

The Meadowlark Messenger

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



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Faith Comes By Hearing!

Beginning January 1, we will spend 40 days listening to and reading the New Testament. Many of you have purchased recordings of the New Testament, some have their own recordings, and some have committed to read for the first 40 days of 2006. Below you will find a reading schedule. Cut it out and put it with your tapes, or in your Bible. What a wonderful way to begin 2006!

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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

Elders:

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Tim Brown 223-1949
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Doug Hall, Pulpit Minister
377-9863

David Greer, Campus Minister
226-0568

Wes Kohring, Youth Minister
225-1173

Holly Fletcher, Church Secretary
484-4124



Hall-Marks

2006

Ok, someone can tell these years to slow down! Incredible! Another year has passed, and here we are getting ready for the New Year. This past year has been very busy and much has been done for the Master, but there is so much more to do!

I am very excited that we will be kicking off 2006 by listening and reading through the New Testament in 40 days. Many of you are already in the habit of reading your Bibles each day, but I do hope that you will join with us in this special effort. A listening/reading schedule can be found on the front page. Cut it out, and use it as your guide. If you have children at home, what a marvelous way to spend some time in the Word with them! I believe with all my heart that you and your family will grow as you listen to the Word together. If you didn't order a copy of the tapes or CDs earlier and think you would like to have a copy, please call us at the church office, and we can get you a copy relatively quickly. I hope every member at Meadowlark will join us in this great beginning.

We were saddened when we heard that Brian and Karen Shumate have stepped down from leading our children's ministry here at Meadowlark. What an incredible job they have done over the past years in leading this ministry. I got to see their work up close and personal this year in Kiev when they conducted a teacher's training series for the churches in that region. They have incredible ability, and have used it for the Lord so effectively. The only words I can think of right now are "thank you." You have blessed this family incredibly, and we are grateful for your selfless work.

Craig and Crystal Bolding will be taking over the reigns of our children's ministry. I know they are going to do well. They are a dedicated and devoted family well equipped to carry on the great work that Brian and Karen were doing. They have big shoes to fill, and they need our prayers. Please keep the Shumates in your prayers as they transition to other ministries here at Meadowlark, and the Boldings as they take on this vital ministry. What a joy it is to be surrounded by such servants!

We also have a big transition taking place in our church office. Gena Neise has been our church secretary for the past 5 years, and has served our family well. The job that Gena has held is now changing somewhat, and with the change came the need for another person to take on her duties. After a careful and pray-filled search we have invited Holly Fletcher to join our ministry team as our administrative assistant. Holly and her husband, Aaron have been members at Meadowlark for over 2 years, and have been deeply involved in many of our ministries, especially dealing with our college and University students. Holly will begin her work January 2, and her office hours will be 8:00 to 3:00, Monday – Thursday and 8:00 to Noon on Fridays. I hope you will come by and get to know Holly. She is going to be a great addition to our ministry team. Thank you Gena for your wonderful service to our family, and welcome Holly!

Stand Firm!!!
Doug Hall



Hello Meadowlark Family,

I know many of you may not know what's been going on in our college ministry this semester, so I think it's time for a campus ministry update. Here are a few things we've been up to the past few months.

Monday Small Groups--We met in the Lory Student Center at CSU on Monday nights for small group Bible studies. The guys have been discussing John Eldridge's book *Wild at Heart*, and the girls discussed his book *Captivating*. Aaron Fletcher, Adam Prior, Holly Fletcher, and Tasha Taylor, four of our group leaders, have been leading the Monday Night groups. We have used these groups to strengthen our members, but also to bring in new students. Each group has had about 8-10 students attending, many of them being non-Meadowlark students.

Wednesday Midweek Bible Study—This is our main event every week. As you probably know, we meet in room 10 every Wednesday night, and have a meal there once a month. This past semester I taught an interactive series on becoming true disciples of Jesus by looking to the gospels. We generally begin with some announcements, followed by a few songs. We then discuss bible scenarios and teachings with the whole group, before finally splitting into smaller prayer and discussion groups. We'll probably be doing something similar next semester, and any members are welcome to come if you're willing to participate and interact with the students. This would be a great way for them to meet some of you.

