

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 4, 2024
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

It would be easy to imagine that we follow Jesus in order to win. Isn't that the point of board games? We want things to work in our favor. But that's where following Jesus changes the game. In a world that tells us that success and happiness are what matters most, when we follow Jesus our own success and happiness stop being the point.

~ *Paraphrased fr. Melissa Riggs, Children's Ministry Pastor, Fellowship Bible Church, Murfreesboro, Tennessee.*

Be a game-changer. The world is already full of players.

~ *#gamechanger, ad. fr. Matshoma Dhilwayo, philosopher and author born in Zimbabwe and now based in Canada.*

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC	<i>Winner</i>	VBS Kids
WELCOME	Edward Beddingfield, <i>Pastor</i>	
† INVOCATION		VBS Student
† PRAISE HYMN 426	<i>Victory in Jesus</i> stanzas 1 and 2 only	HARTFORD

CELEBRATING

I WiN with HiM:
Following Jesus Changes the Game
Vacation Bible School 2024
Meredith Lanier Craddock, *VBS Director*

PROCLAIMING

EPISTLE (<i>responsively</i>)	Philippians 2: 3-4, 13 and 4: 8-13	VBS Teacher
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Beloved, do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard other people as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

For it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, or anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoice in the Lord greatly that at last you have revived your concern for me – indeed, I always knew you were concerned for me, but you had no opportunity to show it. Not that I complain of being in need, for I have learned to be content with what I have. I know what it is to have a little, and I know what it is to have a lot. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed or hungry, of having more than enough or of being in need. I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me. Still, it was kind of you to share my trouble.

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GOSPEL	Mark 8: 34-36	Mr. Beddingfield
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Jesus called together the crowd, along with his disciples, and said to them, "If any of you want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, but those who lose their life for my sake, and for the gospel, will save it. For what does it profit a person to gain the whole world, yet lose their own soul?"

SERMON	<i>Game Changer</i>	Mr. Beddingfield
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RESPONDING

VOCAL WITNESS	<i>To God Be the Glory</i> Mallory Young, <i>vocalist</i>	arr. Mark Hayes
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and The Lord's Prayer (<i>unison</i>)		Mr. Beddingfield
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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.

INVITATION TO GIVE and OFFERTORY		Mr. Beddingfield
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Will You Come and Follow Me
Anne McClain, *organ*
KELVINGROVE

SENDING

INVITATION TO FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP		Mr. Beddingfield
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† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 494		QUEBEC
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Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said
stanzas 1, 2 and 4

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY		Mr. Beddingfield
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POSTLUDE	<i>Victory in Jesus</i> Mrs. McClain	HARTFORD
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The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for 40 years of marriage and adventure by Scotty & Tammy Scarborough.

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Linda Smith, Jeanne Barker, Debbie Appel, Lorrie Pope, Doris Eller, Catherine King, Carolyn Walker, Betty Wallace, Pauline Calloway

Family and Friends: Family of Keith Walker (*son of Carolyn Walker*); Gerald Sims (*uncle of Phil Morrow*); Jill Jacobson (*friend of Susan Morrow*); Mary McClain (*mother of Greg McClain*); Kristen Gastaldo (*daughter of Michael & Rebecca Thompson*); Gabe and Bailey (*foster children of Will and Christine Roberts*); Casey Capps (*niece of Tammy Scarborough*); Edith DeVane (*mother of Steve DeVane*); Tonya Taylor (*sister-in-law of Carrie Royal*)

Aldersgate Senior Living Center (Charlotte, NC): Louise Taylor

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

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 August 2024: Cherry DeVane and Earl Savage
Deacons for September 2024: Trinity Kelly and Dave Steegar

Ushers Today: Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson, Linda Lunney and Siu-Ki Wong
Ushers Aug. 11: Brandon Brown, Bob Cisneros, Adam English and Miles West

No Kids' Church Today
Kids' Church August 11: (need volunteer)

No Nursery today
Nursery August 11: (need volunteer)

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

TODAY, August 4th

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. (Family Life Center)
VBS SUNDAY-I WiN with HiM: 10:00 a.m.
Covered dish lunch following service
Everyone is invited to attend (Fellowship Hall)
*** No Kids' Church Today**

WEDNESDAY, August 7th

Summer Choir Rehearsal V & Cookout: 6:00 p.m. (Morrow Home)

THURSDAY, August 8th

Church Yard Sale Collection Day:
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Family Life Center)

AUGUST 2024

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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. (Family Life Center)
Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Kids' Church: during worship (Library)
- 12 Deacon's Meeting:** 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Itty Bitty Church Band Concert:** Time TBA
Featuring Ed Beddingfield, Curtis Freeman, Glenn Jonas, Gracie Jonas, Spencer Phillips, Ran Whitley and others
- 17 CHURCH YARD SALE:** See insert for details
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Other Staff: By Appointment

Financial Position for the Period 1/1/24 - 6/30/24	
» Total support, 1/1/2024 - 6/30/2024	\$ 197,041
» Total expenditures	\$ (230,478)
» Expenditures exceed Support	\$ (33,437)
» Total 2024 Budget Proposal	\$ 418,220
» Percent of year passed	50%
» Support needed to meet budget	\$ 208,537
» Undesignated support received as of 6/30/24	\$ 171,270
» Budget support shortfall as of 6/30/24	\$ (37,267)

Memorial Baptist Church,
The finance committee would like to express our gratitude for your constant giving to the ministries of this church. We are in peak summer mode and with that we'd like to challenge you to constantly give throughout the entire year. The ministries of this church operate all year long and your faithful giving is not taken for granted. It provided the ability for our properties committee to install new HVAC units in our fellowship hall and a new concrete pad near the playground that needed replacing. We are truly thankful for you believing and giving to this church as we strive to know Christ and make him known with its ministries!

Thank you!
MBC Finance Committee

APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS For August, we are collecting **TOYS / FUN ITEMS**

Examples of appropriate toys/fun items are:

For the younger age groups (less than 15 years old) non-breakable toys would include: small cars, balls, dolls, small stuffed animals, puzzles, jump rope, sidewalk chalk, card games, legos, etc. **(NO toy weapons)**

For the older age groups (15-17 year olds) fun items would include:
for boys: flashlight, small thermos, light blanket, earbuds, small tool kit, fishing gear, books, hunting/fishing/sports magazines, etc.
for girls: jewelry, books, earbuds, skin care products, hair accessories, small travel-sized hair dryer, etc.

We also welcome monetary donations to go toward the purchase of backpacks and Bibles. Designate your donation as **'Backpacks.'**

CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

- **Clothes Closet:** August 24, 2024
- **Harnett Food Pantry:** collecting **non-perishable foods and egg cartons**
Needed for August -- **Canned Peaches**
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 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
Ashley Nelson, Administrative Assistant
Wayne Smith, Custodian