

Meadow Brook Calendar

- Jan 29 – (Sun) 730pm – ‘Worship Open House’ at MBC
- Jan 30 - (Mon) 7pm - Women in Leadership teaching
- Feb 6 – (Mon) 7pm – Our Annual General Meeting (AGM)
- Mar 3 – (Fri) 2pm – World Day of Prayer (being hosted at Meadow Brook)
- March 5 (Sun) – Baby Dedication (Contact Pastor Chris if interested in participating)
- Apr 18 & 25 – (Tues) – 7-9pm – Next Pathway Classes
- May 7 (Sun) Baptism

Essex County Community Bulletin Board

- Feb 1 – April 26 – Wed 1:30 or 7pm – Grief Share Support at Knox Presbyterian Church. Call 519 326 4541 for more information.
- Feb 5 (Sun) 11:30am-2pm – Annual Leamington Meat Canner Fundraising Lunch held at UMEI. Cost \$5. Any donation over the cost of meal will be receipted.
- Feb 21 – Thurs– 5-7pm – Open house for Kindergarten Registration at South Shore Christian School. Go to website for more information.
www.southshorecs.ca Also, SouthShore School is hiring qualified supply TEACHERS. If interested please send resume to southshorechristian@hotmail.com
- February 25 – 9-4pm – A one-day Parent Event with National speaker, author, and lead pastor, Carey Nieuwhof of Connexus Community. At St. Paul's Congregational Church in Chatham ON. Cost \$25.

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MINISTRY MANAGEMENT TEAM

Annual General Meeting On Mon, Feb 6th at 7pm (coffee at 6:30pm) we will gather to discuss the previous year at MBC, as well as look ahead to the year to come! We will be having some important discussion about the future of our church, and we would love you to come and be a part of it! Voting members are expected to attend, but everyone is welcome!

Women’s Roles at Meadow Brook On Monday, Jan 30th at 7pm we will be having a discussion night as we further our conversation

concerning women’s roles at Meadow Brook. We will be digging into Scripture this time, so bring your Bibles!

Children’s Director

Search We continue our search for the next children’s director, which we hope to have in place approximately June 1st. A few resumes have come in, and if you know anyone interested, please have them send a resume to search@meadowbrook.ca !

MISSION FOCUS

Derek – First Nations C2C

Derek is praising the Lord for the fact that an actual church service took place on Sunday, January 8th. About 20 people attended and they hope to have a church service on the first Sunday of every month.

Derek would appreciate our prayers for the following items:

1. Please pray for BJ, a new Christian, who was recently baptized.
2. For faith circles that continue to meet weekly.
3. Many people are dealing with addictions. Pray that hope will be rekindled through the faith circles that are meeting.
4. Please pray for those who are struggling with demonic oppression, and for those who need stable housing and drug rehab.
5. Derek would appreciate our prayers for him and his family as they deal with discouragement.

Let's be prayer warriors for these faithful missionaries!

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In February, we are going to start a new series on the Holy Spirit. One reason that I know that we are in God's will is because life has seemed extra hard lately. And in speaking with many of you, I know it's not just me and my family! Whether it's work stress, health challenges, family drama, financial pressure, or whatever the case may be – we see signs that the enemy is stirring up strife and sickness and stress, and whenever we see that happening, we can be assured that we must be on the right track! He does whatever possible to get us off course, too sick or tired or distracted to keep pressing into God, the Source of all blessing. But we're on to him, and we won't be outwitted – "for we are not unaware of his schemes." (2Co 2:11)

If you've walked with Jesus long enough, you get used to the pattern (one that we see often in the stories of Scripture as well) – whenever God is up to something good, Satan is right there to try and stop it, preferably before it gets too far along. He sends frustration, distraction, and destruction to try and abort God's plans. It happened when Moses was born, it happened when Moses came to set Israel free, it happened when David was anointed king, it happened when Nehemiah started rebuilding the walls, it happened when Jesus was born, it happened when the church began to take off.....whenever God starts moving, Satan tries to disrupt it, to stop the work of the Lord before it can prosper and thrive.

But we're on to him! I've literally never had a new and exciting season of ministry that didn't start with a health challenge or other stressful ordeal. It would be easy to let the worry overtake the desire to pray and press in. But it's become expected to see the enemy at work, and weirdly, it has actually become an exciting thing, because it means that God is about to do something new and good, and that I am right where I'm supposed to be. It's an encouraging thought, that we make hell nervous! And it's encouraging to know Who we've got in our corner.

We are starting a new series on the Holy Spirit in a few weeks, and I imagine it will be life-changing, not because the series itself will be anything special, but because He is!

The Holy Spirit is fully God, He is One with the Father and Son, He is Heaven's agent in our lives, He is God who lives inside us, He is the voice of the Lord, He is God's Presence that we feel, He is the instructor of the Scriptures, He is the revealer of Jesus, He is the one who makes us pure, He is the revelation of God's will and the drive behind His mission, He is the fullness of the Power of God, He is the Helper that has been promised to us, He is available to anyone who asks, He is often extremely misunderstood, and He is the One that we are going to get to know better in the coming weeks!

And given all of that, I don't blame the enemy for acting out in this season. Because when we connect to the Power and the Presence and the Person of the Holy Spirit of God, we will never be the same again.

I am very excited to jump into this series with you! Will you join me in *continually* praying this prayer throughout the series: "Lord, teach me everything I need to know about your Holy Spirit, and let me experience Him more and more!"