

# *The Meadowlark Messenger*

*Meadowlark Church of Christ  
Glorifying God, sharing Christ, encouraging one another*



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## *Meadowlark Day of Thanksgiving Sunday, November 21st*

*Meadowlark members and visitors are invited to  
join us for our 2nd Annual Day of Thanksgiving.*

*There will be a special worship service, and a  
traditional Thanksgiving meal. Bring bags of  
food and a frozen turkey for MSCC. There will  
be a special offering for Christmas baskets,  
Mountain States, and our missionaries. After-  
noon entertainment from our children.  
We hope to see you there!*



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<b>Sunday Bible class</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Sunday Evening</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>
<b>Life Groups</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday Bible Study</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>

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**Elders:**

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Milt Brown 221-3256  
\*Tim Brown 223-1949  
Paul Cooper 221-4073  
Don Fike 229-0676  
Don Kyle 225-8958  
Marvin Martin 484-8385  
Gary Richards 223-9663

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month of November

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**Ministers:**

**Doug Hall**, Pulpit Minister  
377-9863

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494-0999

**Wes Kohring**, Youth Minister  
225-1173

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## Thanksgiving Living

I read a newspaper article many years ago that challenged the way I approached life. It was written around Thanksgiving time, and the writer described how our present day Thanksgiving Day came into being. He talked about traditions surrounding Thanksgiving every year, and he talked about the joy of celebrating this holiday.

But what I loved most about the article was a paragraph or two near the end. The writer challenged his readers to not just pause one day a year to be thankful, but that we should spend our lives in “thanksgiving living.” What a concept! Every day should be Thanksgiving Day.

Ever since I read that article I have been aware of the power of his suggestion. First of all it is rooted in Scripture. Remember Paul’s comments in Philippians 4?

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things.

Thanksgiving is to be an integral part of everyday life. It is not just something we do one day a year, but it invades all the days of our lives. Have you thought of some ways you can allow thanksgiving into your life each day? Here are some suggestions.

1. Slow down! There are incredibly wonderful things happening around you every day if you will just take the time to look. God is using people to bless each other in so many ways. It is not hard to find things that are worthy of thanksgiving.
2. Change your perspective! Rejoice in the good instead of expecting the bad. Like Paul said, think about good stuff – true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, and praiseworthy. It is incredible how thinking about good things changes your whole perspective on life.
3. Trust God! Allow him to carry your burdens. Believe that he will take care of you, and will bring about what is best for you in your life. Burdened down, worried people have trouble giving thanks.
4. Rejoice in the midst of pain. It is so hard to be thankful for the things that hurt us, but sometimes those are the events that shape us the most. Someone has said that each person is held together by scars. Embrace your struggles as opportunities for growth in the Kingdom, and give thanks for them. Don’t forget the little things. Beautiful days, food to eat, family and friends, a job that provides for our needs, a roof over our heads, and so many other little things that God richly provides each day should be a reason for thankful hearts.

Soon it will be Thanksgiving Day, but why don’t we decide this year not just to celebrate one day of Thanksgiving. Let’s give Thanksgiving Living a try this year. I think it will make all the difference!

Stand Firm!!!  
Doug Hall



FALL COLLEGE AGE RETREAT 2004  
"The GATES of HELL  
SHALL NOT PREVAIL Against It"  
LOCATION: The Pine Lodge in San Isabel, CO

Russ Whitten

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2004

- 7:00 Arrival and cabin assignments
- 8:00 Singing
- 8:30 What is 'It'?

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2004

- 8:00 Breakfast
- 8:45 Singing
- 9:00 What is 'the Rock'?
- 10:00 How to Identify the Church
- 11:00 Why should I go to Church?  
Lunch and go to Bishop's Castle
- 17:30 Dinner
- 18:45 Singing
- 19:00 How does Satan attack the Church?
- 20:00 How do I become part of the Church?

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2004

- 8:00 Breakfast and break camp
- 10:00 Bible Class "The Future of the Church"
- 10:30 Worship: "The Gates of Hell Shall Not Prevail Against It"  
**\*Potluck Following Worship Service\***

For more information on the location of the retreat, visit:  
<http://www.aculink.net/pinelodge/>

We will be sharing the weekend with Christian college students from Wyoming and Adams College!  
COST: \$20/person for the entire weekend  
Speakers: Joe Brumfield, Curtis Hartshorn,  
Darrel Proctor & Russ Whitten

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**An Update on "Purpose-Driven Youth Ministry"**

I just wanted to take this opportunity to remind and inform all of you about our quest this fall to study five biblical purposes for our youth ministry. In keeping with the Great Commission in Matthew 28 and the Greatest Commands in Matthew 22, we are currently studying evangelism, fellowship, discipleship, worship, and ministry as the purposes that our youth ministry wants to fulfill. On Sunday mornings, we are introducing and talking about the purposes as they apply to our lives today. Sunday evenings for the next year will be a more in depth study of the purposes as we journey in small groups through a series called "Life Together."

