under the law as are adults. Maturity means you see things differently depending on your age. It is not a surprise when Paul says, "When I was a child, I thought like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me" (1 Cor. 13:11). (continued on page 2)