

the time is **NOW**



DEAR MEADOWBROOK FAMILY,

The Time is Now Initiative will help us to connect people to Christ and his church, disciple people, enhance our mission and ministry, and will help us glorify God. I excitedly announce the final tier of our initiative.

Over the next few weeks, I, along with several others, will be sharing the vision for The Time is Now. Here is a quick preview.

The Time is Now for us to evangelize Etowah County by every member determining "Who's Your One." Who is one person whom you will pray for and purposefully have gospel conversations with? Imagine if every member of MeadowBrook could name a person for whom they're praying and with whom they're sharing the gospel. Our church and community would gloriously change in a matter of months.

The Time is Now for us to expand our global gospel reach. We know that Jesus commissioned MeadowBrook to all nations, so The Time is Now for us to expand our mission into the Middle East and to the unreached people of nations like Japan.

The Time is Now for us to edify saints and build up the church living in immense difficulty. During the initiative, we will increase the number of Bibles we distribute through churches, help local congregations build places of worship and train more pastors and church leaders. The Time is Now for MeadowBrook

to show love and support to our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ.

The Time is Now for us to begin constructing a new worship complex. With each of us living and giving sacrificially, beginning in May and continuing for 16 months, we will start construction this summer and pay for it in a God-honoring way.

Kay and I believe that MeadowBrook's greatest days are approaching. Our church has a wonderful history. Many times throughout nearly 60 years, the church has been marked by people who believed and acted in faith on the same sentiment, and they were often right. Throughout the decades, God has used his church, MeadowBrook, for his glory and for the good of the community and the world. We have reached a moment in time that will define us and our church for generations to come. It is a unique opportunity to demonstrate great faith, sacrifice, and stewardship.

Goodness & Grace to You,

Pastor Randy



HONORING OUR PAST

1951: A survey conducted by the Alabama Baptist Convention cited the need for nine new churches in Etowah County, AL. Clubview area was a recommended site.

1958: The mission committee of the Etowah Baptist Association (EBA) identified an eight-acre tract on Rainbow Drive, purchased with resources from the Alabama Baptist Executive Board, EBA and First Baptist Church of Gadsden.

August 23, 1959: The organizational and constitutional service was held on the property under a borrowed National Guard Armory tent. The church began that day with 87 people and soon had 147 charter members.

February 28, 1960: The church broke ground for its first building using an old turn plow pulled by members and guided by the pastor. The chapel was completed and the first service was held on September 11, 1960.

April 11, 1965: A second building was constructed for the growing ministries associated with the church.

December 12, 1971: A new sanctuary was dedicated to the Lord along with a tower holding forth a cross for passers-by.

September 30, 1990: The Family Life Center was constructed with the intention of enhanced ministry and community outreach.

February 23, 1997: A three-story education building was completed, providing 44 classrooms for all ages.

November 21, 2004: A remarkable \$600K offering was collected in one Sunday, making the church debt free.

September 10, 2006: Worship services were moved to the FLC for greater seating capacity.

GETTING INVOLVED

SERVE

Be personally invested in the ministry that takes place through MeadowBrook to share God's love with those in our community and around the world.

GIVE

Partner financially by giving both regularly and during this season of special giving. Your financial gifts make a direct and immediate impact in God's Kingdom.

PRAY

Most importantly, pray! Ask God for opportunities to serve, for direction on how you can give financially, and that he would bless and be glorified by the work of MeadowBrook.



Coffee Café and Connection Space

EMBRACING OUR FUTURE

MeadowBrook remains centered on honoring Christ and serving people through missions and ministry. Our facilities are tools that help us accomplish our purpose. To continue and to increase our ministry, the church has elected to raise 8 million dollars to construct a worship center, additional classrooms and connection spaces for gatherings. Placing the new facility amid our other structures connects all of the buildings under roof.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FACILITY:

- Beautiful worship auditorium that will enhance our worship and proclamation, which will also be conducive for Christ-centered weddings, funerals, and services
- 7 additional classrooms, giving us more opportunity to disciple people with Bible truths
- Connective gathering places, including a coffee café, to meet with people for personal conversation and reflection
- Manor Street parking and building entry, easing traffic on Brookhaven and providing senior adult and special needs parking near the building
- Large covered entries for safer drop-off and pick up for children, women and the elderly
- New playground location, providing children a safe environment to play
- New look and approach to MeadowBrook's campus for people traveling south on Rainbow Drive
- A grand corridor connecting all of the church's buildings will eliminate walking outdoors in inclement weather



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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 17

- » Overview of the master plan and current project
- » Reveal updated architectural design
- » Recall MeadowBrook's history
- » The Time is Now to reach Etowah County for Christ

MARCH 24

- » MeadowBrook's vision aided by the project
- » Praising God for victories
- » Member testimony shared
- » The Time is Now to expand our global mission reach

MARCH 31

- » Exploring some of MeadowBrook's issues & solutions
- » Member testimony shared
- » The Time is Now to edify the saints abroad

APRIL 7

- » Prayer Emphasis Sunday
- » Early submittals of Estimate of Giving Cards
- » Building Team available before and after services
- » The Time is Now to prepare for construction.
- » Reveal Worship Center design

APRIL 14

- » Prayer Emphasis Sunday
- » Big Give Weekend – submit Estimate of Giving Cards
- » Building Team available before and after services
- » The Big Give Reveal Celebration Event (6 PM) - Estimate of Giving total revealed