



**Calendar**

**MEADOWBROOK LEADERSHIP**

**January 2025**

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8 Class 6PM

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15 Class 6PM

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**STATISTICS**

**JANUARY 5, 2025**

Attendance: 88

Contribution: \$ 8,325.00

**OFFICE HOURS**

Please call a person on staff

for assistance

**January 12, 2025**

Just a Little Talk with Jesus (959).....Brad Blake

Yield Not to Temptation (905)

There is Power in the Blood (905)

**Welcome**.....Blaine Totty

Come, Ye Disconsolate (950)

**Connections** (ages 4-2<sup>nd</sup> grade)

O Heart Bowed Down with Sorrow (952)

**Prayer** .....Larry Stowe

The Sands of Time (900)

**1 Samuel 3:1-10**.....Mary Presley Eifling

Nothing But the Blood (902)

**The GPS Voice**.....Brian Cunningham

Behold a Stranger at the Door (919)

**Communion**.....Randy Sanders

Jesus Paid it All (932)

**Benediction**.....Randy Sanders

This World Is Not My Home (957)



*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 gymnasium.*

*Cards may be placed in the designated basket.*



# WINDOWS

*A peek inside the Meadowbrook Church of Christ*



# MINISTRIES

*To be the hands and feet of Jesus*

## **Praying for -**

- Shirley May, *Larry's mother*
- Swayze Sanderson, *health, friend of Paige Stevens*
- Bill Collins, *health, Briana Nelson's father*
- Alice Obert
- John Wood, *son-in-law of Mike & Becky Harris*
- Jesse Levy, *hospice, friend of Washington family*
- Hayes Adcock, *Stacey Irwin's son*
- Nina & Elizabeth Thorn, *Sheila Thorn's mother & aunt*
- Kristen Cox, *friend of Randy & Teresa Monaghan*
- Thomas Mangum, *Bonita Ellwein's father, hospice care*
- Our Elders

Condolences to the family of **Walter Johnson** who passed away at UMC 12/21/24. His funeral service was 12/28/24.

## ~~~ **Questions for Reflection** ~~~

1. In what areas of life might you be tempted to put your own desires first—like Eli's sons did with the best portions—and how could you shift to honoring God in those same areas?
2. Reflect on moments when you sense you've "heard" God or felt His guidance. What patterns or attitudes enabled you to hear Him, and what attitudes (like unbelief or self-focus) may have kept you from hearing Him at other times
3. How often do you actively expect to hear from God through Scripture, prayer, or everyday situations? What practical steps could you take to cultivate a posture of expectancy in your daily life?

## **Signposts for Heaven: Feeding Our Hope by David Jackson**

Isn't it funny how, without any seeming cause or connection, a passage of Scripture that you've read a hundred times suddenly glows with a new significance?

The passage that jumped out at me recently is from Paul. He who grew up knowing the Scripture that we call the Old Testament, reminds us of the continuing relevance of those "old" Scriptures. He says, "For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope" (Rom. 15:4).

Not only does this statement point to the relevance of the Old Testament for us today, but it also calls to mind a most-important element that enables us to continue with our promise to follow the will of Christ for our lives. That element is "hope." Endurance and hope are essential qualities in remaining faithful in our lives.

The young former soldier who ended his life and then blew up a cyber truck in Las Vegas had lost all hope. When a person ends their life, it is a sign that they have no hope left, that conditions can change for the better. Hope is the hallmark of the Christian life and its expected outcome. As Paul says it, "For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently" (Rom 8:24-25).

The question is, how does the Old Testament give us hope when coupled with our endurance in faith? I have at least three answers: 1) We are assured that God keeps his promises always. 2) We have numerous examples of faithful individuals, such as the list in Hebrews 11, and often called "Heroes of faith." 3) God's work is carried out by weak, sinful, stubborn people, who are chosen and equipped by God for their task. They are just like us! If he can use people like that, then he can use us too!

We need the Old Testament as 21<sup>st</sup> century Christians. When Paul called on Timothy to continue in what he had learned from infancy, "the holy Scriptures," he said they were "able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ." Yes, the Old Testament needs the gospel of Jesus for its completion, but those books are great sources of hope for all those whose hope rests in the promises of God. A familiar song from our past celebrates our confidently

*"Standing on the Promises:"*

*Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, by the living word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God. Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to him eternally by love's strong cord, overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, standing on the promises of God. Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call, resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God.*