

The Meadowlark Messenger

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



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Staff, We Wish You A*



Merry Christmas

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

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Doug Hall, Pulpit Minister
377-9863

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225-1173



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New Adult Bible Studies for the Winter Quarter

Beginning in December, we are offering a new slate of Bible Study Offerings. It is our hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to be challenged and confronted by God's Word, and to be molded into the likeness of Jesus. Our new schedule of classes will begin Sunday, December 5, and will include:

Spiritual Roots – Renewing God's People

This class will meet in the Auditorium and will be taught by Doug Hall. This study is not just about the history of the Restoration Movement. It is about how our rich history has made a difference in the way we serve our Lord today. We will survey the high and low points of our history to discover how we can revive what is good about our heritage and to learn how not to make the same mistakes over again. We will once again be confronted by some of the principles that have shaped our movement.

I and II Samuel – A Survey

This class will meet in Room 8 and will be taught by Gene Perkins. Gene will lead the class through this incredible portion of the Story of how God led his people. You will be challenged by this compelling study.

Young Married Class

This class will meet in Room 10 and will be taught by Milt Brown. This class is specifically for young married couples and will deal with issues common to young married Christians.



We will also be offering two new classes on Wednesday evenings, beginning December 8, including:

The Purpose Driven Life

This class will meet in the Auditorium and will be taught by Doug Hall and Gary Richards. We will use as a springboard the #1 best selling book, *The Purpose Driven Life*. This class will last for twenty-six weeks and will challenge those who participate to discover and understand the purpose of their lives as reflected in the Word of God. You will be challenged to rethink eternity, worship, service, and mission during this course.

The Book of Romans

This class will meet in Room 10 and it will be taught by Don Fike. Someone has written that if you get Romans, God gets you! This thirteen-week course will concentrate on one of the most powerful books in the New Testament. Come ready to be changed!

Stand Firm!!!
Doug Hall

Looking for New Year's Resolutions for 2005? Here's a suggestion.

BRING ONE PERSON TO CHRIST IN 2005!



Here are some practical steps you can take toward this goal:

1) Begin one Bible study with someone in 2005 –

“How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?” (Romans 10:14-15)

God says in Isaiah 55:11 *“My Word ... will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”*

2) Prepare yourself to explain who Christ is and what He has done for us.

“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” (1 Peter 3:15)

“Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.” (Colossians 4:6)

3) Invite!

George Barna reports that *“25% of unchurched people in America say they would attend a church service if they were invited to do so. If every person invited at least one person to church every week think of how many first time visitors you would have.”*

4) Commit to reading through the entire Bible in 2005!

5) Commit to pray daily that Rams for Christ will have a harvest year in 2005!

Top Ten Reasons I am a Christian...

Just yesterday, I was thinking about God and wondering how I got to where I am. Do you ever pause to think about such things? Why am I here? What caused me to be the person I am? Where did my faith come from? I got to wondering about why I am a Christian, and I'd like to share with you what I discovered in my thoughts.

- 10 – **Christian Heritage.** I grew up in a Christian home. Early on, my faith was my parents' faith. Eventually, I acquired faith of my own, but my childhood certainly sent me on my way.
- 9 – **Jesus Christ.** I am very much amazed and intrigued at the person Jesus Christ was while he walked this earth. His wisdom, love, and stories still fascinate me.
- 8 – **It just makes sense.** Christianity holds more weight with me than any of the other options given to those who are searching for something greater than themselves.
- 7 – **Christian Fellowship.** I enjoy immensely the relationships that I have with other believers. I enjoy and need the love, support, laughter, encouragement, unity, and accountability.
- 6 – **The Word of God.** I believe in the divine inspiration of the authoritative Word of God. I believe it to be a wonderful story, a true story. A story of which I am a part.
- 5 – **Hell.** I do not want to spend eternity in the anguish that the Bible says hell holds.
- 4 – **Purpose.** My life has meaning and I am thankful to God for that. I am here for a reason. I have a mission! My life is NOT empty – I matter to Him even while I am here on this earth.
- 3 – **Creation.** I am amazed by what I see around me each day. I am awestruck by the majestic wonder of God. He is truly an artist and I believe that He made it all.
- 2 – **I want to spend eternity with God.** I love Him and I want to be with Him. For eternity (what a wonderful concept!). (Totally separate from #5!)
- 1 – **Relationship.** I am a Christian because I have accepted the wonderful invitation of an all-loving, all-powerful, relational God who knows me through and through. The offer of abundant life and the invitation to walk with Him side by side each day is just too wonderful to pass up.



