



June 2025

Dear Meadows Family,

We will be looking this month at the Core Values which emerged out of the many months of discernment, prayer and reflection which your Session and Visioning Team have recently completed. In June, I will be preaching a sermon series that explores each of our Core Values in greater depth—and we'll reflect on what they mean for our shared life.

- June 8 **HOME** – We seek by God's leading and grace to be a spiritual home where all are welcome. "Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you." —Romans 15:7
- June 15 **BELONGING** – We seek by God's leading and grace to foster deep connections and authentic relationships. "You are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people." —Ephesians 2:19
- June 22 **JOYFUL** – We worship with passion, creativity, and joy. "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" —Philippians 4:4
- June 29 **RISE** – We grow and rise to follow Christ in service to the Charlotteville community and beyond. "Be strong and courageous... for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." —Joshua 1:9

I am re-printing below the message from Rebecca Lees and the Visioning Team as we move out of the visioning season and into implementation and action. Please continue to be in prayer for all that is taking place here at Meadows as we move forward together in this busy and exciting time!

With you in Christ,
Tom

Here is Rebecca's message:

"On behalf of Session and the Visioning Team, thank you for your prayers over these past months, as we've been in a season of faithful discernment. Building upon our Mission Study, we've been prayerfully considering the questions of who we are as a church and where God is calling us next.

We've listened deeply—to one another and to the leading of the Holy Spirit. In May's newsletter, we shared the Core Values that came from this process— **Home, Belonging, Joyful, Rise**. And, you can see them displayed in the Narthex, along with our Mission and Vision. These are more than just words. They are a reflection of Meadows' unique identity and calling in the Kingdom of Christ.



Our Mission remains simple and powerful:

Passion for Christ. Compassion for one another. God's Word for all.

Our Vision provides direction for where we're headed:

A joyful, Christ-centered church where all belong, grow as disciples, and rise to live out God's love.

Together, our Core Values and Vision will guide our decisions and shape our ministries. While this season of visioning is coming to a close, our work is really just beginning. We'll be launching into a season of planning and faithful action related to key priorities.

These priorities include things like:

- reaching youth & families and building a strong intergenerational connection within our congregation,
- strengthening our communications, and
- incorporating radical hospitality into all that we do.

In the upcoming weeks and months, we'll continue to share about these priorities and opportunities for each of us to be part of this shared journey.-- We're confident that God has great things in store for Meadows.

As we move forward, let's remind ourselves and one another of God's power to work in us and through us. As Paul writes in Ephesians: "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us... to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."





Meadows Youth

June 2025



June Events

Sunday June 1st

- Graduation Breakfast 9:15-10:15 am
- Youth Sunday Worship Service 10:30-11:30 am

Saturday June 7th

- Movie Night at the Kindricks 7:00-10:00 pm

Wednesday Nights starting June 25th

- Summer Bible Study 6:30-7:30 pm



“Charles’ Corner”

The Language of the Layman

I remember reading the comic strip “Peanuts” many years ago. It pictured Linus and Lucy standing and looking up at the sky. Watching the billowy white clouds float by, Lucy asked, “how high are the clouds Linus?” “Oh” Linus replied, “they’re at different heights, some are ‘far away high’, and some are ‘right up there’ high.” Charlie Brown, who overheard the conversation exclaimed, “what kind of answer is that?” Linus replied, “sometimes it’s best to keep things in the language of the layman.”

Not a bad idea actually! Too often in the church we use words that fail to communicate with those outside it because they are part of a religious vocabulary with which many are unfamiliar—then we wonder why the church doesn’t reach people more!

Every profession or discipline has some distinctive vocabulary, but few depend so much on words for their effectiveness and growth as does Christianity.

Words aren’t the gospel, but the gospel is communicated with words. If we can’t say what we believe in clear, basic language—the language of the layman—not theological jargon, catchy cliches or pious platitudes--we’re in deep trouble. We can never communicate **the joy, the hope, the riches of the gospel** to a needy world unless we do it in the language of the layman.

Of course there’s a related problem. Some people don’t say anything because they don’t know what they believe, or they don’t believe much of anything. If the gospel is to be communicated effectively, it must be embodied. The old adage “what you are speaks so loudly I can’t hear what you say” is particularly pertinent to Christian witness. Words unsupported by life lack reality.

