

# *The Meadowlark Messenger*

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



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## RING IN THE NEW YEAR.....!

### The First Four Sundays in January

#### Sermon Series on Shepherding

- Come discover what God would have our leaders to be and to do.
- Come discover the flock's responsibility to the shepherds, and about the prime example for the flock to follow.

**Also.....** during January, our Life Groups will be studying the shepherd's role in the church.

Please pray about this important series of sermons and lessons.

## And plan to be 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:**

Dale Alexander 223-2663  
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

\* Elder chairman for the month of January

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#### **Ministers:**

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

**Russ Whitten**, Campus Minister  
494-0999

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

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## Hall-Marks

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

It is hard to believe that another year has passed, and we are on the verge of beginning a new year. I have always loved the New Year because it seems like we all have a chance to begin again, and do things better than we have done last year. I am a big believer in New Year's Resolutions because I am a big believer in goals. When a person stops having any goals in life, they tend to stop achieving great things. Get out the pen and paper and jot down a few things that you want to accomplish this year, and then give it all to the Lord through prayer.

This past fall the elders and a few other members have been a part of a task force that have been putting together a road map for the future as our elders continue to move toward a shepherding style of leadership. These men began this journey several years ago, and are very serious about being the kind of shepherds that God desires for them to be in this body. A three year road map has been put together with activities and training opportunities that will help.

The first items on that road map have to do with some special training and teaching that will take place during the month of January. All four Sunday Morning Sermons during the month will focus on shepherding. We will explore what a shepherd is, and how he responds to the flock. We will spend time in Scripture discovering what God would have our leaders to be and to do. We will talk about the flock's responsibility to the shepherds as well. And we will talk about the prime example for the flock to follow.

Also during the month of January our Life Groups will be studying the shepherd's role in the church. Since we have an elder in each one of our Life Groups, we will be able to have a good dialogue with these good men who lead us. I encourage you to be praying about this important series of sermons and lessons. Pray that God will continue to bless our shepherds as they become even better servants of God to the church.

I've got to say a word or two about your outpouring of generosity during this Christmas season. Wendy Fleagane has been organizing the Angel Tree ministry for this congregation this year. Angel Tree is a ministry of Prison Fellowship, and the ministry exists to make sure that the families of prisoners receive gifts from their incarcerated parent during Christmas. Along with the gift giving comes an opportunity to share the Gospel and the love of Jesus with families that are in distress because of the sins of their loved ones. Just like it always does, Meadowlark has opened its heart to these families. The family at Meadowlark to date has provided Christmas gifts for almost 40 children in this area. Up to \$100.00 is spent on each child to provide clothing, shoes and toys. Thank you for your incredible generosity. God has been glorified because of your loving hearts.

Please be praying about the great opportunity that Russ and Charlene have been given to spend nine months studying at Wycliffe Hall in England. This is a prestigious institution, and Russ will be getting some vital training for his work in our Campus Ministry. Please pray that all the numerous details will be worked out, and that someone will be found to step in for the Whittens while they are gone. And most of all, pray for a time of refreshing for this good family. How blessed we are that they are a part of the Meadowlark Family.

God bless you all in 2005!  
Doug

## Meadowlark Church of Christ Christian Student Center Committee Summary of Progress for 2004

During the past year a small group has been developing a plan to establish a Christian Student Center facility at Colorado State University. The idea began among members who were familiar with Christian Student Centers at various universities around the country. These facilities are used for Bible classes, devotionals, the campus minister's office, and as a refuge for Christian students to gather for spiritual encouragement, fellowship and fun.

Last year (2003), the committee researched student centers by meeting with Meadowlark members who had experience with student centers, contacting personnel at various campus facilities, and meeting with the students currently in our campus ministry. We evaluated their responses, and concluded that a student center facility would be helpful here at CSU. This year we developed a plan for establishing a student center here at CSU, based on what we learned about how other student centers worked. We presented this plan to the elders and ministers on July 6, 2004.

The main points of the presentation were:

1. Our existing campus ministry strives to help Christian students develop spiritually, bring unbelievers to Christ, provide leadership training, promote Christian fellowship, and integrate students into the Church of Christ family. Having a facility on campus will help with all of these goals.
2. At universities around the country student centers are in use. While they came into existence through many different paths, they all provided a place for campus ministries to operate near campus. They give students a place to fellowship, study, play and meet with the campus minister. They also give the campus minister a convenient place to hold one-on-one Bible studies.
3. We presented what we found out about how student centers have been established, what types of facilities they are, and how they are operated.
4. Finally, we presented the proposal to establish a student center at CSU. In it we proposed how the facility would be owned, the type of facility, how it would be purchased, how money would be raised, what the role of the campus minister would be, how it would be managed, what by-laws and policies would be needed, and how we should proceed from here.