...Wes Kohring

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Prime Timer's breakfast will be Friday, December 3rd, at 8:00am. It will be at The Egg & I (on Harmony and Lemay.)

There will be a youth and family ministry meeting on Sunday, Dec. 5th following morning worship to communicate about upcoming events and curriculum for the winter quarter. All teens and their families are encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to Wes as soon as possible! Please bring \$10 per family for lunch.

First Sunday Singing: Our next first Sunday singing will be December 5th. If you would like to have an opportunity to do a bit more singing than we do in our regular services, please

Don't miss our first Sunday potluck on Dec. 5th following the evening worship services in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us at 4:45pm before our evening service.

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

Soulmates Christmas Party—Dec. 10th from 6:15pm to 10:00pm. More details coming soon.

Christian Book Club—Please join us on Thursday, Dec. 16th from 7:00-9:00pm at Shannon Watson's, 2912 Eagle Drive, Ft. Collins. **Shepherds Abiding: A Mitford Christmas Story** by Jan Karon (although this is one of a series, we've been assured that you don't have to read the previous books in the series in order to enjoy or understand the story.) This will also be a holiday cookie exchange, so please plan to bring 2 dozen cookies (of the same variety), if you would like to participate. If you have any questions, please see Stacy Dotson.

Please note the church offices will be closed on Dec. 24th and Dec. 27th in observance of the Christmas holiday.

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to our life-group and everyone who helped us move. It is so nice to have such a great family to help out when a need arises—physical or spiritual. Even though things were kind of crazy, you made the task a lot of fun. Here is our new address: Gary and Loyce Bolin, 4737 Crest Road, Fort Collins, CO 80526. Phone: 223-7355.

Sign Language Classes are held at the building every Sunday afternoon from 3:30-4:30pm in Room 10.

Thank you for the rose honoring my birthday...Warren Kraxberger.

I would like to thank all the teens and helpers who raked, sacked, and hauled away the leaves from my yard. It was greatly appreciated. Love, Joyce Dillon

David Oliphant, son of Suzanne and grandson of Lorene, is planning to be married on December 29 in Denver. Becky Martin & Julie Mankin are coordinating a "gift-card shower" for him and his bride-to-be, Adrienne Pic. Look for the white basket in the lobby beginning this Sunday where you can deliver your cards. While David & Adrienne are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Crate & Barrel, they're also big fans of REI, and could probably make use of gift cards from almost any store. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to Becky or Julie -- they are planning to deliver the basket sometime after Sunday, December 12. Thank you in advance for spreading the love and blessings of our Meadowlark family!

Is your marriage where you want it to be? It may be great. It may be stagnant. And your marriage may be in trouble. No matter where your marriage stands right now, most people want to enhance their love, rekindle it, or raise it from the doldrums of despair. The ML church will conduct an eight-week interactive course called **Dynamic Marriage** based on the books by Dr. William Harley, and the powerful delivery system of Family Dynamics. This course begins with a pre-session on January 6, 2005. The **Dynamic Marriage** course involves 12 couples led by a trained facilitator. This eight week interactive class starts on January 13, 2005, @ 7:00pm. Each class period lasts two and a half hours. Couples interested in participating in the **Dynamic Marriage** course should contact Todd or Kris Gillen immediately. Don't settle for a mediocre marriage when you can enjoy a great marriage that gets better with each passing year. The cost is \$150 per couple, and space is limited to 12 couples. Don't miss this opportunity to experience a course that really does improve your relationship.

TEEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers of thanks on behalf of **Genie Bruce** who had surgery on Nov. 15th. It went very well, and she is doing fine. Please continue to pray for **Heather Donahue's mother** who had surgery recently. The surgery went well, and it appears there is no spread of the tumor. Please pray for **Bob Lang** who had surgery this past week. Continued prayers for: **Mabel Dowse, Elnora Boone, Joan Taylor, and Eunice Young.**





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MEADOWLARK CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bible Class 7:00pm	2	3 Teen Prayer Breakfast 8:00am Primer Timers' Break- fast	4
5 3:30-4:30pm Sign Language Class Rm 10 <i>First Sunday Singing 4:45pm</i> <i>5:30-6:30p 1st Sun- day P.M Service (no life group)</i>	6 College Men and Women's Bible Studies 6:30-8:00pm	7 Ladies Bible Class 9:30am- CLOTHING BANK-NOON	10 Bible Class 7:00pm	9	10 Teen Prayer Break- fast Date Your Mate 6-10pm, Rm.10 6:15-10:00pm Soulmates Christ- mas Party	11
12 3:30- 4:30p.m Sign Language Class, Rm. 10	13 College Men and Women's Bible Studies 6:30- 8:00pm	14 Ladies Bible Class 9:30am CLOTHING BANK-NOON	15 Bible Class 7:00pm	16 7-9:00pm Chris- tian Book Club & Holiday Cookie Ex- change @ Shan- non Watson's	17 Teen Prayer Break- fast	18
19 3:30-4:30pm Sign Language Class, Rm 10	20 College Men and Women's Bible Studies 6:30- 8:00pm	21 Ladies Bible Class 9:30am CLOTHING BANK-NOON	22 Bible Class 7:00pm	23	24 Christ- mas Eve <i>Teen Prayer Break- fast</i> <i>Church offices closed</i>	25 Christmas
26 3:30-4:30pm Sign Language Class, Rm 10	27 College Men and Women's Bible Studies 6:30- 8:00pm <i>Church offices closed</i>	28 Ladies Bible Class 9:30am CLOTHING BANK-NOON	29 Bible Class 7:00pm	30	31 Teen Prayer Break- fast New Year's Eve	

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MEN SELECTED TO ASSIST IN WORSHIP
DECEMBER

	<u>Dec. 5</u>	<u>Dec. 12</u>	<u>Dec. 19</u>	<u>Dec. 26</u>
Medley Songs	W. Kohring	J. Schmitz	W. Kohring	B. Hall
Song Leader	W. Kohring	J. Schmitz	W. Kohring	B Hall
Opening Prayer	W. Kohring	J. Schmitz	W. Kohring	B. Hall
Elder Prayer	P. Cooper	P. Cooper	P. Cooper	P. Cooper
Closing Prayer	D. Jones	D. Metzgar	P. Elie	B. Hall
Communion	A. Fletcher	G. Perkins	D. Herrington	T. Gillen
Server 1	S. Hollingsworth	S. Hollingsworth	S. Hollingsworth	Scott H.
Server 2	R. Wells	R. Wells	R. Wells	R. Wells
Server 3	C. Wells	C. Wells	C. Wells	C. Wells
Server 4	S. Burnam	S. Burnam	S. Burnam	S. Burnam
Take Count	A. Annon	A. Annon	A. Annon	A. Annon
Communion Coordinator	Wylie Smith			
PM-Worship	G. Bolin			
Greeters	Wheat Brown	Wheat Brown	Alexander Connally	Alexander Connally
Nursery	P. King	M.&C.Wells	K.&S.Wheat	L.Grenier
Attendants	H. Ferry M.&C.Brown	C.Stevens J.Dillon	R. Smith H. Donahue	V.Martin D.&J.James
Children's	---	---	---	---
Bible Hour				

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.

FAMILY RECORD—NOVEMBER				
	11/7	11/14	11/21	11/28
Attendance--				
Bible Class				
Worship A.M.	267	271	247	
Sunday P.M.				
Life Groups				
Weekly Contribution—				
This Week	\$7,024.00	\$6,056.00	\$7,294.00	
Budget	\$6,910.00			