We talk about winning people to Christ, about turning the nation back to God, returning to our roots, or the ideals of our founders. But it will never work until individuals live by the principles they champion.

Only if Jesus is seen in us, our values, our actions, our lifestyle, will our words, however eloquent and clear, ring true.

That is language laymen and women will always understand, for they, like Edgar Guest, are apt to say—
“I’d rather see a sermon than hear one any day; I’d rather one would walk with me than merely tell the way.”

By Dr. Charles Pickell

“For the Living of These Days”



CE COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

Eric Warren, Elder

***A summer Bible Study for College Students and Young Adults will begin on Thursday June 5th at 6:30 pm in the Dogwood Room—hosted by Leslie Kindrick.

***Sunday School ended for the summer on May 18th. There will be a pot-luck breakfast on June 1st at 9:15 am to celebrate our graduating High School Seniors prior to the youth leading us in Worship at 10:30. Please bring your favorite breakfast dish to share.

***The C.E. Committee is considering a summer trip for the high schoolers. We need adult leaders to go with them (at least one male and one female). Please contact Eric Warren (ericwarren72@gmail.com, 434-509-6604) if you are interested.

*A Big Congratulations to our Meadows Family 2025 High School Graduates!
Wyatt Jones, Annabell Lindsay, Brendyn McKee, David Perkins, and Abigail Shepherd*

June marks the closing of one chapter and the sacred beginning of another.

As you step forward into new adventures, know that you carry more than knowledge—you carry purpose, resilience, and a spirit uniquely your own.

May you walk into the future with faith in your heart, wisdom in your mind, and light in your soul. Remember, you are never alone. God walks beside you, before you, and within you—guiding each step, even when the road feels uncertain.

YEE HAW Vacation Bible School (VBS) will take place July 24-26 (Thursday and Friday evenings, and Saturday morning). Be on the look out for upcoming information about how to register. If you have any questions, please contact Eric Warren at ericwarren72@gmail.com.





ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS

JUNE 2025 DEADLINE SCHEDULE

Ministries at Meadows (mid-month publication) event entries: Monday, June 16th
at 8:00 am

Newsletter articles: Monday, June 23rd at 8:00 am

Committee Meeting minutes are due on the Thursday, 8:00 am **BEFORE** Session
Mondays

REMINDER We would like to reiterate that our church is not equipped to accept donations of clothing, shoes, books, etc. We have received books, clothing, and shoes since this notice went out in the May newsletter. This notice also goes for the Blessings Box. There have been many items placed in the box that are not pertinent to our mission. The list of acceptable items for the Blessings Box is noted on the board in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for understanding and helping us keep our space welcoming and organized for everyone!

NEW MONITORS We've received so much wonderful feedback regarding the monitors that were recently installed in the narthex and the Fellowship Hall. Please know that if you are part of a committee within our church, you can email Susan, in the church office, (office@meadowspc.org) with information regarding an upcoming Meadows event that you would like to share with our church family. Please include the name and purpose of your event, the date and time, where, and a few sentences about it. We are working on policies about postings and will share once completed. But in the meantime, please don't hesitate to make a request.

Special Thank You

Dear Meadows Friends,

Tom and I want to thank you for your prayers, calls, and beautiful cards. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as Tom is still not able to be independent.

Yours in Christ,

Jennie & Tom Wilson





Men's Breakfast The next gathering of the Men's Breakfast Ministry will be on Saturday, June 7th at 8:30 am in the church conference room. All men of the church and their guests are prayerfully invited to participate in this significant time of fellowship, reflection, and discussion. Our special guests will be Natalie & Daniel Wood. They will share their unique perspective of "Growing Up at Meadows."

As always, we will enjoy a scrumptious breakfast prepared by Wendell Bonham at 8:30 and our one hour program will start promptly at 9:00. We hope to see many of you there!

We are already at work on the planning and scheduling of the 2025-26 Men's Breakfast season, which will officially launch on Saturday, September 6th! If you have recommendations or questions pertaining to the Men's Breakfast Ministry, please reach out to us any time. Your enthusiasm and support are much appreciated!



