

Songs for the Summer: Psalm 127
Unless the LORD Builds the House

A SONG OF ASCENTS. OF SOLOMON.

¹ Unless the LORD builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.
Unless the LORD watches over the city,
the watchman stays awake in vain.
² It is in vain that you rise up early
and go late to rest,
eating the bread of anxious toil;
for he gives to his beloved sleep.
³ Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,
the fruit of the womb a reward.
⁴ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior
are the children of one's youth.
⁵ Blessed is the man
who fills his quiver with them!
He shall not be put to shame
when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

Historical Context

This psalm was written by Solomon yet compiled into the collection of psalms known as the Song of Ascents, which were meant to prepare the hearts of the people of God as they returned to the Promised Land and would regularly ascend to Jerusalem for worship in the Second Temple period.

In this psalm, Solomon reflected on his unique role in the Davidic Covenant while also making proverbial application to the entire nation who was to reflect their king's wisdom. Post-exile, this psalm reminded the people about where success truly lay so that they would not repeat the mistakes of past generations' over-confidence in the flesh.

Both groups, however, retained hope for God's faithfulness to be revealed in redemption and Messianic work through a future offspring, whom we know to be Jesus Christ, the Son of David.

God undoes the curse of sin through his Son, Jesus, the son of David.

- a) God restores fellowship and dwells with his people in Christ (1 Cor 3:1–23).
- b) God watches over his people in Christ. (Phil 1:6, 19–21)
- c) God gives rest to his people in Christ. (Heb 4:1–15)
- d) God, through Christ, raises up a multitude of spiritual offspring who overcome the enemy. (John 1:12–13)

Proverbial Application

- 1. You can't guarantee success—and that's ok. (cf. Phil 4.6–7; Matt 6:25–34)
- 2. Labor in faith and beyond yourself.
- 3. Children are a gift; prepare them well.
 - a. Form them.

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:4 ESV)

- b. Sharpen them.

Hear, my son, and be wise, and direct your heart in the way. (Proverbs 23:19 ESV)

- c. Aim them.

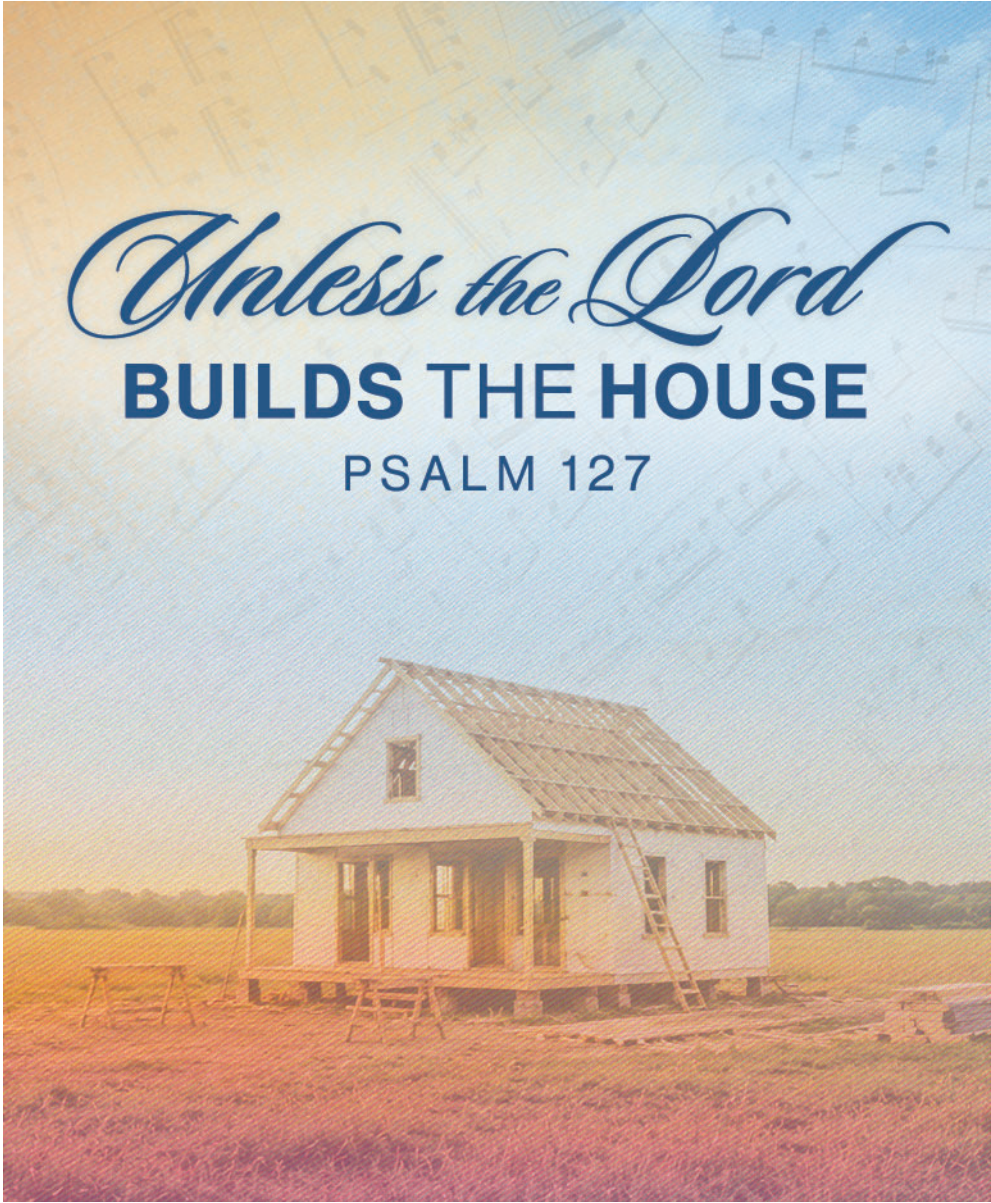
For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. (Ephesians 6:12 ESV)

- d. Send them.

