THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 16, 2023 Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church Buies Creek, North Carolina

How is it that the Creator of the universe will bless and save the whole creation? By working in and through specific individuals, families, and communities in real time, in real places, over the course of many generations, up to this very day. By entering the limits of time and space to influence the stories of a few, God alters the story of the many.

> ~ Libby Howe, staff member for peace and justice issues at the Wisconsin Council of Churches, "In the Lectionary," The Christian Century, Vol. 140 No. 7, July 2023, p. 26.

GATHERING

PRELUDE Praise the Lord! Anne McClain, organ Gilbert M. Martin

WELCOME and † INVOCATION

Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor

† HYMN OF PRAISE 56

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Dr. Michael Cogdill

Romans 8: 1-2 and 11b

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. for the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and death . . . [And] the One who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through the Spirit that dwells in you.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (responsively)

Mrs. Craddock

Psalm 119: 105-112 (New English Bible)

Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

I have bound myself by oath and solemn vow to keep your just decrees.

I am cruelly afflicted; O Lord, revive me and make good your word.

Accept, O Lord, my offerings of praise, and teach me your decrees.

Every day I take my life in my hands, but I never forget your law.

Evil people have set traps for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.

Your instruction is my everlasting inheritance; it is the joy of my heart.

I am resolved to fulfill your statutes; they are a reward that never fails.

† HYMN OF TESTIMONY 301

I Am Resolved

RESOLUTION

stanzas 1 and 3

† SONG OF PETITION

Thy Word

THY WORD

(Refrain)

All: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

Soloist: When I feel afraid and I think I've lost my way You're there right beside me

> Nothing will I fear as long as you are near Please be near me to the end. (Refrain)

Soloist: I will not forget your love for me, and yet My heart forever is wandering Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side I will love you to the end. (Refrain)

PROCLAIMING

SCRIPTURES

Temple and Susan Cannady

Romans 8: 5-10

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the spirit is life and peace.

Gospel

Epistle

Matthew 13: 18-23

But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit.

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 25: 19-34

Edward Beddingfield, Pastor

Thus Esau despised his birthright.

What About Me?

SERMON

RESPONDING

ANTHEM Be Still and Know Victor C. Johnson

Mr. Beddingfield

Be still and know that I am God, be still and know that I am God. I will comfort you, keep and strengthen you; be still and know that I am God.

In your time of tribulation I will be your strength. In your moments of loneliness, I will bring you peace, I will bring you peace.

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

Brittany Montgomery, Ministry Intern

Our Father, who art in heaven: Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO GIVE and OFFERTORY

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY

Be Thou My Vision Dayna Scarborough, piano arr. John Carter

SENDING

† INVITATION and HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 474 We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder JACOB'S LADDER

Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Ad. fr. John Claypool

Mr. Beddingfield 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

Fanfare Postlude Mrs. McClain

Douglas E. Wagner

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Elizabeth "Beth" Johnson on the occasion of her birthday by the Karlinski family.

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Jac Whatley, Will and Christine Roberts, Betty Wallace, Jimmy Jung, Linda Smith. Pauline Calloway

Family and Friends: Family of Mary Lou Ellen; Donna Haynes and her brother, Michael Warren; 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

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 July 2023: Theresa Batten and Trinity Kelly

Deacons for August 2023: Brandon Brown and Tammy Scarborough

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

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

No Kids' Church during the month of July

Financial Position for the Period 1/1/23 - 6/30/23

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

TODAY, July 16th

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) * No Kids' Church during the month of July

WEDNESDAY, July 19th

Missions Committee Meeting: 7:00 p.m. * No Other Wednesday Night Activities

IULY 2023

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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.

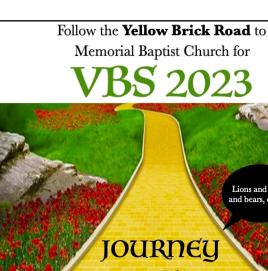
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AUGUST 2023

- * No Wednesday Night Activities
- VBS ~ JOURNEY TO OZ: 4 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
- VBS ~ JOURNEY TO OZ: 10 a.m. 2:30 p.m.
- VBS ~ JOURNEY TO OZ: 10 a.m. 12:30 p.m. (including church-wide lunch)



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.

YOU'RE INVITED!!

Join us at Auntie Em's Café for an old-fashioned covered dish luncheon after service on August 6th. Please bring main dishes, side dishes and desserts.

Supplies and Food Items Needed:

- Cheddar cheese slices and crackers
- Bugles
- Apples PB&J sandwiches
- Fruit bowl
- Haystacks
- Animal crackers
- Rice krispy treats
- Witches brooms cheese stick on pretzel)
- Green napkins
- Green plastic plates
- Green utensils
- Green cups

Craft/Décor Needed:

- Paper Poppies (instructions provided)
- Balloon arches
- Giant Lollipops
- Leaves for trees
- * Please let Meredith know if you can bring any of these items or if you can help with craft projects listed. *



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

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