MAY SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Rebecca Lees presented an overview of Visioning to date. Strategic Priorities and the Launch Implementation Team (guide and coordinate implementation of Strategic Priorities), and accomplished and pending action items of the LIT. She made a presentation during the May 18th worship service. The congregation will be kept abreast of progress with articles in the Messenger.

Our Organist/Choir Director Caroline Fernandez will be away this summer May 25 – July 27. Alice Layman and Shelby Cuthriell will be substituting Organist/Choir Directors. Caroline will be on part-time status, since she will continue to coordinate all music activities.

The new Meadows website is still under development. Our development contractor will continue to train and work with our staff to enable a site that is current and truly reflects our worshiping community.

The Co-Pastor Nominating Committee will begin meeting the first and third Wednesdays initially, then weekly closer to a selection. They are now on the Denomination-wide Church Leadership Connection (CLC) where interested persons will learn about Meadows recruitment. Our Mission Discernment Profile (a distillation of our previous Mission products) has been uploaded to the CLC. Continued on next page...



Mulch for the playground area was donated by a friend of Saint Andre Bessette Schola. It was deemed inappropriate for use in an area used by children. That mulch will be hauled away and replaced with acceptable mulch as soon as workers are available. Be on the lookout for a call for the People of the Mulch.

Our Annual fiscal audit conducted by Janet Anastasi and Bill Pond revealed some necessary changes to our “Fiscal Procedures Manual.” Elders have two weeks to review the changes and updates. Changes and suggestions will be approved by Session at the June meeting.

Walt Weaver
Clerk Ex-officio

NURTURE COMMITTEE

Nancy Fischer and Peggy Beattie, Co-Elders

Meadows Presbyterian Church desires to support our youth attending college. We believe education is an important part of preparing for God's service. We offer a modest scholarship to undergraduates who are in good standing and to graduate students who are pursuing a career in full-time Christian service.

Applicants must be Meadows members or be active participants in the life of our church. Undergraduate students may apply for scholarship assistance two times during their four years of school.

Applications may be picked up in Nancy Fischer's church mailbox beginning May 1st, 9:00 am—4:00 pm Monday—Thursday. Return in a sealed envelope to Susan in the church office. She will alert the elders of your application. The Nurture Committee will review the applications and notify students informing them of the committee's decision.

If you have any questions, please email Nancy at fischernan@aol.com.

DEADLINE TO APPLY MONDAY JUNE 24TH 2024.





June 2025

Sunday, June 1st

9:00 am – 10:00 am – Choir Practice
9:15 am – High School Graduation Potluck Breakfast
10:30 am – Worship Service – Youth Led

Monday, June 2nd

5:15 pm – 7:15 pm – Young Life
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm – Young Life

Tuesday, June 3rd

10:00 am – Joy Group
7:15 pm – Membership Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 4th

12:00 noon – Men's Bible Study
1:15 pm Meadows Team Meeting

Thursday, June 5th

12:00 Noon – "Pray In Place"

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm – College and Young Adult Bible Study
7:00 pm – Christian Outreach Committee Meeting

Friday, June 6th

No events scheduled

Saturday, June 7th

8:30 am – Men's Breakfast
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm – Youth Movie Night at the Kendricks

Sunday, June 8th

9:00 am – 10:00 am – Choir Practice
10:30 am – Worship Service



Monday, June 9th

12:15 pm – Faith Circle
5:00 pm – B&G Committee Meeting
7:00 pm – Worship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 10th

12:00 pm – MS Society Meeting
6:30 pm – CE Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 11th

11:00 am – Prayer Shawl Group Meeting
12:00 Noon – Men's Bible Study
5:00 pm – Finance Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 12th

9:00 am – Committee Minutes Due to Susan
12:00 Noon – “Pray In Place”
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm – College and Young Adult Bible Study

