

July 23, 2023
Ten O'clock in the Morning

~ *Ad. fr. an online journal by Libby Howe, staff member at the Wisconsin Council of Churches, written in March, 2020, at the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic.*

PRELUDE *The Solid Rock* arr. Douglas Wagner
Anne McClain, *organ*

O God, the author and fountain of hope,
help us this day and always to rely with confident expectation
on your promise of peace and strength and joy.

O God, who never forsakes those who trust in you,
may that hope preserve us sure and steadfast, unshaken and secure,
in all the difficulties and disappointments of life.

O God, who knows the plans you have for us, even when we do not,
remind us that the trials and hindrances of this present time
are not worth comparing with the glory that shall be revealed.

Help us, O God, to hope where we have not seen,
then to believe where we have hoped, then to walk where we have believed,
until our footsteps bring us at last and forevermore to your eternal presence;
through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray, **Amen.**

Though with a scornful wonder the world sees us oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
But soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE Brittany Montgomery, *Ministry Intern*

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me, and know my thoughts!
And see if there be any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

VOCAL TESTIMONY *Safe Within Your Arms* Mark Hayes
Jonathan Lazenby, *vocalist*

POSTLUDE *Mighty Maker of All* Rachel Sawyer

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

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

Deacons for July 2023: Theresa Batten and Trinity Kelly
Deacons for August 2023: Brandon Brown and Tammy Scarborough

Ushers Today: Nancy Brady, Bob Cisneros, Barrett Kesling and Miles West
Ushers July 30: Al Hardison, Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson and Linda Lunney

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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	\$ 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 23rd

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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WEDNESDAY, July 26th

Simple Supper: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
BUSINESS MEETING: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Summer Choir Rehearsal IV: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

JULY 2023

30 Friends Class - Sunday School: 8:45 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.

Scan to Register

EVERYONE IS 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.

Please let
Meredith know
if you plan to
bring a dish.

APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS

For July, we are 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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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 23, 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