MEADOWBROOK CHURCH

CALENDAR

June

1....New location 3720 Flowood Drive Flowood, MS 23-25..Stewpot Week

Meadowbrook Leadership

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OFFICE HOURS

SMALL GROUPS

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

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

Please call a person on staff for assistance

STATISTICS JUNE 15, 2025

Attendance: 88 Contribution: \$7,330.00

Extending Welcome Experiencing God **Engaging** Community **Equipping** Believers

June 22, 2025



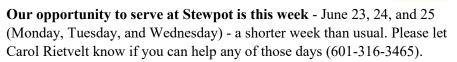
Praying for -

- Joe & Chris Adair, for an expedient sale of their home b/c of their health, *friends of Craig & Cindy Wood*
- Jason Pedro cancer *Caleb Stevens uncle*
- Barbara Cunninghan, Brian's mother
- Grayson Foster, Bearman's friend
- Lisa Baldwin, Bearman's friend
- Joe & Sharon Belew
- Cindy Skipworth
- Karen Long
- Lex Stevens, Grace's grandson
- Debbie Eifling, Jason's aunt, chemo & radiation for a tumor
- Sam Singer, Bearman's family member. health
- Evelyn Rickels, Tommy Mahan, health
- Bill Collins, health, Briana Nelson's father
- Elizabeth Thorn, Sheila Thorn's aunt
- Thomas & Sarah Mangrum, Bonita Ellwein's father, hospice care

Dear Lord,

cleanse me of anything that breaks your heart.

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 foyer. Cards may be placed in the designated basket.



MINISTRIES

How We Handle Holy Things (Mark 2:23-3:6)

To be the hands and feet of Jesus

by Dr. David B. Jackson (condensed)

It is astounding to realize how reckless we humans can be with the gifts God gives us which are intended to draw us closer to him. Prayer, the Scriptures, and times of worship are too often neglected until we encounter a crisis that is beyond our abilities to handle. The tendency is to treat these things as some kind of magical amulet that will solve our problem, rather than as guides to a deeper faith in our Creator.

Just consider these examples from the Bible: the first murder occurred after a time of worship to God (Gen. 4); the ark of the covenant was turned into a magical talisman for victory in battle (1 Sam. 4:3); and the temple was treated as a permanent means of God's protection regardless of the faith of Israel (Jer.7:4-7). Even the Scriptures were misused as a shortcut to eternal life (John 5:39, 40).

One of those symbols of the faithfulness of the people was their observing the Sabbath Day. God established the Sabbath as a day of rest, a time to reflect on God's work and his presence with his people (Gen. 2:2, 3; Ex. 20:8-11; Deut. 5:12-15). While it was neglected by Israel in parts of its history, at other times the Sabbath observance brought the people together to honor God, as Nehemiah insisted they should after the return from exile (Neh. 13:15-22). A 19th century rabbi observed, "More than the Jews kept the Sabbath, the Sabbath kept the Jews."

Here is a lesson for all disciples of Jesus. If I do not watch myself, I can become so certain of my way of understanding the path to discipleship in my desire to follow Jesus that I become critical of everyone who doesn't agree with me. Anyone who doesn't practice their Christianity just as I do becomes suspect at best, outside the fellowship at worst.

Jesus is the model for belief and action, not "the way it has always been done," or my preferences, or what some great teacher from the past has said. Just because we use the right words and proper forms, if we do not have the proper attitude, we may become a stumbling block rather than a steppingstone. In humility we must let Jesus have the final say on what true faith looks like.