

July 9, 2023  
Ten O'clock in the Morning

**GATHERING**

PRELUDE arr. Robert Hughes

*Holy, Holy, Holy*  
*Anne McClain, organ*

† INVOCATION	<i>Ad. fr. Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (Augsburg Fortress), 2002.</i>	Mr. Beddingfield
<p>Lord God, friend of those in need, your Son Jesus          unties our heavy burdens and heals our broken spirits.          Merciful God, hear the cries of those who are troubled,          bringing to them peace, comfort and courage.          Life-giving God, heal our own lives, that we may have strength          to bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.          Yoked together in Christ, may we follow his lead, do his work,          and lean on one another in mutual faith and joy; for Jesus' sake, <b>Amen.</b></p>		

PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Brittany Montgomery,  
*Ministry Intern*

PSALTER READING (*responsively*) Bob Cisneros, Deacon

Psalm 145: 8-14

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**The Lord is good to all, whose compassion is over all that is made.**

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,

**And all your saints shall bless you:**

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom;

**They shall tell of your power;**

They shall make known to one another your mighty deeds;

**They shall declare the glorious splendor of your reign;**

For your reign is an everlasting reign,

**And your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

The Lord is faithful in every word and gracious in every deed;

**The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.**

Worship Song

Trading My Sorrows

with Gracie Jonas, vocals and Steve DeVane, piano

*I'm trading my sorrow, I'm trading my shame  
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord  
I'm trading my sickness, I'm trading my pain  
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.*

*And we say yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes, Lord  
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes, Lord  
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes, Lord. Amen*

*I'm pressed but not crushed, persecuted not abandoned  
Struck down but not destroyed  
I'm blessed beyond the curse for His promise will endure  
And His joy's gonna be my strength*

*Though the sorrow may last for the night  
His joy comes with the morning.*

They bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them  
on people's shoulders; but they themselves  
will not lift one finger to help move them.

SERMON *Heavy and Hard, Easy and Light* Mr. Beddingfield

INSTRUMENTAL REFLECTION

arr. Gary Lanier

*Softly and Tenderly*  
Mrs. Craddock, *viola* and Mrs. McClain, *piano*

*Come home, come home*  
*You who are weary, come home*  
*Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling*  
*Calling, O sinner, come home.*

INVITATION TO GIVE and OFFERTORY Lorie Line  
*Just As I Am*

† INVITATION and HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 182

*What A Friend We Have in Jesus*

CONVERSE

† BENEDICTION	<i>Ad. fr. John Claypool</i>	Mr. Beddingfield
<p style="margin: 0; text-align: center;">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 *Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven* arr. Penny Rodriguez

**Members:** Will and Christine Roberts, Betty Wallace, Jimmy Jung, Linda Smith, Pauline Calloway

**Family and Friends:** David Lanier (brother of Meredith Craddock); Maurice Johnson (brother of Randall Johnson and Shelby Stancil); Aaron Bowers (*brother of Charissa English*); Peggy Giunta (*grandmother of Heather Giunta*); Brian Worth (*friend of Cindy Avrette*); Josephine Simpson (*neighbor of Pastor Ed*); Glenn Johnson; Parker Wilson (*Sylva, NC*); Noah Rayon (*student from CFCA*)

**Aldersgate senior living center (Charlotte, NC):** Louise Taylor

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

**Prayers of Comfort** are extended to the family of Mary Lou Ellen in her death on

**Deacons for July 2023:** Theresa Batten and Trinity Kelly  
**Deacons for August 2023:** Brandon Brown and Tammy Scarborough  
**Ushers Today:** Siu-Ki Wong, Brandon Brown, Beverley Howard and Matthew Sadler  
**Ushers July 16:** Jeff Pope, Derek Hogan, Ron McLamb and Joshua Taylor  
**Kids' Church Today:** NO Kids' Church

<u><b>Financial Position for the Period 1/1/23 - 6/30/23</b></u>	
» Total support, 1/1/2023 - 6/30/2023	\$ 200,653
» Total expenditures	<u>\$ (187,088)</u>
» Support exceeded expenditures	\$ <b>13,565</b>
» Total 2023 Budget Proposal	\$ 413,084
» Percent of year passed	50%
» Support needed to meet budget	\$ 204,844
» Undesignated support received as of 5/31/2023	<u>\$ 182,719</u>
» Budget support shortfall as of 5/31/2023	<b>\$ (22,125)</b>
» Principal due on line of credit for church renovation	\$ 75,929

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

## TODAY, July 9<sup>th</sup>

**Friends Class - Sunday School:** 8:45 a.m.  
**Sarah's Open Door Class - Sunday School:** 9:00 a.m.  
**Children - Sunday School:** 9:00 a.m. (Library)  
**Youth - Sunday School:** 9:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
**Worship Service:** 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)  
**Kids' Church:** NO Kids' Church during the month of July

## MONDAY, July 10<sup>th</sup>

**Deacon's Meeting:** 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)

## WEDNESDAY, July 12<sup>th</sup>

**Summer Choir Rehearsal III:** 7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)

## JULY 2023

**16** **Friends Class - Sunday School:** 8:45 a.m.  
**Sarah's Open Door Class - Sunday School:** 9:00 a.m.  
**Children - Sunday School:** 9:00 a.m. (Library)  
**Youth - Sunday School:** 9:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
**Worship Service:** 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)  
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**19** \* *No Wednesday Night Activities*

**23** **Friends Class - Sunday School:** 8:45 a.m.  
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**26** **BUSINESS MEETING:** 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
**Summer Choir Rehearsal IV:** 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

**30** **Friends Class - Sunday School:** 8:45 a.m.  
**Sarah's Open Door Class - Sunday School:** 9:00 a.m.  
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## AUGUST 2023

**2** \* *No Wednesday Night Activities*

**4** **VBS - JOURNEY to OZ:** 4 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**5** **VBS - JOURNEY to OZ:** 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**6** **VBS - JOURNEY to OZ:** 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (including church-wide lunch)

Follow the **Yellow Brick Road** to  
Memorial Baptist Church for  
**VBS 2023**



**JOURNEY to OZ:**

Loving the Lord with all your  
mind, heart, strength and soul.

**August 4-6**  
(Ages 4 - 5th grade)

Sign up in church office, on MBC's Facebook page  
or website at [www.memorialbcnc.org](http://www.memorialbcnc.org).

Scan to Register



**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

- ♦ Food on Friday
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- ♦ Food on Sunday
- ♦ Snacks
- ♦ Decorations  
(For example: hay, trees, apples, corn stalks, scarecrow, balloon arch, etc.)
- ♦ Craft preparations
- ♦ Teacher's Assistants

Please let Meredith know if you can help in any of these areas.



For July, we will be collecting  
*Brushes, Combs* and *Deodorant*.

We also welcome monetary donations to go toward the purchase of backpacks and Bibles. Designate your donation as '*Backpacks*.'

Here are items we will be collecting in the near future:  
*candy (no chocolate), pop-top canned food items  
(such as ravioli, tuna, beef stew, vegetables, fruit, etc.)*

## CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

- **Clothes Closet:** Next Date TBD
- **Harnett Food Pantry:** collecting **non-perishable foods** and **egg cartons**  
Needed for July - - **Applesauce**  
*Monetary donations to MBC are also welcome. Designate 'Food Pantry' on the memo line.*

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



# MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

*Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*July 9, 2023*

*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  
Brittany Montgomery, Ministry Intern  
Mariamarta Conrad, Worship Assistant  
Ashley Nelson, Administrative Assistant  
Wayne Smith, Custodian