There is always something paradoxical about the birth of a child that enhances our faith and joy, and yet at the same time intensifies our worries and concerns about the future. New parents are filled with these opposite emotions. And if the truth be told all of us experience these same mixed emotions in our own lives emotionally and spiritually on a daily basis. Perhaps this is why Jesus directly addresses this perpetual concern in Matthew 6:25-34 (I’m quoting from the Living Bible) “So my counsel is: Don’t worry about things—food, drink, and clothes. For you already have life and a body—and they are far more important than what to eat and wear. Look at the birds! They don’t worry about what to eat—they don’t need to sow or reap or store up food—for your heavenly Father feeds them. And you are far more valuable to him than they are. Will all your worries add a single moment to your life? “And why worry about your clothes? Look at the field lilies! They don’t worry about theirs. Yet King Solomon in all his glory was not clothed as beautifully as they. And if God cares so wonderfully for flowers that are here today and gone tomorrow, won’t he be more surely care for you, O men of little faith? “So don’t worry at all about having enough food and clothing. Why be like the heathen? For they take pride in all these things and are deeply concerned about them. But your heavenly Father already knows perfectly well that you need them, and he will give them to you if you give him first place in your life and live as he wants you to. “So don’t be anxious about tomorrow. God will take care of your tomorrow too. Live one day at a time.”

Over and over again Jesus warns us about the sin of indulging in disquieting, distracting, or distrustful cares about the things of this life. The reason this is such a problem is because it equally affects us all, rich or poor. Now Jesus is not telling us to be frivolous or irresponsible about our use of the resources He gives us but He is warning us not to become so focused on our material wellbeing that it robs us of our joy in the present. And this has special application to those of us who are well into our “golden years”. Jesus says here, “Take no thought for your life.” As our bodies start to remind us that “this world is not my home, I’m just a passing through” we need to remember that our times are in God’s hands as well and they are the best of hands. When we worry and fret about how much time we have left in this life, or the quality of that time, Jesus tells us gently but firmly that we need to let this matter rest in His hands and trust Him to lengthen or shorten our lives as he pleases. In the same way the daily circumstances of this life are up to Him to make bitter or sweet as he pleases.

Of course it is far easier to be told that we shouldn’t “be anxious about tomorrow” than it is to practice this spiritual discipline but don’t forget: “God will take care of your tomorrow too. Live one day at a time.” This may be one of the hardest lessons God wants to teach us but as the great Bible teacher and preacher Matthew Henry says: “Thoughtfulness for our souls is the best cure of thoughtfulness for the world. Seek first the kingdom of God, and make trusting God your business The conclusion of the whole matter is, that by daily prayers we may get strength to bear us up under our daily troubles, and to arm us against the temptations that attend them, and then let none of these things move us. Happy are those who take the Lord for their God, and make full proof of it by trusting themselves wholly to his wise disposal.”

Blessings,
Pastor Dave
Meadowlark Women and Meadowlark Youth will join to assemble kits for homeless women and children. We are asking for your donations of small size toiletries and other items that will be packaged in plastic zip lock bags and given to the homeless in Escondido.

The list of items we are seeking is below and can be placed in the large red tub on the table as you enter the gathering room. Cash or check donations are also welcomed and appreciated. Any donations will be used to purchase plastic bags and additional items that we may need for our kits.

We invite you to join us on Saturday, June 20th from 11 - 2 pm in the church ministry center where we will sort through all donated items and place them in easy to carry bags.

Come and hear our Guest Speaker, Julia Chadwell, who has been homeless with her children, share her experience.

Meet our Meadowlark Youth and work with them to prepare the Kits for those that are less fortunate. A light lunch will be provided.

Women’s Ministry con’t...

When you live in your car or on a park bench, the gifts of a small bag of hygiene and other items are greatly needed and appreciated.

- Small and Large Zip lock bags
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Brush/Comb
- Tissue
- Hand wipes/sanitizer
- Note pad
- Pen
- Chap Stick
- Small Bible

All donated items will be given to the Salvation Army for distribution.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Diana Nau  760-809-9176
Kirsten van Pletsen  760-505-2036

Part of the Family--Part of the Team
Paul wrote to the Romans!....& we echo to all Brothers & Sisters!

IT’S VBS TIME AT MEADOWLARK
Romans 16:1-- "I commend to you....Cathrine....a servant of the Church... Give her any help she may need--she’s a great help to many...children & families!" (paraphrased!)

WHERE DO YOU FIT IN? YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Submitted by Sharon Hale
Mission News

Have you ever wondered what it’s like to be a missionary in another country?

If you want just a taste of what they might experience, I challenge you to go to a neighborhood in your city where English is not the first language. This could be a barrio, Chinatown, or much more common these days, would be a populated area in your city of Arab-speaking people, or South Asian people. Find a park where you can sit and watch. If you can, ask them about their religion. Eat their food. Ask them for something on the menu that might be really unusual for you, but a favorite for them. Listen to their language and try to mimic the sounds. Observe interactions between women and men. If you can, spend a few days there. Notice when you might feel uncomfortable and at what point you want to get in your car and go home. Did anything make you angry, frustrated, sad or frightened?

