



MEADOWLARK

COMMUNITY CHURCH

MESSENGER

Thoughts Pastor Jim

Why be a DOER of the Word?



Here's a PREVIEW of a sermon I'll be preaching on February 26 entitled: "God doesn't work for Burger King."

From time to time, I think all of us like to ask "why" about things.

"Why read the Bible? Why obey the Bible?" might be such questions.

James 1:22 says: Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."

So the Bible (aka "The Word of God") says that we should "do what it says."

Why?

Do you have kids? Did you ever tell them to do something or not do something else? Did you ever have them ask you "why"?

Think about being a parent. We KNOW what dangers lurk for little toddlers and (for instance) even though those electrical plugs look exciting, WE (the parents) know that they are dangerous and we must teach our little ones to leave them alone. Same goes for walking in the street, driving recklessly, using drugs, hanging with the wrong crowd, and a host of other things. As parents WE KNOW better about many things just because we've lived so much longer.

Question: how OLD is God? We call Him our Heavenly FATHER (a parental term) for a reason. SO, why do we balk at following His plans, His statements, His "do this and don't do this" list? If a little child disobeyed a wise parent, it would almost certainly be to his detriment because WE DO actually know best, we LOVE them and we want to keep them SAFE. Are we so stupid that we don't think that God know better than we do and also want to keep us safe because of His love for us?

There are lots of things in the Bible that we need to read, take to heart, and do. To not, is to be rebellious – much like we might remember our children rebelling. (How did that make you feel? How did that rebellion work out for your kids? Ever feel like saying, "I told you so?" Think of how God feels about us.)

I encourage you: READ your Bible regularly. THINK about what you read. Ask God for Wisdom to understand what you read and then TAKE ACTION and being a "doer of the Word." You'll be glad you did!

Women's Ministry

In January we had the installation of officers and Pastor Dave prayed over each one. We would like to welcome Peggy Troop who will take over



as Recording Secretary and Phyllis Neumeyer who will be responsible for Membership and reservations. Sharon Hale has joined us in Hospitality and will also be our piano player. A special thanks to Velma Spikes and Lexie Foster for their loyal service to Women's Friendship for the past few years.

Please join us for the February 24th Valentine luncheon where Bonnie will be focusing on Eve, our first woman of the bible this year. Lu Burke will lead us in a devotion and Sharon will lead us in singing some hymns. Please reserve your place with Phyllis, for our catered lunch, suggested donation \$8.00. If you can... bring a friend!

Men's Fellowship

We started the year 2012 with our best turnout of 25 men on a rainy Saturday morning.



The table discussions and prayer requests after hearing Jack Hayford's presentation "You and the Almighty" was worth the effort.

On the 3rd Saturday morning of February 18 at 8:30 we will hear a Guest Speaker. Monty Farrow who was born in Iran - living in Lake San Marcos since 2002. Monty has delivered a number of well-received lectures at local churches and clubs, blending his understanding of the American history, the domestic political structure and his intimate knowledge of the history of the Middle East.

Our Men's Fellowship is committed to take a Retreat on April 27 - 29 (Friday night -to Sunday morning) at Pine Valley Bible Conference Center for up to 30 men. Pastor Jake Duran (retired from Meadowlark before Dave Shaw) will be our Leader as was before at Mission San Louis Rey. Jim Brown will be leading us in music Ride pools will be arranged from Meadowlark

A sign-up sheet is in the Ministry Center. Seven of us signed up after our meeting in January. We have room for the next 23 to sign up .

Family Ministries

Ah February, the month of love. Let us all overflow with the love of Christ and share with one another and to our neighbors. As it says in 1 Thessalonians 3:12, "May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you."



Youth Serve Sunday- Feb 5th

Every 1st Sunday of the month, the youth serve the church by helping out in the nursery and being peer mentors in the Primary and Elementary Sunday School classes. Please encourage them as you see them. Let us extend our love to the Youth. They are a vital part of our Church family.

They need our prayers and support as teenagers. Take a minute to connect with one or all of them and see how the Holy Spirit works in building relationships you might not expect. Please continue to pray also for God's direction in how to build our Youth Ministry and to lead us to the right person to shepherd our young people.

Cookies with Care program-Feb 12th

If you know someone who is a shut-in or in a nearby nursing care facility, you can sign up to deliver special Valentine cookies to them this month through our Meadowlark Cookies with Care Program organized by Leslie Hytinen, our new Fellowship Chair. More information will be posted in the Ministry Center, where you can sign up to bake, decorate, and package cookies. Meadowlark Children's Ministry will also participate by decorating cookies for the program on Feb. 12th.

Children's Choir-Feb 12th

The Children's Choir will be performing at the beginning of church service for our congregation. We will be rehearsing every Sunday during Children's Church. If you would like a copy of the CD of the kids worship songs for your child to practice, just let me know.