Friday, June 13th

No Activities planned

Saturday, June 14th

8:45 am Habitat – Faith Build

Sunday, June 15th

9:00 am – 10:00 am – Choir Practice
10:30 am – Worship Service

Monday, June 16th

5:30 pm – Young Life
7:15 pm - Session

Tuesday, June 17th

No events planned

Wednesday, June 18th

12:00 noon – Men's Bible Study
1:15 pm Meadows Team Meeting



Wednesday, June 18th

12:00 noon – Men's Bible Study
1:15 pm Meadows Team Meeting

Thursday, June 19th

9:00 am – Elk Hill
12:00 Noon – “Pray In Place”
6:30 pm – Emergency Food Bank

Friday, June 20th

No Activities planned

Saturday, June 21st

No Activities planned

Sunday, June 22nd

9:00 am – 10:00 am – Choir Practice
10:30 am – Worship Service
Noonish – Annual Church Picnic – more information to come

Monday, June 23rd

9:00 am – 12:00 pm – Science Camp – St. Andre Bessette Schola

Tuesday, June 24th

9:00 am – 12:00 pm – Science Camp – St. Andre Bessette Schola
5:00 pm – Salvation Army Dinner
6:00 pm – Hope Circle

Wednesday, June 25th

9:00 am – 12:00 pm – Science Camp – St. Andre Bessette Schola
12:00 noon – Men's Bible Study
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm – Youth Summer Bible Study



Thursday, June 26th

9:00 am – 12:00 pm – Science Camp – St. Andre Bessette Schola

12:00 Noon – “**Pray In Place**”

6:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Reserved

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm – College and Young Adult Bible Study

Friday, June 27th

9:00 am – 12:00 pm – Science Camp – St. Andre Bessette Schola

Office Closed

Saturday, June 28th

No activities planned

Sunday, June 29th

9:00 am – 10:00 am – Choir Practice

10:30 am – Worship Service

Monday, June 30th

5:15 pm – Young Life

7:30 pm – Young Life

MEADOWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES
For the Year 2025

	Budget 2025	April	Year to Date	Remaining	33.00%
REVENUE					
Pledges, Envelopes	\$405,000.00	\$37,985.81	\$128,347.29	\$276,652.71	31.69%
Loose Plate	60,000.00	\$3,277.24	161,132.72	(101,132.72)	268.55%
Building Use	31,000.00	\$5,850.00	11,900.00	19,100.00	38.39%
Interest Income	42,000.00	\$3,449.64	11,205.45	30,794.55	26.68%
Gains & Losses on Investments	0.00	\$0.00	4,300.49	(4,300.49)	#DIV/0!
TOTAL REVENUE	\$538,000.00	\$50,562.69	\$316,885.95	\$221,114.05	58.90%
EXPENSES					
CHRISTIAN OUT-REACH	\$105,350.00	\$3,137.68	\$28,254.49	\$77,095.51	26.82%
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	19,250.00	\$424.91	734.89	18,515.11	3.82%
WORSHIP	8,500.00	\$698.46	1,327.75	7,172.25	15.62%
FELLOWSHIP	4,500.00	\$0.00	0.00	4,500.00	0.00%
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	90,400.00	(\$7,657.73)	40,594.36	49,805.64	44.91%
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION	47,700.00	\$4,296.87	12,247.20	35,452.80	25.68%
NURTURE	3,950.00	\$0.00	50.00	3,900.00	1.27%
CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERSHIP	1,300.00	\$0.00	224.39	1,075.61	17.26%
PERSONNEL	378,673.77	\$24,963.15	100,808.78	277,864.99	26.62%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$659,623.77	\$25,863.34	\$184,241.86	\$475,381.91	27.93%
TOTAL REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	(\$121,623.77)	\$24,699.35	\$132,644.09	(\$254,267.86)	

*Safety and Security Budget sits under B&G for organizational purposes only, at this time. The funds hit a 5k grant we received from the government.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

*A MINISTRY COMMITTED TO PASSION FOR CHRIST, COMPASSION FOR ONE
ANOTHER, AND GOD'S WORD FOR ALL*

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Nancy Swisher	4th	Christine Fernandez	14th
Laurie Curtin	8th	Ann Anderson	19th
Michael Madigan	8th	Maddie Corbett	20th
Joyce Hastings	9th	Katie Dolieslager	20th
Bill Zimmerman	9th	Ann Butler	23rd
David Madigan	11th	Betty Hicks	24th
David Widder-Varhegyi	11th	George Riddick	25th
Jane Hamre	12th	Kelly Huntley	26th
Billie Williams	12th	Betty Egbert	28th
Emily Poe	13th		