This will give you some ideas and some questions that may help you engage with the overseas workers that visit your church. Take time to ask them questions and really listen. What is their passion, what are their hopes and dreams, their fears and where they are hurting. In doing this you may begin to know how to pray more honestly for them and find yourself learning and expanding your own vision of what the other parts of the world are like.

Taken from Joan Wilcox’s newsletter dated 5/8/2015.

Please note that the Blairs, who are in Beijing, China, will be visiting Meadowlark on Sunday, June 7, 2015.

Respectively submitted,
Dorothy Kuster
Meadowlark Church continues to set and achieve high goals and standards in our San Diego Blood Mobile blood donation drives. We have met or surpassed our projected quotas in all three of our recent blood drives and with the donation of 75 units of blood we have made it possible to potentially save 225 lives. Through our donations Meadowlark has reached out to the surrounding communities in San Diego County to make a positive difference to those in need of blood replacement for emergencies or scheduled surgeries.

If you wish to donate between our scheduled blood drives you may do so at any San Diego Blood Bank locations just remember to reference our MLCC account to insure that we get credit for your donation. Also remember that you have to allow eight weeks between donations if you are donating whole blood and sixteen weeks if you are a “double red” donor. Meadowlark’s next blood drive is on August 30, 2015 from 8 AM until 1 PM so remember to give yourself enough time between donations prior to our drive. Our last drive had some people that had signed up not be eligible to donate because they had been called on the phone in the weeks just prior and gave at a Blood Bank location. It is always important to donate if you are able because the need is great but we want to be able to continue to sponsor the blood drives here at Meadowlark and make a difference in our community by surpassing our quotas.

Thanks to all in our congregation here at Meadowlark that stepped up to accept the challenge of “GIVING THE GIFT OF LIFE” and making a difference.

God Bless,
Bill Troop

THE GOOD NEWS CORNER

With Pastor Jake

THERE IS NO JUNE GLOOM IN GOD’S REALM. HE IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, NOT THE GLOOM. THE GOOD NEWS IS: HE WANTS US TO HAVE HIS LIGHT AND THEN WE BECOME HIS LIGHT TO A WORLD OF GLUM, SO SMILE THE LORD LOVES YOU.

By His Grace Homeless Outreach ‘INC’

In the Name of Christ

By Bill Baker, Founder & Chair

wtbaker@roadrunner.com – 760-438-2482.

By His Grace “BHG” is also a founder and member of “ARS” Alliance for Regional Solutions with the 35 other Charities and 9 Cities of North San Diego County Developing a Program to Provide Shelter for all the Homeless in the Nine Cities of North County with all the San Diego County Services and Community Services and Faith Centers in North County.

There are 250+ homeless in Oceanside – Escondido region that are opportunities to serve. We have a history of getting 10-12 into recovery programs such as Interfaith where I serve on the Board. I lead Bible Study in the Winter Shelters from December through March. Emphasis is focused on “Physical Health”, “Financial Career”, Mental & Education”, “Family & Home”.

Please contact me for more information at

wtbaker@roadrunner.com – 760-438-2482.
THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

Father’s Day...
We wish we could tell you how much you mean to us....
We have no words to say about how much we appreciate you...
how much we admire you...
how much we thank you for everything you've done.
We love you so much...

It is always good to remember our Fathers – especially on this day.

I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.

Maya Angelou
**June Ushers**

**First Service**
*Contemporary Service*

Ushers and greeters
- Bob & Judy Wigand
- David and Paula Molta

Communion
- Bob & Judy Wigand

**10:30 Service**
*Traditional Service*

6/7 Lyle Birkley
- Steve Allen
- Marty McDougall
- Janice Birkley

6/14 Larry Hale
- Gordon Olson
- Joan Anderson
- Shyrline Somers

6/21 Ken Kreutz
- Noni Kreutz
- Don Lovitt
- Bill Troop

6/28 Ruben Escovedo
- Ed Griffith
- Audrey Hillier
- Daisy McKennett

Please arrive ½ hour before the service when you serve.

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**SUPPER 6**

Supper 6 will be signing up again in June. We would encourage everyone to sign up in the Ministry Center. We will start up in July. You can be a couple, or two women, or two men can form a twosome. You don’t have to be a member of Meadowlark Church to join. Three couples are assigned together. One couple has the main meal at their house or anywhere they would like to have it. Some have used the dining hall at the lake when they live there, or have a picnic in a park. So use your imagination. If you can’t cook, have it catered. The other two couples bring the salad and dessert, and then you switch around, one couple each month. Everyone enjoys a pleasant evening of good food and great fellowship. Everyone who has been in Supper 6 has really enjoyed the experience and you will too! What better way to meet your fellow church members and enjoy lots of fun and laughter.

For more info. contact: Gordon Olson 760-736-8979

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And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28
A BIG Happy Birthday to these people celebrating their June Birthdays!

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