

October 15, 2023
Ten O'clock in the Morning

GATHERING		
PRELUDE	<i>Come, Ye Sinners Poor and Needy</i> Anne McClain, organ	arr. Mark Hayes

† HYMN OF PRAISE 39 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* MARION

PROCLAIMING

EPISTLE READING (*responsively*) Brittany Montgomery, *Ministry Intern*
2 Peter 1: 3-11, 10; Philippians 4: 4, 8-9

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

ANTHEM

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Craig Courtney

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.

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

SERMON *Wedding Etiquette* Mrs. Craddock

† SONG OF RESPONSE	<i>Come As You Are</i> Charissa English, <i>leader</i>	Glover/Crowder/Maher
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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
and The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

OFFERING OUR GIFTS *There Is A Fountain* Scott Oyer

† INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP and HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 312 THOMPSON
Softly and Tenderly
 stanzas 2 and 4 only

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mrs. Craddock

† BENEDICTION Mrs. Craddock

POSTLUDE *Ye Servants of God* Douglas E. Wagner

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

Kids' Church today: Lisa Lanier
Kids' Church Oct. 22: Erin Turlington

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

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]
Monetary donations to MBC are also welcome. Designate contribution as ‘Buddy Backpack.’

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MEMORIAL
BAPTIST CHURCH

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 15, 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

Let's enjoy the fellowship of one another while our kids **TRICK OR TREAT** amongst our decorated cars.
Costumes or festive attire is encouraged.