Retreats—We went on one Fall weekend retreat in October, and had about 15-20 people attend. Retreats are crucial for unity-building in a Christian campus group, and this one was no exception. We had tons of recreational time together, in addition to times of focused worship and scripture reading.

We will be going on another retreat in February, as is Rams for Christ's tradition. We'll be staying at the Covenant Heights Retreat Center in Estes Park.

Formation of YAF—By now you may have heard about **Young Adult Fellowship**, the new ministry that's forming here at Meadowlark. What you may not know are any details about it. So here's the scoop. A major need has arisen in churches around the country to reach out to young professionals, individuals mostly in their 20s and 30s who don't really fit in young married's groups, yet are out of college, and therefore don't fit in campus groups either. In response to this need, Seth Tourney and Aaron and Holly Fletcher along with many of our other young adults have begun YAF. Their mission is simply to reach out to young adults both in our church family, and in the larger Fort Collins community. So beginning in January, Meadowlark will be sponsoring the Rams for Christ Campus outreach, and the Young Adult Fellowship outreach. We believe that the opportunities to grow in faith and to reach the world around us will be multiplied by beginning this new exciting ministry. If you have any questions, or want to help with YAF in any way, please get in touch with Seth Tourney or the Fletchers.

I guess that's all for now. Thank you so much for your support for our mission to reach college students in the name of Jesus. As always, if you want to help with anything or have any ideas, please let me know. It's been a great few months serving God here at Meadowlark, and I look forward to seeing what He does next.

In Him,

David Greer



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers Needed! Gary Bolin will be having a complete hip replacement on Jan. 2nd. He will be off his feet for quite awhile. We are looking for some volunteers to cover January and February Bible Hour for us. Call or email us (see directory for home and cell phone numbers.) Or, sign up ASAP on the board in the hallway. The help will be greatly appreciated. Thanks! Loyce Bolin email: loyceab@earthlink.net

Duane & Irene Fisher and their daughter Liza, placed membership on Dec 4. Their address is 7545 Triangle Dr., Fort Collins 80525, and their phone number is 377-2976.

Congratulations! Robb & Julie Mankin are new grandparents. Aubrey was born on Dec 3 at 6:57 AM. She weighed 7 lbs., 11oz & is 20" long. Parents are Josh and Tiffany Mankin. The baby, parents and grandparents are doing well.

The church offices will be closed on January 2 due to the New Year holiday.

Meadowlark Ladies--Following are the dates & book titles for our next 3 Book Club meetings (meeting are on a bi-monthly basis now):

-- Thursday, 1/5/06 7:00pm @ Crystal Bolding's home

"**Captivating**" by John & Staci Eldredge (FYI, John authored "Wild at Heart")

-- Thursday, 2/2/06 7:00pm @ Kris Gillen's home

"**Unveiled**" by Francine Rivers

-- Thursday, 4/6/05 7:00pm @ TBD

"**The Red Tent**" by Anita Diamant

All ML ladies are encouraged to attend! Please reply if you would like to host the meeting on 4/6/06. Thanks, Stacy Dotson

The next Prime Timer's breakfast will be Friday, January 6 at 8:00am. It will be at The Egg & I (on Harmony and Lemay.)

Dear Meadowlark Family—I wish to thank you for all the prayers, cards, visits, etc. Your thoughtfulness and caring means so much to me! In Christian Love, Nita Watson.

Life Group Sign-ups--Sign-up sheets are available in the foyer for our 2006 Life Groups. Life Groups are small groups that meet in homes on Sunday nights @ 5:30pm. Our 2006 Life Groups will have their first get-together on Sunday, January 8, 2006. If you have questions, please contact Eric Williams, our deacon in charge of Life Groups. We would like to encourage everyone to sign up for a Life Group this year!

