

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 10, 2023
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Love yourself last; look, and behold your duty
To those who walk beside you down life's road;
Make glad their days by little acts of beauty,
And help them bear the burden of earth's load.

Love yourself last; and you shall grow in spirit
To see and hear, to know and understand;
And then the message of the heav'ns, you'll hear it!
And all God's joys shall be at your command.

~ Ella Wheeler Wilcox, 1850-1919,
American author and poet (ad.)

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Prelude on PISGAH* Gilbert M. Martin
Anne McClain, organ

WELCOME Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor

† INVOCATION Mrs. Craddock

† HYMN OF PRAISE 208 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* BEECHER
stanzas 1, 2 and 4

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE Brittany Montgomery, Ministry Intern

PROCLAIMING

PSALTER (responsively) Psalm 119: 33-40 Mrs. Craddock

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

**Give me understanding,
that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.**

Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.

Turn my eyes from looking at vanities, and give me life in your ways.

Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.

Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.

**Look and see how I have longed for your precepts;
in your righteousness give me life.**

EPISTLE Romans 13: 8-14 Mrs. Craddock and Ms. Montgomery
Love does no wrong to a neighbor;
therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

. . . Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and
make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

† WORSHIP CHORUS *I Could Sing of Your Love Forever* Martin Smith

Over the mountains and the sea, your river runs with love for me,
And I will open up my heart and let the healer set me free.
I'm happy to be in the truth and I will daily lift my hands,
For I will always sing of when Your love came down.

I could sing of Your love forever, I could sing of Your love forever.
I could sing of Your love forever, I could sing of Your love forever.

* Following the Worship Chorus, children from age 3 through 4th grade may meet
Mrs. Meredith and Ms. Brittany at the back of the sanctuary to leave for Kids' Church.
Parents may pick up their children in the church library after the service.

GOSPEL Matthew 18: 15-20 Edward Beddingfield, Pastor
If a brother or a sister sins against you . . .

SERMON *What If I Don't Feel Like It?* Mr. Beddingfield

RESPONDING

ANTHEM *Psalm 139* Allen Pote

Lord, you have searched me and known me, you know everything I do.
When I rise up, when I lie down, you are with me through and through.
Before a word is on my tongue, you know what I will say,
Your presence follows me day by day.

Where can I flee from your spirit? Where can I go to run away?
If I go to heaven, or live in hell, you are there.

Search me, O God, and know me, try me and know my heart.
See if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.
Amen.

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

**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.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS *Jesus Is All the World to Me* James Southbridge

SENDING

† INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP and HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 501 CHEREPONI
Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Stanzas sung by soloists
Congregation please sing refrain

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *Postlude on ST. DUNSTAN'S* Douglas E. Wagner

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Lisa Spainhour, Jeff Pope, Pauline Calloway, Jac Whatley, Betty Wallace,
Jimmy Jung, Linda Smith

Family and Friends: Victor Das (father of Joseph Das); Brenda Gurganious (friend of
Susan Johnson); Josephine Simpson (neighbor of Pastor Ed); Glenn Johnson; Clark
Barber (great-nephew of Jeanne Barker); Aaron Bowers (brother of Charissa English);
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)

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.*

*We welcome to worship the members of the
Cooperative Baptist Student Fellowship
at Campbell University.*

Deacons for September 2023: Cherry DeVane and Randall Johnson
Deacons for October 2023: Lisa Lanier and Jac Whatley

Ushers Today: Brandon Brown, Bob Cisneros, Adam English and
Miles West

Ushers Sept. 17: Beverley Howard, Ron McLamb, Scotty Scarborough
and Lee Turlington

Kids' Church today: Meredith Craddock and Brittany Montgomery

TODAY, September 10th

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: during worship (Library)

MONDAY, September 11th

Deacon's Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, September 13th

FLU SHOT CLINIC: 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
Simple Supper - Hot Dogs: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Mission Kids: 6:30 p.m. (Classroom)
Youth Activity: 6:30 p.m. (Library)
Adult Bible Study - "Equally Called": 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, September 14th

Nominating Committee Meeting: 6:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

SEPTEMBER 2023

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- 19** **Mission Committee Meeting:** 6:00 p.m. (Library)
- 20** **Children's Choir:** 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
Simple Supper - Spaghetti and Salad: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
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MAUI WILD FIRES RELIEF

Wild fires have become a life threat in Maui, Hawaii. As brother & sisters in Christ, we are called to solidarity & show our love through support. They ask for our prayers & financial support. Please give generously at: www.cbf.net/hawaii & write "Hawaii fires" in the comment field.



Budget season is upon us! The Finance Committee will soon be preparing their budget proposal for our 2024 fiscal year. If you have any budgetary requests for the coming year, please reach out to anyone on the committee. If you serve/chair on a committee and know of any budgetary concerns for your respective committees, please let us know!

Thanks!

Brandon Brown, MBC Budget Director

Finance Committee Members: Cindy Aurette, Brandon Brown, Julie Byrd, Jim Cannady, Al Hardison, John Phelps, Beth Savage, Dave Steegar and Jim Sills

APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS

For September, we are still collecting:

FRESH, WRAPPED CANDY (*no chocolate and no peanut products*);
and

POP-TOP CANNED FOOD ITEMS (*ex: ravioli, tuna, beef stew, soup, fruit, etc.*).

Since we are getting close to packing time, we need a certain number of items to complete each category. Here's what we need:

15-**DEODORANTS**; 15-**COMBS/BRUSHES**;
10-**WINTER HATS** (gender neutral colors); 3-**KIDS SIZED GLOVES** (gender neutral colors); 3-**ADULT SIZED GLOVES** (gender neutral colors)

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

CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

- **Clothes Closet:** Date TBD
- **Harnett Food Pantry:** collecting **non-perishable foods and egg cartons**
Needed for September - - **Corn**
Monetary donations to MBC are also welcome. Designate contribution as 'Food Pantry.'
- **Buddy Backpack:** collecting "**nab crackers**"
[cheese with cheese or cheese with peanut butter]
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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