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*"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen." EPH. 3:20-21*

**LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR**

Dear Church Family,

By now, you are familiar with the church plans to expand and renovate ministry facilities and the many ways this will help facilitate growing together. I do hope you will continue asking God to guide

His church during these important days. May the Lord grant the Building Committee and related workgroups wisdom and sensitivity to His Spirit as they prepare, study, design, and plan.

In addition, let us all diligently seek the Lord's guidance as we consider how He desires to use us to carry out His mission. As followers of Jesus, we are called to serve and sacrifice for the sake of the Savior. Together, let's anticipate a great work of God in and through us during this campaign. May the gospel of grace lead and shape us!

Your Pastor,  
Chris Jones



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Mark your calendar for November 5th. It will be an important day in the life of Meadow Brook Baptist Church. That morning, during our regular church service, we will begin with an exciting morning of worship and celebration. Then that evening, at 5 p.m., the Growing Together Banquet will be held at Our Lady of the Valley Banquet Hall. This will be a time of worship and fellowship that you won't want to miss. There is no charge for the banquet. Growing Together hosts will be calling you to confirm your reservations. We believe that this will be one of the most important events in the life of our church. Please make every effort to attend.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Special Prayer Emphasis in Sunday School Classes  
**Sunday, October 22**

Celebration Sunday  
**November 5**

Church-wide Banquet at Our Lady of the Valley Banquet Hall  
**Sunday evening November 5, 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

Harvest Sunday  
**November 12**

Victory Sunday  
**November 19**

## WE'RE GROWING!

This year's Ice Cream Fellowship was a huge success but it also highlighted the need for additional space to gather as a church family.

The Growing Together capital campaign will be used to build a new Fellowship Hall/ Adult Classroom space with a new full-service kitchen. The new fellowship hall will offer 55% more capacity than what we currently have. The project will also include nine new adult Sunday School classrooms in the new fellowship hall, allowing the addition to serve as a multipurpose space. We will also remodel the existing fellowship hall to create a designated children's area including children's classrooms and a large children's worship room.

This expansion is essential to not only accommodate our existing membership but also to allow for future growth as we continue to minister to a rapidly growing community.



## WHAT CAN I DO?

Commitment connection calls will begin in a couple of weeks, and you may find yourself asking, "What can I do?". This is a question that only you can decide. Our theme is "**Not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice**". What is sacrificial for one family may or may not be sacrificial to another. Please spend the next few weeks in prayer to seek God's will for your family and our church. Then talk with your family about ways you can sacrifice for the Lord. One suggestion is to consider as a family doing without something this next year in order to support the Growing Together capital campaign.

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Dick Perkins has been a member of Meadow Brook Baptist for 29 years. He joined January 17, 1988. Mr. Perkins has served as a moderator, as well as on the Building and Grounds committee, and has been head of the Men's Ministry. He has served as a deacon for two terms and was Chairman of the Deacons one term. He has been a member of Sonshine Singers and is well known for his Red Beans and Rice!

Recently he shared his thoughts about what Meadow Brook means to him and the growth that has taken place over the years.

**Q: What has MBBC meant to your life?**

**A:** "It has fulfilled all my spiritual needs in the 20-something years we have been here. It has furnished me with many opportunities to serve the Lord. I'm grateful for that."



**Q: Why do you believe we need to grow?**

**A:** "I never thought we would have outgrown the building we had to this size, but I've watched it grow and the number of people who have come to worship the Lord here has increased. As a result we need to expand in size."

## GROWING TOGETHER CAMPAIGN GOALS

### **Victory Goal**

\$1.5 Million

### **Challenge Goal**

\$2 Million

### **Hallelujah Goal**

\$2.5 Million

Every church and Sunday School family at Meadow Brook Baptist will have an opportunity to make a commitment in the Growing Together capital campaign. Our \$1.5 Million Victory Goal seems like a daunting challenge. But when broken down into three year commitments on a weekly basis, it's \$9,615 per week. With God's help we can achieve this goal.

Your family commitment card will be mailed to you in the days to come. Please pray for the Growing Together capital campaign and your involvement. Each member should ask the Lord, "How much can I give?" A privacy envelope will be included with your commitment card, and your commitment will be kept confidential. Only the church's financial coordinator, who is not a member of Meadow Brook Baptist Church will see the amounts.

Meadow Brook Baptist Church wants to be the church God has called us to be and to reach the lost in our community with the gospel. You play an important role in the future of this church.





Be sure to check out our private Facebook page to learn the latest developments regarding the Growing Together campaign. Search for **Growing Together at Meadow Brook Baptist Church**.

CALL US AT 205.991.8384 \* [meadowbrookbaptist.org](http://meadowbrookbaptist.org)

*Not Equal Gifts but Equal Sacrifice.*

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