In our presentation we also stressed that having a successful campus ministry at CSU was the primary goal of our committee. The committee believes that the Meadowlark congregation is currently making a significant commitment to reaching out to the CSU campus, by providing a campus minister, many helping hands to support his work, and giving the students a good congregation to worship with. In order to make the step to having a student center we asked the elders and ministers to give us their commitment to the following:

1. For the next few years, elevating the campus ministry to the primary focus of the congregation, as we build congregational involvement in the campus ministry and the student center.
2. As long as it is reasonably possible, supporting a campus minister.
3. Promoting the congregation's involvement in the establishment of a facility on campus through prayer, work and money.

The elders generally thought the project was a good idea, but asked for more details before they could give it their complete support. We asked the elders for suggestions about who might be interested in helping. We also have talked to many members individually, and made one presentation to the congregation asking for people to volunteer to work with the committee. Since that time, the committee has been waiting for additional committee members before continuing. We also have looked at three properties which might have worked as the student center. In the next few months, we would like to get the additional needed details into our proposal, and get the elders approval. This is a major endeavor, and we sincerely ask for your prayers, involvement and participation. We need and will welcome additional members. It is our hope that the entire Meadowlark congregation will share the vision of taking the gospel to the lost at CSU. Watch for notices about upcoming meetings, and come if you can. Working together, we are confident that we will soon have a Christian Student Center at Colorado State University.

Currently Mike Von Gunten, our Campus Ministry Deacon, and Russ Whitten, our Campus Minister, lead the committee. There are eight other committee members. Details of the work done by the committee are at:

[HTTP://HOME.COMCAST.NET/~CSUSTUDENTCENTER](http://home.comcast.net/~csustudentcenter)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Meadowlark would like to welcome** a new member. David Sander placed membership with us on Dec. 19th. Please take a few moments to introduce yourself, and welcome David to the ML family!

**First Sunday Singing:** Our next first Sunday singing will be January 2nd. 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.

**Don't miss** our first Sunday potluck on January 2nd following the evening worship services in the Fellowship Hall.

**The church** offices will be closed for the New Year's Day holiday on Mon., Jan. 3rd.

**The next Prime Timer's** breakfast will be Friday, January 7th, at 8:00am. It will be at The Egg & I (on Harmony and Lemay.)

**Christian Book Club**—Please join us on Thursday, January 20th, 7:00-8:30pm @ Kris Gillen's, 1207 Paloverde Drive, Loveland. *Waking the Dead* by John Eldredge will be our book of discussion. Please see Stacy Dotson for details or questions.

**Is your marriage** where you want it to be? 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, and will be held at the ML church building in Rooms 8 and 10. 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. The cost is \$150 per couple, and space is limited to 12 couples. *Financial assistance is available if needed—see Todd Gillen or Milt Brown*. Also, child care will be provided. Don't miss this opportunity to experience a course that really does improve your relationship.

**In an effort** to make the worship service on Sunday mornings meaningful to everybody, we will have weekly handouts that will have all of the songs being sung on Sunday mornings available to you located on the foyer table in the lobby. We sincerely hope that this will enhance your worship time on Sunday mornings. Todd Gillen & the Worship Committee.

**Christian Student Center Committee Meeting:** On Tuesday evening, January 4th from 7:00 - 9:00pm at the Meadowlark church building, this committee will be meeting to discuss ways to move forward in our plans to one day have a Christian Student Center facility near the CSU campus which will be used as a place for Bible studies, devotionals, the campus minister's office, and as a refuge for Christian students to gather for spiritual encouragement, fellowship and fun. Everyone who is interested is invited!

**Russ Whitten, our campus minister**, has been accepted into a nine month intensive Apologetics and Evangelism Study Program in England. This program will begin in September, 2005. We will be looking for a temporary replacement to lead the campus ministry program while he is gone, and are forming a search committee for this ministry position. If you would like to be a part of what will be an abbreviated search process, please attend our first meeting immediately following the Sunday evening worship service on January 2nd in Room 8. Thank you!

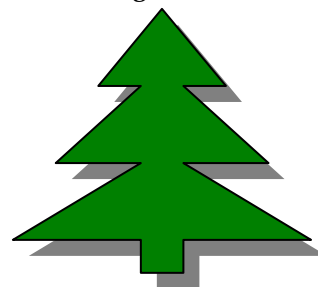
## TEEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Prayer Breakfasts will be cancelled December 24th through January 7<sup>th</sup>.