Finally, we have comprised a smaller group of students to work a little more closely with me in crafting a Meadowlark Youth Ministry purpose statement, one sentence that will help all of us to clarify why we are here, and what we exist to do. We hope to unveil the purpose statement in early December.

We appreciate and covet all of your prayers as we continue on this journey together!

Wes Kohring  
Youth and Family Minister

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The next Prime Timer's** breakfast will be Friday, November 5th, at 8:00am. It will be at The Egg & I (on Harmony and Lemay.)

**Don't miss** the college group's progressive dinner on Friday, Nov. 5th. Please see Russ Whitten for details.

**Teen Leaf Raking Service** will be on Saturday, Nov. 6th. We'll be "raking" in on some fun too! Please contact Wes Kohring for details.

**Don't miss our** "First Sunday Potluck" lunch on Nov. 7 following morning worship services.

**First Sunday Singing:** Our next first Sunday singing will be November 7th. If you would like to have an opportunity to do a bit more singing than we do in our regular services, please join us at 4:45pm before our evening service.

**There will be a Ukraine Spring Mission** trip meeting on Sunday, Nov. 7th at 4:00pm in Room 8. If you are thinking you might want to go on this trip, you need to be there.

**Marina Noyes** (from Ukraine), will be teaching the Ladies' Bible Class on Tuesday morning, Nov. 9th. Class begins at 9:30am at the building. You won't want to miss this!

**Life Line Screening** is coming to Meadowlark on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, one day only, from 8:15am-5:00pm. They are a community-focused organization whose mission is to save lives by preventing heart disease and stroke. They conduct health screenings. For more information, there are some flyers on the table in the foyer, as well as posters throughout the building. You are required to pre-register for the screening, and there is an 800 # you can call.

**Date Your Mate** will be on Friday, Nov. 12th from 6:00-10:00pm. Child care is provided in Room 10.

**Remember the Change-A-Life** change cans for Mountain States Children's Home. Please put your name on the can (some use address stickers.) If you haven't received a can, please contact Maxine Tamlin. Your change adds up—every little bit helps. If you prefer to write a check for your donation, just drop it in your change can. This is a great way to help children in need. Remember, you will need to return your cans to the building no later than Nov. 14th. You can leave them in the office, or give them to Maxine or Corky Tamlin. Thank you so much!

**Fall College Retreat**—This year the college age retreat will be at The Pine Lodge in San Isabel, CO. The dates are from Friday, Nov. 12 to Sunday, Nov. 14th. The theme is "The Gates of Hell Shall Not Prevail Against It." For more information, please see Russ Whitten's bulletin article found on page 3 of this edition.

**Christian Book Club** will be at the home of Sue Poland on Nov. 18th from 7:00-8:30pm. Please contact Stacy Dotson if you have any questions.

**Nov. 24th and 25th** the ML church offices will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

**Meadowlark Family:** Thank you so much for my lovely baby shower. It was very special, and meaningful to me. Ray and I are so blessed to have such a wonderful and caring church family. Thank you, Rebecca Martin

## TEEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Leaf raking service project -- Saturday, November 6th. All teens and their families are welcome to serve. Details coming soon.
- Sunday night lifegroups will meet at the Kohrings during the month of November. All teens need to remember to bring \$3 for dinner and their "Life Together" books to each small group meeting.
- T.O.T.A.L. -- November 14th.

We have a new youth ministry calendar on the web! You can access it from Meadowlark's home page ([www.meadowlarkchurch.org](http://www.meadowlarkchurch.org)).