Talent Marketplace-Feb 12th

On Feb. 12th there will also be a Talent Marketplace for the children right after church outside the Ministry Center. This is a special incentive program for the children to encourage them to memorize scripture verses, attend Sunday School regularly, class participation, and to invite their friends to attend also, all for which they earn talents. They have the opportunity to spend earned talents on fun prizes, books, and toys at the Talent Marketplace held every quarter. Stop by and say hello and congratulate the kids on their efforts. If you would like to donate items for the Talent Market, we accept new toys, stuffed animals, books, stickers, etc. See Cathrine for more info.

Happy Valentine's Day!

With Love in Christ,

Cathrine Osthimer
Director of Family Ministries

Supper Six

Supper 6 will be starting up again in February and we would encourage everyone to sign up in the Ministry Center.

You can be a couple or two ladies or two gentlemen can for a twosome. You don't have to be a member of the church to join the groups.

Three couples are assigned together. One couple has the main meal at their home... or anywhere they would like to hold it (restaurant, picnic, park, etc).

If you can't cook, you could have it catered. The other two couples bring the desert and salad and then they take turns hosting.

You will sit down to a pleasant evening of good food and great fellowship. Everyone who has been in Supper 6 has really enjoyed the experience and you will to.

Don't be left out! What better way to meet and enjoy your church family.

Any questions call Lexie Foster at 760-727-1424.

Position Available

At the Heritage Park Apts on East Valley Parkway in Escondido.

Position: Personal Assistant to local author and radio personality.

Hours: Mon-Fri 12noon – 6pm, Sat 11am – 5pm

Duties include: Meal Preparation, shopping once a week, errands and light house cleaning.

Permanent position available immediately. Looking for a female who is reliable, trustworthy, ethical, patient and punctual. Absolutely no smokers.

Please call Jeanne Jennay: 760-737-0785
Mon – Fri 12 noon – 3:30pm or 8pm – 10pm.



February 2012

Ministry Opportunities

February Greeters

2/5 Barbara Schmad
Norma Steward

2/12 Verna Whitford
Doris McNamara

2/19 Becky Moen
Helen Brown

2/26 Lou Woods
Julia Farwell

February Ushers

2/5 Jay Standard
Marty McDougall
Lyle Birkley
Janice Birkley
Frank Woods

2/12 Gordon Olson
Larry Hale
Joan Anderson
Phyllis Neumeyer

2/19 Ken Kreutz
Noni Kreutz
Keith Kretz
Mary Nelson

2/26 Steve Berry
Mary Berry
Jay Standard
Pat Morgan

Interfaith Community Services

By Bill Baker (438-2482)

Meadowlark is scheduled to serve breakfast on Wednesday, February 29 with seven volunteers from 5:30 to 7:30 AM to about 150 people. We begin by making 150 brown-bag lunches. A separate and regular volunteer cooking staff is there earlier to lead us.

A sign-up sheet is in the Ministry Center

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for February and the rest of the year for Meadowlark. We have been proving this monthly community service for several years with different members from Meadowlark



Please sign –up to join Elisabeth and me in this worthwhile service which I have the opportunity to bless the meal.

San Diego Blood Bank



Meadowlark Church has a designate church group designation “MLCC” which entitle any member of our church for a priority in receiving free blood from this Blood Bank as long as we continue to donate blood regularly. Many of our church members have been able

to take advantage of this service when in the local hospitals.

In 2011, only six members of Meadowlark donated only nine pints of blood. In past years, our church has donated as much as 50 pints of blood from over 30 members for the year.

Meditate on Christ giving his blood for your salvation with the thought of donating a portion of your blood to help a brother or sister from Meadowlark when it may be needed.

Following are convenient locations:

- 161 Thunder Drive, Vista across from Tri-City Hospital – 760-945—1906
- 1340 W Valley Pkwy Ste. 112 Escondido - 760-489- 0621

Call for an appointment

By His Grace Homeless Outreach INC

Bill Baker, Founder and Director

Opportunity to serve your community

“By His Grace”. INC (:“BHG”) historically has been able to annually to assist placing 5 – 10 homeless into recovery locations such as Interfaith, The Alpha Project, The Fellowship Center, and Serenity House.

Please join our small group – a founding member of the North County Alliance for Regional Solutions – a collaboration of 37 charities and the

9 cities in North San Diego County - that includes Interfaith, Bread Of Life, Salvation Army, and Brother Bennos where we are most active in our present outreach in safe environments which offer meals and shelter to the homeless.

“BHG” provides free items such as rain parkas, caps, gloves, socks, as well as toiletry articles as a means to establish a loving relationship that leads to placing these homeless.

“BHG” members are provide with uniforms of Shirts and Caps, name tags, business cards and Notebooks for help in referrals and follow-ups.

The busiest season is the “Winter Shelter” time from Dec. 1 to Mar. 31 – 120 days where about 2000 are given temporary shelter and over 600 are placed in recovery locations like those mentioned.

