

Meadow Brook Calendar

- July 7-18— SOAR Montreal
- July 25-Aug 29—Precept Study
- Aug 8-11—VBS at Meadow Brook
- Aug 21-25—MB Youth—Summer Sports Camp



July 2017

MINISTRY MANAGEMENT TEAM

One Service! Just another reminder that, as of June 25, we will be moving to one 10AM service for the summer months, with preservice prayer happening in the Board room at 9:30am! We ask that absolutely everyone who is able to, parks in the SECC parking lot, to leave our precious few parking spots for those who truly need to be closer to the building!

Service Order! In our goal to help our Sunday mornings flow as smoothly as possible, we will be experimenting with some different aspects of the order of service throughout the summer, starting the first Sunday in July! Thanks for “flowing” with us as we do so!

Summer Interns! We are pleased to welcome Renee Rocheleau, Connie Wiebe, and Brady Malott on staff this summer as our interns working in our kids/youth programs! They begin work on July 4th! Please join us in making them feel welcome!

Love Leamington Serve Day! Thanks to all who came out to help in various ways around our community! We had an awesome day finding needs and giving back to our town through various projects! Way to go, Meadow Brook!



In our Meadow Brook kitchen this summer—starting July 6th, we have an opportunity to be part of prepping cold lunches for children living in low income families!! These children will attend Summer Camp Programming at various locations in our community that do not provide lunch to camp attendees. The food and leadership will be provided by the United Way (Windsor) but we are simply a ‘prep’ site. Our volunteer help will make lunches for approximately 250

children from our community who will be fed a nutritious lunch from Monday – Friday throughout the summer. What an exciting opportunity!

Volunteers will be needed for each prep day. The times available to help are **Tuesdays and Thursdays only, from 1-3pm**. If you have some time this summer to help a worthwhile cause, please check the signup sheet at the HUB!

*The minimum age requirement to volunteer is 14, and those between ages 14-17 will need parent consent to help out.

MISSION FOCUS

MEADOW BROOK MISSIONS

Somdy & Chanh Jusse

After six months of serving the Lord in Thailand, Somdy and his family returned to Leamington on Mon. June 19.

They are grateful that the trip was uneventful and everything worked out on time.

They are even more grateful for the privilege of working with the Thai people and that many of them became Christians.

Please pray for the new believers that Somdy baptized on Sun. April 23. Pray that they will be properly grounded in their faith in Jesus and that others will be added to their number.

MB Missions had sent Ed and Ingrid Russell to work with Somdy in Nong Khai.

Pray for Ed and Ingrid as they do the very important work of discipling the new believers.

Somdy's daughter, Sarah, found many friends in Thailand but is also glad to be back in Ontario.

We will look forward to hearing some of the many stories that Somdy is eager to share with us on Sunday July 9.

SOAR MONTREAL July 7-18 2017

We will be taking a team of students to Montreal again this year and would very much appreciate your prayers.

Be sure to check for updates during the trip on Facebook!

These are our Soar Team Members:

Leaders: Pastor Xavier, Jamie Friesen

Students: Thalia Fehr, Zac Wiebe, Isla Froese, Brady Malott, Esther Fehr, Annabelle Heys





Over the last number of months, the Church Leadership Team has been on a journey to help articulate and discern a vision that reflects the next season for Meadow Brook Church. This process has taken us through prayerful consideration, and healthy dialogue. Through it all, unity in the Spirit has been evident and we have been encouraged. We now want to give you a sneak peek into what we believe to be a simple but profound new vision for Meadow Brook Church.

Loving Jesus by loving people.

A vision statement is only valuable if it makes it off the page and into the hearts, minds and lives of people. What is exciting is that this new vision statement captures the heart of what we are called to do biblically and it also helps that its easy to remember. On Sunday September 10th, we will unpack what the new vision, mission and core values means for us as a church, as we continue to build Gods kingdom together.

