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### **Adult Class Schedule**

Sunday 9:30am "The Wisdom of Waiting in an Anxious World"

Nov. 27: "An Anxious World"

Dec. 04: "Managing Transitons: What Does the Darkness Have to Teach Us?"

Dec. 11: "Spiritual Sight and Spiritual Blindness: The Need for Discernment"

Dec. 18: "Hope as a Response"

#### Wednesday 6:30pm

FC-5: "Advent Prayer Services"

FC-6: "Praise!" Lawana Latham

# Meadowbrook Leadership Elders:

Phil Lucas (November Pastoral Elder)
David Read
Jeff Richardson
Ton Rietvelt
Jesse Simpson

Larry Stowe Larry Whiting

#### Staff:

Amanda Box, Connections Minister Ben Fike, Senior Minister Laura Fike, Children's Minister Belinda Melson, Administrative Assistant Judy Seabrook, Finance Manager Marshall Wade, Youth Minister

# Assembly (10:30am, Auditorium)

Sermon Series: All That Jesus Did and Taught"

Nov. 20: "Go and Live"

Sermon Series: "Let There be Light"

Nov. 27: "Advent: Let There Be Light 1" Dec. 04: "Advent: Let There Be Light 2" Dec. 11: "Advent: Let There Be Light 3"

Dec. 18: "Advent: Let There Be Light 4"
Dec. 25: "The Light Shines in the Darkness"

**Small Groups** Check with your small group leader to see if you will be meeting this Sunday. December 4 will be the last official SG

meetings until January 2017.

Wednesday Night Supper-November 16

No Wednesday night meal on Nov. 23.

## Calendar Events: November 2016

23...No Wednesday night classes 24-25...Thanksgiving holidays; office closed 27...Advent Sunday begins 28-Dec. 01...Serve at Stewpot

#### December 2016

10... Bring gifts for Christmas project to Auditorium 12-4p

11...End Christmas project

17...Deliver gifts to Baton Rouge

24...Christmas Eve service

25...Merry Christmas; worship service

10:30a (no classes)

#### Stats - November 13, 2016

Attendance: 238 • Weekly Budget: \$12,580 • Contribution: \$8,555

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## November 20, 2016

### Praising His Presence

Welcome to Meadowbrook.....Ben Fike

Shout Hallelujah.....Lee Harrell

The Joy of the Lord

A New Anointing

## Preparing to Live Out His Presence

#777- Father, Hear the Prayer We Offer

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Luke 24:36-53 ......Pete Melson

Here's My Heart

# Communing in His Presence

Behold the Lamb

Bread of His Presence ......Larry Stowe

Behold the Lamb

Cup of His Promise

# Going to Live Out His Presence

Offering......Brian Flatt

A New Anointing

Benediction.....Larry Whiting



### **Prayer Concerns**

**Dean Johnson** is doing well after a fall on Monday evening that landed him in the emergency room.

**Jack Hardy**, Heather Mathis's father, had major surgery on Wednesday, Nov. 16, at MD Anderson. Please pray for his long recovery.

**Kristin Bill's 10-year-old nephew** was born with a really bad brain bleed and has been experiencing seizure-like symptoms. Please pray for wisdom, peace, and healing.

## **Congregational News**

Congratulations to Nathan and Amanda Lucas and big sister, Eleanor, on the birth of baby Eilah, Friday, November 18. Congratulations also to grandparents Phil and Marcia Lucas. No details at this printing.

**New Members:** Meadowbrook welcomes Jonathan (Jon) and Clarisse (Claire) Crider who placed membership on Sunday, Nov. 13. Jon is a grad student at UMC, and Claire is a teacher at Spann Elementary School. Please be sure to greet Jon and Claire when you see them. Their information and picture are on Meadowbrook Connect.



Meadowbrook will begin celebrating the Advent season next Sunday, November 27, through December 24. This year's theme is "Let There be Light!"

**Holiday Office Hours:** The church office will be open Monday, Nov. 21, from 8am-4pm and Tuesday, Nov. 22, and Wednesday, Nov. 23, from 8am-2pm. The office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24, and Friday, Nov. 25. There will be no classes on Wednesday, Nov. 23. If you have an emergency, please contact the November pastoral elder, Phil Lucas.

**For the Animals:** Emily Easterling is collecting used blankets, used towels, used sheets, and rolls of paper towels that will be donated to Brandon Animal Hospital for use after surgery procedures on animals. Please donate things that you no longer use at home. Donation totes are located in the Family Center foyer, the Auditorium, and by the church office and will be available through Dec. 7. This drive is for Emily's Girl Scout Silver Project I.



The **Women's Book Club** will meet on Tuesday, December 13, 6:30pm, at the home of Neddie Joye Tolleson. The book that will be discussed is *The Christmas Candle* by Max Lucado.

Contact Neddie Joye at 601.503.4601 for directions or Belinda Melson at 601.573.1022 with any other questions. Hope to see you there!





**Songs for Advent:** Children 3 and up will be sharing three songs with the congregation during the Advent season. We will be practicing in KFC on Sundays and in our JAM class on Wednesdays. We'll sing our first song, "Shine Down," next

Sunday. Please check your email for more details so you can also practice at home!

**Combined Advent Classes:** Children in 1st -6th grade will meet in the KFC room for a combined Sunday School class during the season of Advent. Our first class will meet next Sunday, November 27. Children 3 years - Kindergarten will join our combined class on December 11.

#### Save the Date:

JAM Christmas Party: December 18, 12noon-4pm



**SNL:** SNL will not meet today or next Sunday, November 27.

MYG Christmas Party: We will have a MYG Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 4, during our SNL time slot at Jeff and Trish Richardson's house. There is no need to buy anything. We are asking our

students to bring a wrapped item from their home as a white elephant gift. Also, we will be asking our parents to provide different menu items. A needs list will be published soon.

Winterfest 2017: This year, we will be attending Winterfest in Arlington, TX. Cost, \$100.

# Let There Be Light Christmas Project

Our church-wide Christmas project will be focusing on helping our neighbors in Baton Rouge who are still struggling to recover from the devastating floods that hit there earlier this year. Meadowbrook is working with a local teacher who has identified 45 families who are in need of help. Because the Lord has blessed us so richly, we are inviting everyone to show Christ's light and join together to provide Christmas gifts for these families. Individuals, small groups, or any group may select one or more families.

#### Please save these dates:

**Today, Nov. 20:** Select a family to help by picking up an information sheet after worship.

**Saturday**, **Dec. 10**: Bring gifts to the Meadowbrook Auditorium between noon and 4pm. Please do the following:

- Wrap gifts, put the gifts in a cardboard box that will close, and write the recipient family's name on the outside of the box.
- Bring a list of the gifts taped to the outside of the closed box.
- Parent gifts cards should be submitted separately in an envelope with the recipient family's name on the outside.

**Saturday, Dec. 17:** We need volunteers and delivery vehicles to take the gifts down to Baton Rouge. The tentative itinerary would be to leave around 8am and return around 5pm. Contact Blaine Totty III (tottyb@hotmail.com) if you are able to help on Dec. 17.