THE WORSHIP OF GOD         Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time         October 8, 2023       Memorial Baptist Church         Ten O'clock in the Morning       Memorial Baptist Church         When I heard the learn'd astronomer;       Men of the groofs, the figures, were ranged in columns before me;         When I was shown the charts and diagrams, to add, divide, and measure them;       When I, sitting, heard the astronomer, where he lectured with much applause in the lecture-room,         How soon, unaccountable, I became tired and sick;       Til rising and gliding out, I wander'd off by myself,         In the mystical moist night-air, and from time to time, Locy'd up in perfect silence at the stars.       ~ Walt Whitman (1819-1892)		Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit runs to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat. The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; The ordinances of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings from the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is your servant warned: in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect their own errors? Clear me from hidden faults; keep back your servant from proud thoughts, and let them not rule over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.			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.       Kurt Kaiser         OFFERING OUR GIFTS       Oh, How He Loves You and Me       Kurt Kaiser <b>SENDING</b> # INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP and HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 587       Jesus Shall Reign       DUKE STREET		
	DINC	Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart, be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.			LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY		Mr. Beddingfield
PRELUDE Jesus, Lover of Anne McCla	f My Soul Lyndell Leatherman	EPISTLE	Meredith Lanier Cradd Philippians 3: 4b-9 I count everything as loss because of the	,	+ BENEDICTION	ional on TO GOD BE THE GLORY	Mr. Beddingfield
WELCOME	Brittany Montgomery, Ministry Intern	sur	passing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lor	a.			
† CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)       Psalm 117       Ms. Montgomery         Pulpit side:       Praise the Lord, all you nations!       Organ side:       Extol the Lord, all you peoples!         Pulpit:       For great is God's steadfast love toward us,       Organ:       And the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.         ALL:       PRAISE THE LORD!       Ms. Montgomery         † INVOCATION       Ms. Montgomery         † HYMN OF PRAISE 36       Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him       HYFRYDOL		t SONG OF RESPONSE10,000 ReasonsMyrin/RedmanCHORUSBless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul Worship His holy name Sing like never before, O my soul I'll worship Your holy name.Herein Herein Herein Herein The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning It's time to sing Your song again.Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me Let me be singing when the evening comes.You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.			<ul> <li><b>PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:</b></li> <li><u>Members</u>: Becky Thompson, Jeff Pope, Pauline Calloway, Betty Wallace, Jimmy Jung, Linda Smith</li> <li><b>Family and Friends</b>: James Stecher (great-nephew of Bob Cisneros); Randy Rambeau (friend of Earl and Diane Jones); Linda Savage (sister-in-law of Earl Savage); Peggy Barber (niece of Jeanne Barker); Ethan Barber (great-nephew of Jeanne Barker); Craig Newton (friend of Anne McClain); Victor Das (father of Joseph Das); Brenda Gurganious (friend of Susan Johnson); Glenn Johnson; Josephine Simpson (neighbor of Pastor Ed); Aaron Bowers (brother of Charissa English); Michael Warren (brother of Donna Haynes)</li> <li>Aldersgate senior living center (Charlotte, NC): Louise Taylor</li> </ul>		
stanzas 1 and 2 only CONFESSION and ASSURANCE Edward Beddingfield, Pastor							
PROCLA	IMING	SERMON	Tell It!	Mr. Beddingfield	Emerald Health and Rehab Cent	<b>ter (<i>Lillington, NC</i>)</b> : Pat Stiller	
PSALTER READING <i>(responsively)</i> Psalm The heavens are telling the glory of God,			RESPONDING				
And the firmament shows forth God's handiwork. One day pours forth praise to the next, And night after night declares the knowledge of God. There is no speech, there are no words, and no voice is heard; Yet their message goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.		ANTHEMAs the Deerarr. LarsonAs the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.You alone are my strength and shield; to you alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.You're my friend and you are my brother, even though you are a King. I love you more than any other, so much more than anything.			Deacons for October 2023:Lisa Lanier and Jac Whatley Deacons for November 2023:Dayna Scarborough and Earl SavageUshers Today:Brandon Brown, Bob Cisneros, Adam English and Miles WestMiles WestUshers Oct. 15:Beverley Howard, Ron McLamb, Scotty Scarborough and Lee TurlingtonKids' Church +oday:Meredith Craddock and Brittany Montgomery		

#### TODAY, October 8<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: during worship (Library)

#### MONDAY. October 9<sup>th</sup>

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

#### WEDNESDAY, October 11<sup>th</sup>

Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room) Simple Supper - Roast Pork and Potatoes: 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) Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

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Finance Committee Meeting: 6:30 p.m. 17

18 Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room) **MISSIONS COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER DINNER** - Spaghetti & Salad: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) Churchwide Mission Project: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) **Appalachian Christmas Backpacks Assembly night** All ages are welcome to participate! Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

Phi Delta Chi Chicken Dinner Fundraiser: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 20 Fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital



TRICK OR TREAT amongst our decorated cars. Costumes or festive attire is encouraged. 

### Financial Position for the Period 1/1/23 - 8/31/23

» Total support, 1/1/2023 - 8/31/2023	\$	271,527	
» Total expenditures	<u>\$</u>	(257,340)	
» Support exceeded expenditures	\$	14,187	
» Total 2023 Budget Proposal	\$	413,084	
» Percent of year passed	67%		
» Support needed to meet budget	\$	275,012	
» Undesignated support received as of 8/31/2023	<u>\$</u>	253,037	
» Budget support shortfall as of 8/31/2023	\$	(21,975)	
» Principal due on line of credit for church renovation	\$	72,518	



#### **Volunteers Needed**

Is teaching one of your spiritual gifts?

Volunteer teachers are needed for Kids' Church on Sunday mornings. There is a sign up sheet located on the bulletin board if you are interested. Please write your name on one of the available Sundays. Lesson topics are already written on each Sunday and lessons will be provided. Your help is much needed and appreciated!

#### **APPALACHIAN** CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS

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.).

\* MARK YOUR CALENDARS – Wednesday, October 18 \* Appalachian Backpacks Assembly night

## **CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS**

Clothes Closet: Saturday, November 18, 2023

• Harnett Food Pantry: collecting non-perishable foods and egg cartons Needed for October - - Canned Fruit Cocktail 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] Monetary donations to MBC are also welcome. Designate contribution as 'Buddy Backpack.

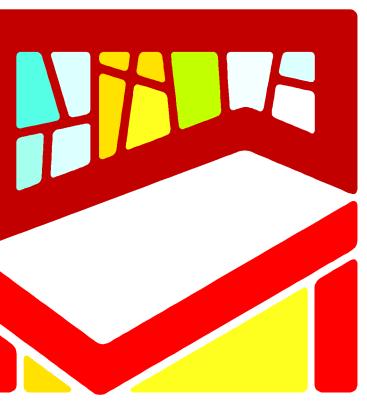
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# MEMORIAL **BAPTIST CHURCH**

## Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 8, 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