There are many good things happening at Meadow Brook Church. The Holy Spirit is moving in many ways throughout. We are excited about this next chapter for MB and look forward to seeing what God has in store.

P.S. Keep an eye out as some of the walls of the church will soon be transformed with our new vision.

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”
Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” (Matt 22:36-39)

Summer Precept Study

"How do you know God is Your Father?" What does a genuine Christian look like? Have you ever wondered? And what about you? Are you a Christian? Do you know you are going to heaven? Or can a person know for sure?

This is a 6 week no-homework class to help keep you in the Word of God over the summer months.

July 25 – Aug 29

Tuesdays 930-1030am & 7-8pm Cost:\$10.00

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Jr & Sr High MB Youth

August 21-25

Youth Summer Camp. For Jr and Sr High students at Meadow Brook. Online registration will be available soon. For more details, contact Pastor Xavier.



MB Kids—Great things are happening in kids ministry! For the month of June we were taught that we are made by God in his own image, and because we were created by God we can serve Him, trust Him, and have a relationship with Him.

We looked at Adam and Eve and how their choices in the garden affected our relationship with Christ and how Christ came to reconcile our relationship with Him.

Our memory verse this month was Psalm 139:14 "How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise You for that."



August 8-11

VBS Registration

There are still some spots left but it's filling up! We'd love it if you invited a friend!!

Staffing

We have a great crew to run our VBS week. Thank you to all who have volunteered! 2 volunteers are still needed to help with the snacks!

Looking forward to a great summer with MB Kids!

*"But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed."
(Luke 5:16)*

As I write this, the surest sign of summertime in Leamington has occurred: I have walked outside in the morning and had fish flies smash into my face.

The upsides of this disgusting phenomenon are: 1) apparently it means that we have a healthy lake this year (although maybe that's just something that "gets said" so that we tolerate the swarms); and 2) it means that warmth and humidity and *summer* are officially here! We can put up with a few days of disgusting fly carcasses if it means that summer's glory is upon us!

We pray for a summer that is safe, fun, and meaningful for us and our friends and families. Hopefully it means that there will be at least some down-time, with vacations or weekends off breaking up the work and the busyness of life. Hopefully we have some time to "get away from it all," even if we are staying home, where the pace of life can shift for a little while, and where we can find some rest and refreshing with our loved ones.

As the verse above suggests, Jesus apparently felt this need as much as anyone. He often pulled away from normal life, and backed off from his responsibilities and the pressures of work, at least for a little while. He got away from the crowds, got away from his disciples, and found quiet places where he could reconnect with his Heavenly Father, no doubt refreshing his soul and preparing him for whatever was next. (Sidebar: because of passages like this, psychologists have theorized that Jesus was almost certainly an introvert. Shout out to the quiet ones! J)

Scripture calls us to work, to work hard, and to do so joyfully (Pr 12:11; Pr 14:23; Col 3:23; 2Th 3:10, etc.). This is right and good, and not only provides for our needs but also honours the Lord. Yet at the same time, Scripture also puts a lot of weight upon the principle of rest, the intentional and regular shifting of priorities, the pulling away from the day-to-day, and the refreshing of the body, mind, and soul that occurs when we do so (Gen 2:2-3; Ex 23:12; Mk 6:31; Heb 4:9-11, etc.).

Hard work and true rest are two sides of a coin; both are commanded, and both are necessary. To neglect either one is to dishonor the Lord and disregard His Scriptures; to walk in both is to find fulfillment as the people of God.

If Jesus needed time to pull away from life and refresh Himself, then we should embrace the practice too! As His followers, we are not greater, busier, more important, or more indispensable than He, and so we can gratefully follow His example, ensuring that we take time to draw away from the day-to-day and find some refreshing.

This summer, please ensure that you are taking some time to do just that! Enjoy the change of pace, enjoy the time with loved ones, and enjoy connecting with God in a different way. May your summer be filled with laughter, health, rest and refreshing, and may God draw near you in a special way as you enjoy these summer months!