We will be holding our first 2006 Northern Colorado Christian Camp meeting on **Sunday, January 22nd 2:00 p.m. at Meadowlark** for ANYONE who is interested in working on camp staff for 2006. The dates for camp this year are June 4-10. If you are at all interested in serving at camp (even if you're not sure how you'd like to help), please come to this meeting. I will contact the surrounding churches that have been involved in the past to make them aware of this meeting. If anything changes I will let you know. Hope to see you there! Wes Kohring

5th Sunday Potluck & Family Meeting—Please join us for the ML 5th Sunday Potluck and Family Meeting on Jan. 29. Lunch will begin at noon, with the meeting following lunch. There will be good food and fellowship—hope to see you there!

Date Your Mate —Don't forget Date Your Mate evenings are the second Friday of each month. Child care is available at the building.



PRAYER REQUESTS

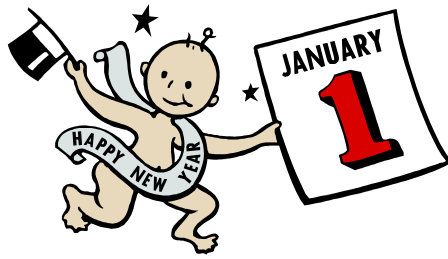
Please pray for **Gary Bolin** who will be having hip replacement surgery on Jan. 2nd. Pray the surgery will be successful and Gary's recovery complete.

We ask your continued prayers for: **Doug and Barbara Small, Nita Watson, Lorene Oliphant, Anika Bott, Billie Harvey, Bob Lang, Barbara Herron, Elnora Boone, Joan Taylor.**

KIDS IN CHURCH

I had been teaching my three-year old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer for several evenings at bedtime. She would repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer: "Lead us not into temptation", she prayed, "but deliver us from E-mail."





JANUARY 2006

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Coin for Christ</i> <i>Begin "Faith Comes by Hearing!"</i> <i>New Year's Day</i>	2 Church of-fices closed	3 9:30 Ladies Bible Class Clothing Bank noon-3pm	4 Bible Class 7:00pm	5 Christian Book Club @ Crystal Bold-ing's 7-8:30pm	6 Prime Timer's Breakfast 8:00am	7
8 <i>Life Groups start back up-5:30pm</i>	9	10 9:30 Ladies Bible Class	11 Bible Class 7:00pm	12	13 Date Your Mate	14
15	16	17 9:30 Ladies Bible Class Clothing Bank noon-3pm	18 Bible Class 7:00pm	19	20	21
22 NCCC meet-ing 2:00pm @ ML	23	24 9:30 Ladies Bible Class Clothing Bank noon-3pm	25 Bible Class 7:00pm	26	27	28
29 Potluck & Family Mtg. 12-2:00pm	30	31 9:30 Ladies Bible Class				

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MEN SELECTED TO ASSIST IN WORSHIP

JANUARY

Jan. 1 Jan. 8 Jan. 15 Jan. 22 Jan. 29

Song Leader	D. Greer	D. Herrington	B. Hall	W. Kohring	J. Schmitz
Opening Prayer	D. Greer	D. Herrington	B. Hall	W. Kohring	J. Schmitz
Shepherd's Prayer	D. Alexander	D. Alexander	D. Alexander	D. Alexander	D. Alexander
Communion	T. Brown	R. Mankin	C. Page	E. Williams	D. Dotson
Server 1	R. Bradshaw	R. Bradshaw	R. Bradshaw	R. Bradshaw	R. Bradshaw
Server 2	J. James	J. James	J. James	J. James	J. James
Server 3	D. Metzgar	D. Metzgar	D. Metzgar	D. Metzgar	D. Metzgar
Server 4	A. Pryor	A. Pryor	A. Pryor	A. Pryor	A. Pryor
Take Count	R. Martin				
Communion Coordinator	R. Martin				
PM-Worship					
Greeters	C.&L.Grenier	J.&K.Lucardie			E.&M.Williams
Nursery Attendants					

Children's Bible Hour Jan.: — — — — —

FAMILY RECORD—DECEMBER				
	12/4	12/11	12/18	12/25
Attendance--				
Bible Class				
Worship A.M.	231	290	280	
Sunday P.M.				
Life Groups				
Weekly Contribution—				
This Week	\$8,890.00	\$6,051.00	\$7,330.00	
Budget	\$6,910.00			