



# PASTOR'S NOTES

## Oh, The Places You'll Go?

The Psalms are not haphazardly organized but as a whole communicate the eternal joy found in God's Wisdom and the salvation secured for and offered to us by the Messiah, the eternal Son of God. Psalms 1–2 form a duplet that introduces the Psalter and its key themes.

**Those who truly flourish in this life delight in God's Word and build their life upon his wisdom.**

Consider the imagery of the tree: It's alive as opposed to the chaff, which is dead. It is planted by streams of water indicating a constant connection to the source of life (Holy Spirit). It is fruitful in all life's seasons and does not lose vitality over time. It is the epitome of prospering.

However, in this life, appearances can be deceiving. The righteous suffer and the wicked seemingly are at ease.

*How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? (Psalm 13:1 ESV)*

*For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. (Psalm 73:3 ESV)*

Remember: Chaff lacks substance and is blown away in the winnowing. Not all is as it seems, and God's timetable is different than ours.

**But humanity in general has a problem. From birth and in futility, each of us foolishly set ourselves against the LORD and his Anointed.**

<sup>3</sup> *For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.* <sup>4</sup> *Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.*

<sup>5</sup> *Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. (Psalm 51:3–5 ESV)*

Worst of all—in our depravity—we are so foolish to call the very words that would bring to us life and freedom the bonds and chains of slavery.

**However, the eternal Son of God, Jesus Christ, was faithful to the covenant, overcoming all his enemies, and is firmly established as King forevermore.**

Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, Light from Light, God from God, begotten, not made, possessing the same divine nature as the Father (John 1:1, 18).

He was born in time and took on flesh by the working of the Holy Spirit to the virgin Mary to save the people from their sins through his faithfulness (Luke 1:31–35).

Having accomplished his work and overcoming all his enemies on the cross, Christ took the keys of Death and Hades in his right hand and rose from the grave as the firstborn from the dead who is alive forevermore (Romans 1:1–4; Revelation 1:18).

**Those who truly flourish in this life are those who repent and take refuge in the Son.**

Our only hope in life is to be forgiven of our sins and be found hidden in the Son of God. This can only come about through faith. Today is the day of salvation; take refuge in the Lord Jesus.

*Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. (Psalm 32:1 ESV)*

**The LORD enables you to walk in the abundant life afforded by his wisdom.**

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. (Psalm 51:10 ESV)*

*I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. (Psalm 32:8 ESV)*

### Apply

1. Do not walk in the counsel of the wicked.
2. Do not stand in the way of sinners.
3. Do not sit in the seat of scoffers.
4. Delight in God and his wisdom.



