

The Sunday after All Saints' Day

Oh, though oft depressed and lonely,
All my fears are laid aside,
If I but remember only
Such as these have lived and died.

GATHERING

WELCOME Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*

Almighty God, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses,
and made us one with all your saints in heaven and on earth.
Grant that during our own earthly pilgrimage we may be supported by
this fellowship of love and prayer;
so that we may be encouraged by the good example of those who have gone before,
and sustained by the presence of the living Christ who, through the Spirit, dwells in us;
and that we may persevere in the race that is set before us,
until at last we, too, enter into the joy of your eternal presence;
through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray, **Amen.**

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof;
The world, and all who dwell therein.
 Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord,
 and who shall stand in God's holy place?
**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
 who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
 who do not swear deceitfully.**

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

Anthem *Savior, More than Life to Me* arr. Stan Petzel

† Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) Hebrews 12: 1-2 Ms. Montgomery

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight, and the sin that clings so closely;
and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,
disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand
of the throne of God. Amen.

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

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.

POSTLUDE *Fanfare of Praise* Jason W. Krug

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Family and Friends: Family of Bob Loftis; Caroline Upshaw; Kathy Creed; Michael Warren (*brother of Donna Haynes*); Aaron Bowers (*brother of Charissa English*); Jan Bloom (*aunt of Becca Scarboro*); Mary McClain (*mother of Greg McClain*); Craig Ennis (*husband of Evy Ennis - Buies Creek post office*); Peggy Giunta (*grandmother of Heather Giunta*); Josephine Simpson (*neighbor of Pastor Ed*)

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

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

TODAY, November 5th
Friends Class - Sunday School: 9:00 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)
* No Kids' Church

WEDNESDAY, November 8th
Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
Simple Supper - Nacho Bar: 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)

THURSDAY, November 9th
Mission's Committee Meeting: 6:30 p.m. (Library)

NOVEMBER 2023

12 Friends Class - Sunday School: 9:00 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)
Library Committee Meeting: immediately following service


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

15 Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
Simple Supper - Pasta and Salad: 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)

18 Clothes Closet: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (Family Life Center)

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




CAPITAL DEBT CAMPAIGN

A generous donor has agreed to match any donations made to our capital debt between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31 up to \$20,000. That means every dollar we give will turn into two!


An opportunity like this doesn't come along very often. Thanks to the donor, and to all of you for your faithful giving to Memorial.

Goal	\$20,000.00
Gifts Received as of 10-31-23	\$8,505.45

43%



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Teachers are still needed for Kids' Church and Nursery on Sunday mornings.

The sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board.

Your help is **much** needed and appreciated!

CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

- **Clothes Closet:** Saturday, November 18, 2023
- **Harnett Food Pantry:** collecting non-perishable foods and egg cartons Needed for November - - **Peanut Butter** 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

The Sunday after All Saints' Day
November 5, 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

Deacons for November 2023: Earl Savage and Dayna Scarborough
Deacons for December 2023: Ron McLamb and Joe Turlington

Ushers Today: Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson, Linda Lunney and Siu-Ki Wong
Ushers Nov. 12: Brandon Brown, Bob Cisneros, Adam English and Miles West

NO Kids' Church today
Kids' Church Nov. 12: (need volunteer)

Nursery today: (need volunteer)
Nursery Nov. 12: Carrie Royal