

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

WELCOME and INVOCATION Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*

THE SERVICE OF ADVENT

Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*
with Erin, Brandon, Ezra and Isla Brown
and Jeroen and Liz Stone

Lighting of the Candle of the Angels and Shepherds
Chrismon: *Shepherd's Crook* Mrs. Craddock

Peace

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella
Angels, from the Realms of Glory James Montgomery

Let Us Adore Him (Reprise)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and The Lord's Prayer (*unison*) Mr. Beddingfield

GIVING OF OFFERINGS	<i>One Small Child</i>	David Meece
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† HYMN OF INVITATION and SENDING FORTH 86 ST. LOUIS
O Little Town of Bethlehem
 stanzas 1, 3 and 4

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION	<i>Ad. fr. John Claypool</i>	Mr. Beddingfield
<p style="margin: 0;">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.</p>		

POSTLUDE *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* arr. Edward Broughton

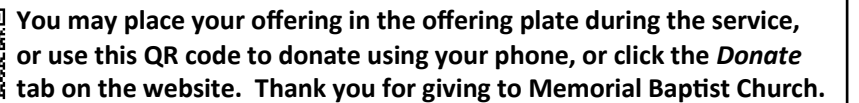
PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Harriet Enzor, Betty Wallace, Jimmy Jung, David Price, Carolyn Walker, Linda Smith, Mary Lou Ellen, Pauline Calloway

Family and Friends: Mary Anne Tomlinson (*mother of Meredith Williams*), Kathleen Whatley (*mother of Jac Whatley*), Brian Worth (*friend of Cindy Avrette*), Frank and Peggy Giunta (*grandparents of Heather Giunta*), Laura Yarbrough, Teresa Roberts, Paul Daley (*retired director of Cameron Boys Camp and Camp Duncan for Girls*), Bob Appel (*husband of Debbie Appel*), Don Hogan (*father of Derek Hogan*), Jane Milligan (*niece of Jeanne Barker*), David Lanier (*brother of Meredith Craddock*)

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 December 2022: Gail Cogdill and Ron McLamb
Deacons for January 2023: Theresa Batten and Trinity Kelly

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

Ushers for December 25: Nancy Brady, Bob Cisneros, Barrett Kesling and Miles West

No Kid's Church Today

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

TODAY, December 18th

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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)

No Kids' Church Today

Fireside at Memorial: 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

*** Please bring Christmas goodies to share afterward. ***

WEDNESDAY, December 21st

* **No Children's Choir**

* **No Simple Supper**

Church-wide Caroling: 5:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 6:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, December 24th

Christmas Eve Service: 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, December 25th

Merry Christmas

Christmas Day Service: 10:00 a.m.

DECEMBER 2022

28 * **No Wednesday Night Activities**



Many thanks to the MBC Children's Choir for telling the story of Jesus' birth at the program last Sunday evening. A special thanks to the congregation who helped create the nativity during the program.

You are a blessing to us all.

~ Susan Morrow



*** Year-End Giving:**

In planning your year-end giving, please be reminded that your contributions must be received in the church office by **December 30, 2022** (or post-marked by December 31, 2022) in order to be reported as a 2022 gift.

Financial Position for the Period 1/1/22 - 11/30/22

» Total support, 1/1/22 - 11/30/22	\$ 320,557
» Total expenditures	\$ (341,976)
» Expenditures exceed support	\$ (21,419)
» Total 2022 Budget Proposal	\$ 422,529
» Percent of year passed	92%
» Support needed to meet budget	\$ 386,643
» Support received as of 11/30/22	\$ 320,557
» Budget support shortfall as of 11/30/22	\$ (66,086)
» Principal due on line of credit for church renovation	\$ 88,751

CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

• **Clothes Closet:** Date TBA

• **Harnett Food Pantry:** collecting non-perishable foods and egg cartons



Needed for December - - **Canned Sweet Peas**

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]

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Missions Mailbox

MBC Mission Kids **Missions Mailbox** is open for business. If you would like to "mail" a Christmas card to someone in our congregation, drop them off at the mailbox that is set up in the narthex. The cost to "mail" a card is only **25¢** each. All the money raised will go to support a mission project.

The **Missions Mailbox** will be open for business until December 25th.



Check the bulletin board for more community announcements.

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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