²⁷ For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to him. ²⁸ Therefore I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD. (1 Samuel 1:27-28a ESV)



Sunday, July 26, 2026 • Pastor Randy Gunter
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and His church



TOMORROW NIGHT • 6PM • GYM

A fun, competitive evening, open to all! We will have a beginners clinic for those wanting to learn the basics, and we will have a King and Queen format tournament for those who are looking to put their skills to the test!

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MOVE UP SUNDAY

**LIFE GROUP SUNDAY SCHOOL
PROMOTION DAY**
AUG 2 at 9 & 10:30 AM
PRESCHOOL • CHILDREN • STUDENTS

**55+
ANNUAL FISH FRY**
with **PAUL ALDRICH**
AUGUST 6 | 6:30 PM
Cost: \$10.00



Come enjoy the famed 55+ Fish Fry with Southern fried catfish and all the fixings! **Register on the App or mbchurch.com**

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY

SECRET SUPPER LADIES NIGHT OUT

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13 ★ 5:30-8:00 PM

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them as disciples
and equip them to

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

TODAY

8:00-8:20 am - Sunday Morning Prayer Time - W105
9:00 & 10:30 am - Worship - Worship Center
9:00 & 10:30 am - Life Group
9:00-11:30 am - MeadowBrook Kids - Kids' Theater
9:00-11:30 am - MeadowBrook Preschool
6:30 pm - High School Guys Bible Study at The Steens' Home

MONDAY, JULY 27

6:00 PM - Pickleball Night - Gym

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

6:00 pm - God's Heart for the Nations - Café '59
6:30 pm - Middle School Girls Bible Study
6:30 pm - Middle School Guys Bible Study
6:30 pm - Worship Choir Rehearsal - Worship Center

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

6:30 pm - 6th Grade Welcome Party - The Hangar



Take the next step toward finding Christ-centered community at MeadowBrook by visiting a Life Group. For a listing of our classes, pick up a Life Group booklet at Guest Connections.

2026 DAILY BIBLE READING

July 26 - Isaiah 61
July 27 - Isaiah 62
July 28 - Isaiah 63
July 29 - Isaiah 64

July 30 - Isaiah 65
July 31 - Isaiah 66
August 1 - Luke 1:1-38

Welcome

If you are our **GUEST**, we'd like to **CONNECT** with you! Please fill out a **CONNECTION CARD** and stop by **GUEST CONNECTIONS** for a **FREE** gift!

**SERVICES MIDWEEK SERVICES MIDW
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**MidWeek Services
resume August 5th**

Something for ALL ages!

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through missions,
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NEXT STEPS
TAKE THE NEXT STEP AT MEADOWBROOK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 | 11:45 AM

This lunch is for anyone who has been attending and prayerfully considering membership. We'll walk through our doctrine, beliefs, structure and answer any questions you may have. (Pre-requisite for membership)

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MeadowBrook Missions Cohort

Our Missions Cohort is a 10-session class where we will explore the biblical foundations for the Great Commission in the Old and New Testaments and learn about our mission partnerships. Come and join us in the Round Room on Sundays at 4:00 PM, beginning August 9th. **Cost - \$15.00**

REGISTER on the App or MBCHURCH.COM



The Forge: Father/Son Retreat

November 6-7, 2026

WorldSong Missions Place, Cook Springs

Cost: \$90 per adult / \$45 per child
(\$20 deposit per registrant)

Register on the App or mbchurch.com

Prayer Needs

Cancer/Treatments: Rob Morris, Kyle Hughes, Margie Martin, Robert Darnell, Aiden Beck, Larry Hill, Jamye Ingram, Anna Rae Wilson, Tiki Kemp McConnell, Charles Wells, Bonnie Pierce, Scott Watford, Sabrina Freeman, Sharon Tillison, Paul Roberts, Carol Collins

Ongoing Needs: Bebe Pruett, Chris Burnette, Lloyd & Diane Matthews, Susan Mize, Lola-Ruth Adams, Landon Cunningham, Archie Wade, Denise Dover, Peggy Brizendine, Kathy Thompson, Jimmy & Delores Thompson, Lavelle Ogletree, Danny Maddox, Robin Roberts, Ron Crawford, Phil Causey, Janet Maise, Rita Tipton, David Draper, Reese Robinson, Charlotte Taylor, Lindsey Rakestraw, Laura Hoge, Tim Davis, Gary Alexander, Karen Ragan, Linda Roy, Joan Henry, Linda Dees, Gerry Grant, Dorothy Hand, Kenny Cahall, Rita McClure, Ivan Fike

- Debbie Bearden & family in the loss of her brother, Tim Burgess
- Delores Thompson