I will be leading 6-10 of these homeless men and women at the Salvation Army in a specially designed Bible Study from Jim Brown’s New Year’s sermon on “Making New Year’s Resolutions” to meet God’s goals to motivate them to become servants of our Lord to others like them in need.

Mission Messages

House of Children Missions Inc.

Many in our church have heard Pastor Dave talk about our Spiritual gifts. Have you found yours yet? I have mine! As a matter of fact I have found more than one. One is TO SERVE OTHERS. The one I have the most fun with is to build things and to think of ways to bring joy and enrich the lives of the people we serve.

We work hard to provide for the children south of the border. We just started a new project this year called “Homes 4 Children”. Bob Brothwell and I have been working on this project and now we are in production of a 24’x24’ two bedroom home at a cost of \$14.00 per sq foot. We feel that people need more than a box with a roof on it.

We are printing Spanish tracks for the Mexican men



and women that are going out to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. Arizona Tile Company was so kind to donate two copiers for God's work. Praise God for their kindness.

We have just finished the testing on a new wood cook stove. This stove can cook a meal with a hand full of twigs instead of a bushel of wood that is hard to find in Mexico. We can build the stove for \$50.00 each and they will last for many years. Ask your friends if they would like to bless a poor family with a stove or help provide a new home for the children that are now living in shacks where the wind and rain blows in and the mud flows in when it rains. Keep looking and asking God for your Spiritual Gifts and when you find them USE THEM FOR HIS GLORY.

Richard & Leslie Hytinen
House of Children Missions

Meadowlark Community Church February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9am Staff Mtg-O 1pm Deacon's Mtg-MC 6pm Choir Rehe-O 7pm Dev's Study-Shea's	2 6:30am Prayer-S 10 am Breakfast Bible S 1pm Men's Group-O 5:30-7 Weight Watchers-MCR 8pm MCA Info Session-MC 8:30pm Mid Life Menor-Shea's	3 9:30am Men's Ministry-Shea's 7pm Good Shepherd AA-MCR	4 Sawyer Mark Day Church
5 9:30am Worship Service-S & Kids Church-T 10:45am Adult Bible Study-CK	6 9:30am Women's Bible Study-JH Pastor Jim's Study Dinner's 7pm GS 12 Step-MCR	7 10am Exercise-MC 1pm Dev's Bible Study-MC 7pm MC Recovery-MC	8 8:30am Men's Group-JH 9am Staff Mtg-O 7pm Dev's Study-Shea's	9 8am Ethics Mtg-CK 8:30am Prayer-S 10 am Breakfast Bible S 4:20pm Sheara's Study-Halt's 5:30-7 Weight Watchers-MCR	10 9:30am Men's Ministry-Shea's 7pm Good Shepherd AA-MCR	11 Sawyer-101 Class-Shea's
12 9:30am Worship Service-S & Kids Church-T 10:45am Adult Bible Study-CK	13 9:30am Women's Bible Study-JH 7pm GS 12 Step-MCR	14 10am Exercise-MC 1pm Dev's Bible Study-MC 7pm MC Recovery-MC	15 9am Staff Mtg-O 7pm Dev's Study-Shea's	16 6:30am Prayer-S 10 am Breakfast Bible S 1pm Men's Group-O 5:30-7 Weight Watchers-MCR	17 9:30am Men's Ministry-Shea's 7pm Good Shepherd AA-MCR	18 8:30am Men's Fellowship-MC
19 9:30am Worship Service-S & Kids Church-T 10:45am Adult Bible Study-CK	20 Office Closed-President's day 7pm GS 12 Step-MCR	21 10am Exercise-MC 1pm Dev's Bible Study-MC 5pm Mission Committee-CK 7pm MC Recovery-MC	22 8:30am Men's Group-JH 9am Staff Meeting-O 7pm Dev's Study-Shea's	23 6:30am Prayer-S 10 am Breakfast Bible S 4:30pm Council Mtg-CK 5:30-7 Weight Watchers-MCR	24 9:30am Men's Ministry-Shea's 10:30am Women's Friendship-MC 7pm Good Shepherd AA-MCR	25 Sawyer-301 Class-Shea's
26 Pastor Jim in Parish 9:30am Worship Service-S & Kids Church-T 10:45am Adult Bible Study-CK	27 9:30am Women's Bible Study-JH 10am Lark-MC 7pm GS 12 Step-MCR	28 10am Exercise-MC 1pm Dev's Bible Study-MC 7pm MC Recovery-MC	29 9am Staff Mtg-O 7pm Dev's Study-Shea's			Key: S-Sunday Shea's-Shea's home Dinner's-Jim's home Halt's-home JH-Junior High Room YL-Youth Lounge FR-Friscoe Room O-Office MC-Minsky Center Building C-Conference Room MCR-Minsky Center Room



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