THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 16, 2022 Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church Buies Creek, North Carolina

Refusing to surrender, I eventually realised that wrestling with God was not a crime. That I was, in fact, being held. Being healed. Being transformed by finding you beyond answers. Being blessed by holding on to you in my doubt and frustration and never letting go. And you never let go.

(excerpt from the poem, The Wrestle, by David Tensen)

GATHERING

PRELUDE Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken Anne McClain, organist

Robert J. Hughes

Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor

INVOCATION **Garrett Riewestahl**

Psalm 121

† HYMN OF PRAISE 14

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

Izzv Morrow

PSALTER (responsively)

WELCOME

I look up to the hills, but where does my help come from?

My help comes from the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.

The Lord will not let you be defeated.

He who guards you never sleeps.

He who guards Israel never rests or sleeps.

The Lord guards you.

The Lord is the shade that protects you from the sun.

The sun cannot hurt you during the day,

and the moon cannot hurt you at night.

The Lord will protect you from all dangers;

the Lord will guard your life.

The Lord will guard you as you come and go, both now and forever.

Lord, ever watchful and faithful,

we look to you to be our defense

and we lift our hearts to know your help;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Mrs. Craddock

I Timothy 1: 15 and I John 2: 1-2

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Therefore if anyone sins, we have an advocate with God, Jesus Christ, who died for the forgiveness of our sins; and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.

ANTIPHON

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

CHILDREN PRAYING

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

* Following the Antiphon, children may meet Mrs. Carrie and Mrs. Sarah at the back of the sanctuary to leave for Kid's Church.

PROCLAIMING

SERMON

P.U.S.H Luke 18: 1-8 Mrs. Craddock

God will always give what is right to his people who cry to him night and day.

Genesis 32: 22-32

I have seen God face to face, but my life was saved.

ANTHEM

O Lord, I Pray

Craig Courtney

O Lord, I pray that on this day I may not swerve by foot or hand from Thy command: Not to be served, but to serve.

O Lord, I pray that for this day no love of ease or pride prevent my good intent: Not to be pleased, but to please.

And if I may, I'd have this day strength from above to set my heart on heavenly art: Not to be loved, but to love, but to love.

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee; Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

RESPONDING

INVITATION and **OFFERING**

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Larry Shackley

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Earl Savage

SENDING

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY

Mrs. Craddock

CLOSER WALK

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 448

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

† BENEDICTION

Ad. fr. John Claypool

Mrs. Craddock

Go now into God's world as those who are called to be God's people, remembering as you go that by God's goodness you were born into this life, by God's grace you have been kept to this very hour, and by God's love, fully revealed in Jesus Christ, you are being redeemed, now and forevermore. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Postlude on ITALIAN HYMN

Edward Broughton

† The congregation is invited to stand.

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Molly Cannady, Temple Cannady, Scotty Scarborough, Jimmy Jung, Ofelia Hoyle, Tammy Pentony, David Price, Carolyn Walker, Jeanne Barker, Linda Smith, Mary Lou Ellen, Pauline Calloway

Family and Friends: Lori Strickland (daughter of Susan Johnson), Bud and Doreen Slussler (friends of Susan Johnson), Jean Gurganious (friend of Susan Johnson), Margo Ardelean (friend of Susan Johnson), Tony Malden (friend of Will Roberts), Lennie Hamilton and wife (friends of Will Roberts)

Emerald Health and Rehab Center (Lillington, NC): Pat Stiller

In order to keep our prayer list current, we will place names on the list for one month. After one month we will remove names from the list. If there is a need for a name to be on the list for a longer period, please notify us and we will be happy to comply.

Deacons for October: Laura Rich and Tammy Scarborough **Deacons for November**: Earl Savage and Jac Whatley

Ushers Today: Jeff Pope, Derek Hogan, Ron McLamb and Joshua

Ushers for October 23: Nancy Brady, Bob Cisneros, Barrett Kesling and Miles West

Kid's Church Today: Carrie and Sarah Royal

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Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 9am - 5pm Other Staff: By Appointment

TODAY, October 16th

Friends Class - Sunday School: 8:45 a.m. (In Person & Online)

Sarah's Open Door Class - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. (In Person & Online)

Children - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

Youth - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary) Kid's Church: 10:15 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY, October 19th

Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)

Simple Supper - Pizza and Salad: 6:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) Church-wide Mission Project: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) Appalachian Christmas Backpacks Assembly night

All ages are welcome to participate!

Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

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> Mission Kids - Green Leaf BINGO Night: 6:30 p.m. Wear your costume and play BINGO with the residents of

Green Leaf Care Center.

Questions? See Cherry DeVane or Adam English

Youth Mission Activity: 6:30 p.m.

Adult Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

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Check the bulletin board for more community announcements.

Financial Position for the Period 1/1/22 - 8/28/22

» Total support, 1/1/22 - 8/28/22		\$	211,276
» Total expenditures	<u>.</u>	\$ ((244,129)
» Expenditures exceed support		\$	(32,853)
» Total 2022 Budget Proposal		\$	422,529
» Percent of year passed	67%		
» Support needed to meet budget		\$	281,686
» Support received as of 8/28/22	<u>.</u>	\$	211,276
» Budget support shortfall as of 8/28/22		\$	(70,410)
» Principal due on line of credit for church renovation		\$	92,448

CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

- Clothes Closet: NOVEMBER 19, 2022
- Harnett Food Pantry: collecting non-perishable foods and egg cartons



Needed for October - - Canned Fruit Cocktail You may also make a monetary donation to Memorial Baptist Church and put 'Food Pantry' on the memo line.

Buddy Backpack: collecting "nab crackers"

[cheese with cheese or cheese with peanut butter] You may also make a monetary donation to Memorial Baptist Church and put 'Buddy Backpack' on the memo line.



We are close to the end of collecting for this mission project. We are now asking for items **BACKPACKS** that we need more of to complete the bags.

For the month of **OCTOBER**, we are asking for: Hairbrushes, Scarfs and Individually Wrapped Candy (no chocolate or peanut products please).

Please deliver to the church office during the week or place in the basket in the narthex on Sunday morning.





MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

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Memorial Baptist Church is an inviting, inclusive, Christ-centered community of faith open to all persons who want to walk with us in following the way of Jesus. If you mourn and need comfort; if you're weary and need rest; if you feel friendless and need friendship; if you need a Savior; if you need love; if you need help; whoever you are and whatever your circumstances, we open the door and in the name of Jesus bid you come.

The Rev. Edward Beddingfield. Pastor Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor Dr. Phillip and Susan Morrow, Ministers of Music Anne McClain, Organist Mariamarta Conrad, Worship Assistant Ashley Nelson, Administrative Assistant Wayne Smith, Custodian