

October 8, 2023  
Ten O'clock in the Morning

~ Walt Whitman (1819-1892)

PRELUDE *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* Lyndell Leatherman  
Anne McClain, *organ*

† CALL TO WORSHIP	(responsively)	Psalms 117	Ms. Montgomery
<i>Pulpit side:</i>	Praise the Lord, all you nations!		
<i>Organ side:</i>	<b>Extol the Lord, all you peoples!</b>		
<i>Pulpit:</i>	For great is God's steadfast love toward us,		
<i>Organ:</i>	<b>And the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.</b>		
<i>ALL:</i>	<b>PRAISE THE LORD!</b>		

† HYMN OF PRAISE <sub>36</sub> *Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him* HYFRYDOL  
stanzas 1 and 2 only

PSALTER READING (*responsively*)      Psalm 19      Izzy Morrow, *Leader*

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.

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.**

EPISTLE

Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*

Philippians 3: 4b-9

I count everything as loss because of the  
surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

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.

SERMON *Tell It!* Mr. Beddingfield

ANTHEM *As the Deer* arr. Larson

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.

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      *Oh, How He Loves You and Me*      Kurt Kaiser

† INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP and  
HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 587      *Jesus Shall Reign*      DUKE STREET

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE      *Recessional on TO GOD BE THE GLORY*      Douglas E. Wagner

**Members:** Becky Thompson, Jeff Pope, Pauline Calloway, Betty Wallace, Jimmy Jung, Linda Smith

**Family and Friends:** 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*)

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

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

**Deacons for October 2023:** Lisa Lanier and Jac Whatley  
**Deacons for November 2023:** Dayna Scarborough and Earl Savage

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

**Ushers Oct. 15:** Beverley Howard, Ron McLamb, Scotty Scarborough and Lee Turlington

Kids' Church today: Meredith Craddock and Brittany Montgomery

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

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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- 17 Finance Committee Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
- 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)
- 20 Phi Delta Chi Chicken Dinner Fundraiser: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital



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

» Total support, 1/1/2023 - 8/31/2023	\$ 271,527
» Total expenditures	\$ (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	\$ 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!



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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Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 9am - 5pm

Other Staff: By Appointment



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