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Gary Richards** will again be traveling to China on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>. He requests your prayers for his safety, and for a successful journey. Please pray for a speedy recovery for **Stephanie Murphy**. She had surgery recently, and is doing well. Prayers are requested on behalf of **Genie Bruce**. She will be having surgery as soon as possible. Continued prayers for: **Jerry Herrington, Cindy Mason, Elnora Boone, Joan Taylor, Bob Lang, and Eunice Young.**

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*"Give thanks to the Lord,  
for He is good; his love en-  
dures forever."*

*Psalm 107:1*

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# November 2004

## MEADOWLARK CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> College Men and Women's Bible Studies 6:30-8:00pm	<b>2 Ladies Bible Class 9:30am</b>  CLOTHING BANK-NOON  <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Election Day</div>	<b>3 Bible Class 7:00pm</b>	<b>4</b>	5 8:00am Primer Timers' Breakfast  <i>Teen Prayer Breakfast</i>  <i>College Progressive Dinner</i>	<b>6 Teen Leaf Raking Service</b>
<b>7 - 1st Sunday Potluck 11:30-2:00pm Fellowship Hall - 3:30-4:30pm Sign Language Class Rm 10 - First Sunday Singing 4:45pm</b>  - Ukraine Spring Mission Trip Mtg. Rm 8, 4PM	8 College Men and Women's Bible Studies 6:30-8:00pm	<b>9 Ladies Bible Class 9:30am- Marina Noyes from Ukraine will teach today</b>  CLOTHING BANK-NOON	<b>10 Bible Class 7:00pm</b>	<b>11 Life Line Screening @ ML 8:00-5:00</b>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">VETERAN'S DAY</div>	<b>12 Teen Prayer Breakfast</b>  <b>Date Your Mate 6-10pm, Rm.10</b>  <i>College Retreat</i> →	<b>13</b>
<b>14 College Retreat</b> →  <i>3:30-4:30pm Sign Language Class, Rm. 10</i>	15 College Men and Women's Bible Studies 6:30-8:00pm  <b>League of No. Colo. Quilters 7PM, RM 10</b>	<b>16 Ladies Bible Class 9:30am</b>  CLOTHING BANK-NOON	<b>17 Bible Class 7:00pm</b>	<b>18 7-8:30pm Christian Book Club @ Sue Poland's</b>	<b>19 Teen Prayer Breakfast</b>	<b>20</b>
21 10:00a-2:00p 2nd Annual Day of Thanksgiving @ ML (Worship & Traditional Feast)  3:30-4:30pm Sign Language Class, Rm 10	22 College Men and Women's Bible Studies 6:30-8:00pm	<b>23 Ladies Bible Class 9:30am</b>  CLOTHING BANK-NOON	<b>24 Bible Class 7:00pm</b>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">ML church offices closed—Holiday</div>	<b>25 Thanksgiving</b>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">ML church offices closed—Holiday</div>	<b>26 Teen Prayer Breakfast</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28 3:30-4:30pm Sign Language Class, Rm 10</b>	<b>29</b> College Men and Women's Bible Studies 6:30-8:00pm	<b>30 Ladies Bible Class 9:30am</b>				

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**MEN SELECTED TO ASSIST IN WORSHIP**  
**NOVEMBER**

	<b>Nov. 7</b>	<b>Nov. 14</b>	<b>Nov. 21</b>	<b>Nov. 28</b>
Medley Songs	W. Kohring	S. Hollingsworth	W. Kohring	J. Schmitz
Song Leader-AM	W. Kohring	S. Hollingsworth	W. Kohring	D. Herrington
Opening Prayer	W. Kohring	S. Hollingsworth	W. Kohring	J. Schmitz
Elder Prayer	T. Brown	T. Brown	T. Brown	T. Brown
Closing Prayer	E. Boone	F. Bruce	D. Wheat	T. Connors
Communion	D. Walker	M. Von Gunten	D. Hall	D. Alexander
Server 1	P. Elie	P. Elie	P. Elie	P. Elie
Server 2	Dave Watson	Dave Watson	Dave Watson	Dave Watson
Server 3	Keith Brown	Keith Brown	Keith Brown	Keith Brown
Server 4	Ron Bradford	Ron Bradford	Ron Bradford	Ron Bradford
Take Count	M. Derman	M. Derman	M. Derman	M. Derman
Communion Coordinator	T. Brock	T. Brock	T. Brock	T. Brock
PM-Worship	B. Shumate			
Greeters	Shumate & Tamlin	Shumate & Tamlin	Walker & Wells	Walker & Wells
Nursery	D. & J. James			
Attendants	L. Grenier (B) V. Martin (B)			
Children's Bible Hour	Worrell	Worrell		

Please meet in the back of the auditorium on Sunday morning before worship service at 9:45am. Be punctual. *Please contact Todd Gillen, or the song leader if you cannot serve. He will arrange for a replacement.*

<b>FAMILY RECORD—OCTOBER</b>					
	10/3	10/10	10/17	10/24	10/31
Attendance--					
Bible Class					
Worship A.M.	249	—	—		
Sunday P.M.					
Life Groups					
Weekly Contribution—					
This Week	\$7,191.00	\$6,567.00	\$5,957.99		
Budget	\$6,910.00				