THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 15, 2023 Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church Buies Creek, North Carolina

It's not about the dress you wear. but the life you lead in the dress.

~ Diana Vreeland, former editor-in-chief at Voque

GATHERING

PRELUDE Come, Ye Sinners Poor and Needy Anne McClain, organ

arr. Mark Hayes

Greg McClain, Leader

WELCOME and † INVOCATION

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE

Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor

† HYMN OF PRAISE 39

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

MARION

GOSPEL READING

SERMON

ANTHEM

How Firm A Foundation

How firm a foundation, you Saints of the Lord,

is laid for your faith in His excellent word! Oh, what more can He say than to you He has said,

to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with you; oh, be not dismayed,

for I am your God and will still give you aid.

I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,

will not, I cannot, desert to his foes;

that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,

I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

* Following the Anthem, children from age 3 through 4th grade may meet

Ms. Lisa Lanier at the back of the sanctuary to leave for Kids' Church.

Parents may pick up their children in the church library after the service.

Matthew 21: 33-46 Tammy Scarborough, *Deacon*

Mrs. Craddock

arr. Craig Courtney

PROCLAIMING

EPISTLE READING (responsively)

Brittany Montgomery, Ministry Intern

2 Peter 1: 3-11, 10; Philippians 4: 4, 8-9

LEADER: We have everything we need to live a life that pleases God. It was all given to us by God's own power, when we learned God had invited us to share in his wonderful goodness.

CONGREGATION: God made great and marvelous promises, so his nature would become part of us. Then, we could escape our evil desires and the corrupt influences of this world.

CHOIR: Do your best to improve your faith by adding goodness, understanding, self-control, patience, devotion to God, concern for others, and love.

LEADER: If you keep growing in this way, it will show that what you know about our Lord Jesus Christ has made your lives useful and meaningful.

CONGREGATION: But, if you don't grow, you are like someone who is nearsighted or blind. My friends, you must do all you can to show God has really chosen and selected you.

CHOIR: Then our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will give you a glorious welcome into his kingdom that will last forever.

LEADER: Finally, my friends, keep your minds on whatever is true, pure, right, holy, friendly, and proper. Don't ever stop thinking about what is truly worthwhile and worthy of praise. You know the teachings I gave you, and you know what you heard me say and saw me do. So, follow my example.

CONGREGATION: And God, who gives peace, will be with you.

ALL: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice!

RESPONDING

Wedding Etiquette

† SONG OF RESPONSE

Come As You Are Charissa English, leader Glover/Crowder/Maher

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been Come broken-hearted let rescue begin Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

REFRAIN

So lay down your burdens lay down your shame All who are broken lift up your face O wanderer come home you're not too far So lay down your hurt lay down your heart Come as you are

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed Come sit at the table come taste the grace There's rest for the weary rest that endures Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ms. Montgomery

and The Lord's Prayer (unison)

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

There Is A Fountain

Scott Oyer

THOMPSON

SENDING

† INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP and HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 312 Softly and Tenderly

stanzas 2 and 4 only

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY

† BENEDICTION Mrs. Craddock

Mrs. Craddock

POSTLUDE Ye Servants of God Douglas E. Wagner

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Carolyn Walker, Becky Thompson (surgery tomorrow at Rex), Jeff Pope, Pauline Calloway, Betty Wallace, Jimmy Jung, Linda Smith

Family and Friends: Mary McClain (mother of Greg McClain); Adam Penny (cousin of Cathy McLamb and Donna Penny); Craig Ennis (husband of Evy Ennis - Buies Creek post office); Frank and Peggy Giunta (grandparents of Heather Giunta); James Stecher (great-nephew of Bob Cisneros); Randy Rambeau (friend of Earl and Diane Jones); 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); Glenn Johnson; Brenda Gurganious (friend of Susan Johnson); Josephine Simpson (neighbor of Pastor Ed); Aaron Bowers (brother of Charissa English)

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

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

Prayers of Comfort are extended to the family of Jac Whatley in the deaths of his uncle, Bob Chriscoe, aunt, Mona Rae Chriscoe, and cousin, Bobby Chriscoe, all from covid.

Prayers of Comfort are also extended to the family of Earl Savage in the death of his sister-in-law, Linda Savage, on Thursday, October 12th.

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 October 2023: Lisa Lanier and Jac Whatley

Deacons for November 2023: Dayna Scarborough and Earl Savage

Ushers Today: Beverley Howard, Ron McLamb, Scotty Scarborough

and Lee Turlington

Ushers Oct. 22: Cherry DeVane, Chad Godwin, Derek Hogan and Jeff Pope

<u>Kids' Church today</u>: Lisa Lanier

Kids' Church Oct. 22: Erin Turlington

Nursery today: Charlotte Riewestahl Nursery Oct. 22: (need volunteer)

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

TODAY, October 15th

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)

TUESDAY, October 17th

Finance Committee Meeting: 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, October 18th

Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)

YOUTH 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)

FRIDAY, October 20th

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

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25 Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)

Simple Supper - Managers Choice: 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)



Financial Position for the Period 1/1/23 - 9/30/23

» Total support, 1/1/2023 - 9/30/2023 \$ 292,630 » Total expenditures \$ (296,547) » Expenditures exceed support \$ **(3,917)** » Total 2023 Budget Proposal \$ 413,084 » Percent of year passed 75% » Support needed to meet budget \$ 308,964 » Undesignated support received as of 9/30/2023 \$ 273,704 » Budget support shortfall as of 9/30/2023 \$ **(35,260)** » Principal due on line of credit for church renovation \$ 71,182

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Thank you to those who have already signed up to help with Kids' Church! Your willingness to serve is a blessing!

Teachers are needed for Kids' Church **AND** Nursery on Sunday mornings.

The combined sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board.

Your help is much needed and appreciated!



Collecting:

POP-TOP CANNED FOOD ITEMS

and

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

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]

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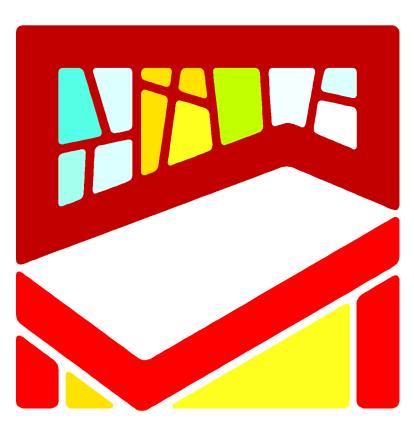
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MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

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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