MeadowBrook  
CHURCH

Sunday, May 19, 2024 • Pastor Randy Gunter  
mbchurch.com

**HOMEMADE**  
*Ice Cream*  
**FELLOWSHIP**

**MAY 29**  
**WEDNESDAY**

**6:30 PM IN THE GYM**

*Bring your favorite*  
*Homemade Ice Cream*

**CONNECT** people to Christ and His church

**2024**  
Congratulations  
**GRADUATES**


  
**EASTON ALBERT**  
Gaston

  
**MARY ALICE ANGLEA**  
Southside

  
**MALLORY BROOKS**  
Southside

  
**CAMPBELL BURFORD**  
Etowah

  
**HARRISON CHAMBERS**  
Westbrook

  
**ELLIE CLEVENER**  
Southside

  
**CALEB COHEN**  
Gaston

  
**KIMBERLY CORNELIUS**  
Westbrook

  
**ISAIAH CROCKER**  
Alabama Virtual Academy

  
**SADIE GAULT**  
Southside

  
**CLAIRE LINCOLN**  
Southside

  
**WALKER LOWE**  
Gadsden City

  
**JAMES MCFADDEN**  
New Foundations Academy


  
**EDIE MCKIBBEN**  
Crossroads Christian


  
**KYLE MUSCATO**  
West End


  
**ETHAN PETTIS**  
Gaston


  
**KARINA SIMMONS**  
New Foundations Academy


  
**SARA STRAIN**  
New Foundations Academy

  
**BRADY TENNYSON**  
Westbrook

  
**CLAIRE UPTON**  
Westbrook

  
**MAX VALENTINE**  
New Foundations Academy

  
**ALLIE WIGGINS**  
Westbrook

  
**SARAKATE YANCEY**  
Southside

**GROW** them as disciples and equip them to

**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK!**

**TODAY**  
8:00-8:20 am - Sunday Morning Prayer Time - W105  
9:00 am - Worship - Worship Center  
9:00 am - Kids Worship Live - Kids' Theater  
10:30 am - Life Group  
6:30 pm - Graduate Dinner - Gym

**TUESDAY, MAY 21**  
9:30 am - Tuesday Bible Study - Dining Hall  
10:00 am - GriefShare Loss of a Spouse - Conference Center

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 22**  
5:00 pm - Fellowship Meal - Dining Hall  
*(Meatballs, Baked Ziti, Broccoli & Cheese, Garlic Rolls and Dessert; Kids: Same)*  
6:30 pm - KidStuf Color Run - Back Parking Lot  
6:30 pm - Adult Bible Study on Job  
Preschool Ministry, Middle School Worship, High School Worship, Worship Ministry Rehearsal

*Welcome*

If you are our **GUEST**, we'd like to **CONNECT** with you! Please fill out a **CONNECTION CARD** and stop by **GUEST CONNECTIONS** for a **FREE** gift!

**life group**  
*Life together for the Kingdom of God*

**SUNDAYS at 10:30 AM**

Life Group is the best way to connect to the ministry and community at MeadowBrook.

For a listing of our classes, pick up a brochure at Guest Connections.

**2024 BIBLE READING**

May 19 - 1 Corinth 11:17-34  
May 20 - 1 Corinth 12:1-11  
May 21 - 1 Corinth 12:12-26  
May 22 - 1 Corinth 12:27-13:4  
May 23 - 1 Corinth 13:5-13  
May 24 - 1 Corinth 14:1-25  
May 25 - 1 Corinth 14:26-40

*Bible reading plans are available at Guest Connections & Ministry Central*

**SERVE** through missions, ministry and worship

**GRIEF SHARE**  
**LOSS OF A SPOUSE**



**Tuesday, May 21**  
10 AM - 12 PM  
Conference Center

**KIDSTUF COLOR RUN**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
MAY 22 6:30 PM  
MB Back Parking Lot



**KIDS, WEAR A WHITE T-SHIRT & BE PREPARED TO GET BLASTED WITH COLOR!**

**THE SAME GOD**  
MEADOWBROOK KIDQUEST 2024  
MALACHI 3:6

**JUNE 3-6**  
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Register at **MBCHURCH.COM**

T-SHIRTS on sale at Ministry Central

**MeadowBrook Kids ART CAMP**  
**JUNE 17-19**  
9 AM - 12:30 PM

**COST: \$30**  
For kids who've completed K5-5th Grade

**REGISTER AT MBCHURCH.COM**

*Prayer Needs*

Cancer/Treatments: Kathy Clayton, Larry Gillis, Rob Morris, Brett Yancey, Kyle Hughes, Tony Howell, Andrea Love, Tommy Thompson, Bob Cross, Bart Watts, Brinley Corbin, Margie Martin, Melissa Griffin, Martha Vaughn, Aiden Beck

Ongoing Needs: Bebe Pruett, Pam Findley, Lanette Albright, Chris Burnette, Lloyd Matthews, Landon Cunningham, Max & Denise Dover, Lola-Ruth Adams, Wes Burnett, Tom Simmons, Danny Maddox, Frank & Peggy Brizendine, Wayne Wood, Anna Moore, Tom Bentley, Mallory Dunn Bramlett, Kathy Thompson, Susan Mize, Derell Reaves, Tony Fleming, Bennett Tucker, Cheryl Smith, Jimmy Thompson, Fran Patterson