

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 27, 2023

Ten O’clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church

Buies Creek, North Carolina

Christ didn’t die to make us nice, He died to make us new.

~ C. S. Lewis, “Nice People or New Men” (paraphrase); and

“It is not mere improvement but Transformation.”

~ C. S. Lewis, “The New Men.” Both from Mere Christianity, Macmillan, New York, 1960.

“Transformation is not a self-help project.”

~ Derek Hogan, personal conversation, Aug 22, 2023.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Anne McClain, organ

WELCOME

Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*

† INVOCATION

Ad. Fr. The Book of Common Prayer,

Mr. Beddingfield

Collect for Proper 18

Lord of all grace, power and might, and author and giver of all good things:

Grant in our hearts this day the love of your holy name;

increase our faith, nourish us in all goodness,

and bring forth in us the fruit of good works;

and transform us by the renewing of our minds,

that we may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God;

in Jesus’ name we pray, Amen

† HYMN OF PRAISE 15

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Brittany Montgomery, *Ministry Intern*

DEDICATION OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Meredith Lanier Craddock,

Associate Pastor, with Congregation

Gracious God, we lift to you today these students, teachers, school staff and other educators.

These students are ready to receive your blessings and commit themselves to study and learning in the school year ahead. As they travel from home to school and back again, may they be mindful of your love and the care of this congregation that will surround them each school day.

We pray for the teachers, staff and administrators in our schools. In their vocation, they continue the teaching ministry of Christ. We pray for your blessing over their lives, their work, their livelihood and their families. May they be empowered by your Spirit to see the needs of their students and to inspire those under their care.

We also pray for our parents and guardians. Strengthen them from within, so that they might be a source of confidence, support and hope for their children.

† The congregation is invited to stand.

Lord, may all of these people be sustained by your blessing. Through your guidance, may they grow in grace and wisdom. We pray this in the name of Christ our Lord whom we seek to follow day by day. Amen.

PROCLAIMING

GOSPEL

Matthew 16: 13-20

Lalia Turlington, *Reader*

Blessed are you, Simon, son of John!

For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you,

but my Father who is in heaven.

† ANTIPHON

Sanctuary

John Thompson/Randy Scruggs

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary

Pure and holy, tried and true

With thanksgiving I’ll be a living

Sanctuary for you.

EPISTLE

Romans 12: 1-19a, 21

Mr. Beddingfield

Be not conformed to this world,

but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

WITNESS IN SONG

New Wine

Brooke Gabrielle Fraser

Mariamarta Conrad, vocalist

In the crushing, in the pressing

You are making new wine

In the soil I now surrender

You are breaking new ground

So I yield to you into your careful hand

When I trust you I don’t need to understand

Make me your vessel, make me an offering

Make me whatever you want me to be

I came here with nothing but all you have given me

Jesus bring new wine out of me

‘Cause where there is new wine there is new power

There is new freedom and the kingdom is here

I lay down my old flames to carry your new fire today

SERMON

Let It Be

Mr. Beddingfield

RESPONDING

ANTHEM

Amazing Grace

Marianne Forman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

and The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*)

Mrs. Craddock

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.

OFFERTORY

I Need Thee Every Hour

Anna Laura Page

Dayna Scarborough, *piano*

THE ORDINANCE OF BAPTISM

Lee Turlington, *candidate*

Invitation to the Waters and Prayer of Dedication

Introduction of the Candidate

Baptismal Scripture

Romans 10: 9

If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead,

you will be saved.

Vows of Baptism

Do you believe in our heart that God raised Jesus from the dead? **I do.**

What is your confession of faith? **Jesus is Lord.**

The Baptism

SENDING

† INVITATION and HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 277

HENDON

Take My Life, and Let it Be

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY

Mrs. Craddock

† BENEDICTION

Mrs. Craddock

POSTLUDE

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

David Paxton

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Martha Womble, Donna Penny, Pauline Calloway, Jac Whatley, Betty Wallace, Jimmy Jung, Linda Smith

Family and Friends: Jeroen and Liz Stone; Rusty Armstrong, Wanda Sims, Rhonda Rockholt (*friends of Ofe Hoyle*); Proctorville Baptist Church; Michael Warren (*brother of Donna Haynes*); Ernest and Linda Savage (*brother and sister-in-law of Earl Savage*); Lacy Massey (*step-dad of Jeff Pope*); Wayne McLamb (*brother-in-law of Jeff Pope*); Brian Worth (*friend of Cindy Avrette*); Josephine Simpson (*neighbor of Pastor Ed*); Glenn Johnson; Parker Wilson (*Sylva, NC*); Maurice Johnson (*brother of Randall Johnson and Shelby Stancil*); Noah Rayon (*student from CFCA*)

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

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

Condolences to the family of Meredith’s brother, David Lanier, of Hartsville, SC.

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 August 2023: Brandon Brown and Tammy Scarborough

Deacons for September 2023: Randall Johnson and Cherry DeVane

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

Ushers Sept. 3: Al Hardison, Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson and Linda Lunney

Kids’ Church: Meredith Craddock and Brittany Montgomery

TODAY, August 27th
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 Today

WEDNESDAY, August 30th
RESUME WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY ACTIVITIES
* No Children’s Choir
Simple Supper - Pizza and Salad: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Mission Kids: 6:30 p.m. (Classroom)
Youth Activity: 6:30 p.m. (Library)
Adult Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) - **“Equally Called”**
* No Chancel Choir Rehearsal

SEPTEMBER 2023

3 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

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6 Children’s Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
Simple Supper - Nacho Bar: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Mission Kids: 6:30 p.m. (Classroom)
Youth Activity: 6:30 p.m. (Library)
Adult Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) - **“Equally Called”**
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

10 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: 10:15 a.m. (Library)

Equally Called

Celebrating Women’s Leadership in the Church

Jointly produced by CBF and Baptist Women in Ministry.
A brief video featuring Professor Jennifer Bashaw
of Campbell University followed by group discussion
Wednesday night: Aug. 30 and Sept 6, 13, and 20.

Backpack Blessing

During today's worship service we will have a special back to school prayer for all students, teachers and administrators.

MAUI WILD FIRES RELIEF

Wild fires have become a life threat in Maui, Hawaii. We pray for those that have lost loved ones as well as property; for the first responders and their families; for the churches that have become the hands and feet of Christ. As brother and sisters in Christ, we are called to solidarity and show our love through support. They ask for our prayers and financial support. Please give generously at: www.cbf.net/hawaii and write “Hawaii fires” in the comment field.

Buies Creek Fire Department
Smoke Alarm Campaign

If you would like for your smoke detector to be inspected, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the hall.

For August, we are collecting
POP-TOP CANNED FOOD ITEMS
(such as ravioli, tuna, beef stew, vegetables, fruit, etc.)

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

CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

- Clothes Closet: August 26, 2023
- Harnett Food Pantry: collecting non-perishable foods and egg cartons
Needed for August - - Green Beans
Monetary donations to MBC are also welcome. Designate contribution as ‘Food Pantry.’

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Other Staff: By Appointment



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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