THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Ordination and Installation of Deacons

November 12, 2023 Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church Buies Creek, North Carolina

I cannot do everything. But still I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do. ~ Edward Everett Hale, American author, historian and Unitarian minister (1822-1909)

I am only one. But still I am one.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Horns of Hyfrydol Anne McClain, organ arr. Penny Rodriguez

† INVOCATION

GREETING

ad. fr. St. Benedict (480-543)

Mr. Beddingfield

Edward Beddingfield, Pastor

Almighty God, as we gather in worship,

give us diligence to seek you, patience to wait for you, and wisdom to perceive you; give us eyes to behold you, minds to understand you, and hearts to love you; give us lips to praise you, feet to follow you, and hands to serve you; that our love and service to you might find expression in our love and service to others; through the power and Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

† HYMN OF PRAISE 621

Lead On, O King Eternal

LANCASHIRE

David Schwoebel

PROCLAIMING

OLD TESTAMENT

Micah 6: 6-8 Alice Thomas, Lay Reader Do justice, love kindness, walk humbly.

NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 6: 1-7

Brittany Montgomery, Ministry Intern The first deacons.

ANTHEM Shout Joyfully, Serve Gladly!

Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful singing.

Know that the Lord himself is God; is it he who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Come before him with singing; with joyful singing.

> Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him. Alleluia! O bless his name.

GOSPEL

John 1: 35-49 Come and see. Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor

SERMON Mr. Beddingfield Pointing to Jesus

RESPONDING

† TESTIMONY IN SONG

The Servant Song Spencer Powell Phillips, Leader BEACH SPRING, with refrain by Giles Blankenship

We are travelers on a journey, fellow pilgrims on the road We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night time of your fear I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

Refrain:

I will hold you, I will carry Here's my shoulder, I will journey with you.

Repeat stanza 1 and refrain.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS

Testimony

Lisa Lanier, Candidate for Ordination

Musical Reflection

Days of Elijah Mrs. Phillips, Soloist Francis Robert Mark

Charge to the Deacon I Peter 5: 1-5 Response: With God's help, I will.

Charge to the Church | I Thessalonians 5: 12-24 Response: With God's help, we will.

Bob Cisneros, Past Chair of Deacons

Trinity Kelly, *Chair of Deacons*

Laying on of Hands

Congregation

Members and friends of Memorial Baptist Church are invited to participate in this act of dedication. Please approach by the side aisle on the pulpit side, place your hands on the candidate and speak your word to her, and return to your seat by the side aisle on the choir side.

Prayer of Dedication

Mr. Beddingfield

Declaration of Ordination

Mr. Beddingfield and Congregation Lisa, we the members and friends of Memorial Baptist Church joyfully declare you to be a deacon in the service of God and of God's church, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Presentation of Certificate

Dr. Kellv

Introduction of Other Deacons

Mr. Beddingfield Class of 2024: Theresa Batten, Brandon Brown, Cherry DeVane, Earl Savage

Class of 2025: Trinity Kelly, Ron McLamb, Tammy Scarborough, Jac Whatley Class of 2026: Randall Johnson, Lisa Lanier, Dayna Scarborough, Joe Turlington

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Congregation

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.

OFFERTORY

Grace to You

arr. Mark Blankenship

PRESENTATION OF 2024 BUDGET

Brandon Brown, Chair, **Budget and Finance Committee**

The budget will be discussed at regular business meeting this Wednesday night and voted on in worship on December 3.

† INVITATION and HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain

SENDING

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY

Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION

Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE

Ye Servants of God

Douglas E. Wagner

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Burgess Marshbanks, Al Upshaw, Carolyn Walker, Becky Thompson, Jeff Pope, Betty Wallace, Pauline Calloway, Jimmy Jung, Linda Smith

Family and Friends: Peggy Rouse (mother of John Rouse—Harnett Central Hospital); 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)

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 Josephine (Simpson) Markiewicz in her death on Saturday, November 4th.

[†] *The congregation is invited to stand.*

<u>Deacons for November 2023</u>: Earl Savage and Dayna Scarborough <u>Deacons for December 2023</u>: Ron McLamb and Joe Turlington

<u>Ushers Today</u>: Brandon Brown, Bob Cisneros, Adam English and

Miles West

 $\underline{Ushers\ Nov.\ 19} {:}\ \ \mathsf{Beverley\ Howard}, \ \mathsf{Ron\ McLamb}, \ \mathsf{Scotty\ Scarborough}$

and Lee Turlington

No Kids' Church today due to Deacon Ordination

Kids' Church Nov. 19: Lalia Turlington and Grant Johnston

<u>Nursery today</u>: Carrie Royal <u>Nursery Nov. 19</u>: (need volunteer)

TODAY. November 12th

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*

MONDAY, November 13th

Properties Committee Meeting: 6:00 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY, November 15th

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)

CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, November 18th

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

Anyone willing to help sort clothes before Saturday, please contact Sonya or Chad Godwin.

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22 * No Wednesday Night Activities



THANKSGIVING DAY Thursday, November 23rd 8:30 a.m.

at Keith Hills

Instead of an entry fee, we request non-perishable food items for our local food bank or monetary donations to the Harnett Food Pantry.

This is the largest food bank donation each year.

Thanksgiving costumes are encouraged. Strollers and pups are welcome.

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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!

Thanks to the donor, and to all of you for your faithful giving to Memorial.

Goal \$20,000.00
Gifts Received as of 11-5-23 \$11,022.45

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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



DOIT

The sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board.



Your help is <u>much</u> 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]

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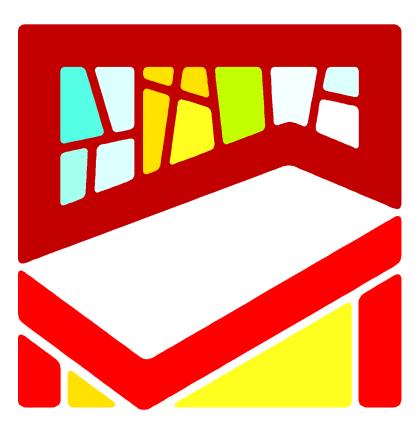
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MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

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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