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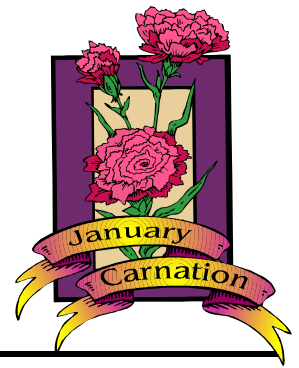
## PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers of strength and comfort are requested on behalf of the *Bonham family*. *Gail* passed away on Dec. 17th of a heart attack. Please pray for a speedy and continued recovery for *Corky Tamlin*. He had surgery recently. Please continue to pray for: *Robert Donahue's father, Bob Lang, Mable Dowse, Elnora Boone, Joan Taylor, and Eunice Young*.



# January 2005

## Meadowlark Church Of Christ



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1 New Year's Day</b>
<b>2 3:30-4:30pm Sign Language Class Rm 10</b>  <i>First Sunday Singing 4:45pm</i>  <i>5:30-6:30p 1st Sunday P.M Service &amp; Potluck</i>	<b>3</b>  <i>Church offices closed</i>	<b>4 Ladies Bible Class 9:30am-</b>  CLOTHING BANK-NOON	<b>5 Bible Class 7:00pm</b>	<b>6 Pre-session for Dynamic Marriage Course @ ML 7-9:30pm Rooms 8 &amp; 10</b>	<b>7 8:00am Prime Timers Break-fast</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9 3:30-4:30:30pm Sign Language Class, Rm. 10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11 Ladies Bible Class 9:30am</b>  CLOTHING BANK-NOON	<b>12 Bible Class 7:00pm</b>	<b>13 Dynamic Marriage Course 7-9:30pm @ ML Rooms 8 &amp; 10</b>	<b>14 Teen Prayer Break-fast</b>  <b>Date Your Mate 6-10pm</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16 3:30-4:30pm Sign Language Class, Rm 10</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18 Ladies Bible Class 9:30am</b>  CLOTHING BANK-NOON	<b>19 Bible Class 7:00pm</b>	<b>20 Dynamic Marriage Course 7-9:30pm @ ML Rooms 8 &amp; 10</b>	<b>21 Teen Prayer Breakfast</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23 3:30-4:30pm Sign Language Class, Rm 10</b>	<b>24 College Men and Women's Bible Studies 6:30-8:00pm</b>	<b>25 Ladies Bible Class 9:30am</b>  CLOTHING BANK-NOON	<b>26 Bible Class 7:00pm</b>	<b>27 Dynamic Marriage Course 7-9:30pm @ ML Rooms 8 &amp; 10</b>	<b>28 Teen Prayer Breakfast</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30 3:30-4:30pm Sign Language Class, Rm 10</b>	<b>31 College Men and Women's Bible Studies 6:30-8:00pm</b>					

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**MEN SELECTED TO ASSIST IN WORSHIP**  
**JANUARY**

	<u>Jan. 2</u>	<u>Jan. 9</u>	<u>Jan. 16</u>	<u>Jan. 23</u>	<u>Jan. 30</u>
Song Leader	B. Shumate	W. Kohring	B. Hall	Scott H.	W. Kohring
Opening Prayer	B. Shumate	W. Kohring	B. Hall	Scott H.	W. Kohring
Elder Prayer	D. Fike	D. Fike	D. Fike	D. Fike	D. Fike
Closing Prayer	B. Shumate	W. Kohring	B. Hall	Scott H.	W. Kohring
Communion	E. Williams	C. Grenier	D. Fike	J. Lucardie	R. Robinette
Server 1	J. Schmitz	J. Schmitz	J. Schmitz	J. Schmitz	J. Schmitz
Server 2	R. Mankin	R. Mankin	R. Mankin	R. Mankin	R. Mankin
Server 3	J. Uh	J. Uh	J. Uh	J. Uh	J. Uh
Server 4	O. Wiglam	O. Wiglam	O. Wiglam	O. Wiglam	O. Wiglam
Take Count	J. Goldman	J. Goldman	J. Goldman	J. Goldman	J. Goldman
Communion Coordinator	T. Gillen	T. Gillen	T. Gillen	T. Gillen	T. Gillen
 PM-Worship	 Ray Martin				 G. Bolin
 Greeters					
Nursery	J&JGoldman	E&MWilliams	K.Gillen	L.Bolin	P.King
Attendants	V.Martin	C. Schmitz	S.Dotson	S.Murphy	D.Brunk
	L.Anonn	E.Walden	C&K Nance	D&S Walker	M.Brown
					C.Brown
 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—DECEMBER				
	12/5	12/12	12/19	12/26
Attendance--				
Bible Class				
Worship A.M.	294	290	250	
Sunday P.M.				
Life Groups				
Weekly Contribution—				
This Week	\$9,315.00	\$5,654.00	\$7,579.00	
Budget	\$6,910.00			