



MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 20, 2020

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Worship Attendance

December 13, 2020

81

Tithes and Offerings

December 13, 2020

\$6,996.75

Offering drop-boxes are located at each entrance.

Thank you for your generosity.

Deacon of the Week

December 20-26

Wayne Eadon

Service Time

Sundays: 10:00 am

Nursery and Children's Church provided.

Radio 90.5 FM

NURSERY WORKERS

Heath, Nancy and Rebecca All

CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS

Tarynn and Avery Reed

Masks and Social Distancing guidelines are observed.

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Goal - \$3,500.00

Received - 3,325.00

NEEDED - \$ 175.00

CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE TONIGHT - 6:00

Everyone is invited to the Candlelight Communion Service tonight at 6:00 in The sanctuary. Communion will be observed using individually sealed elements.

2021 CHURCH ENVELOPES

Please pick up your box of 2021 envelopes from the hall behind the baptistry.

GUEST MINISTER

Dr. Josh Parrott will be delivering the message in my absence on Sunday, Dec. 27. Josh is with Corporate Chaplains of America and has recently moved from Raleigh, NC, to Summerville. He and his wife, Brantley, have a ten year old son Luke. Dr. Parrott has earned the MDIV and THM from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and his PHD from Liberty University. Please extend Dr. Parrott a warm Memorial welcome.

RESULTS OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

In conference on Dec. 13, the congregation unanimously approved the two motions: 1) the Church Budget in amount of \$292,783.00; 2) that Jason Dulaney serve as Youth/Children's Minister.

PASTOR SEARCH SURVEY

Your input is very valuable and needed. Please complete the survey and turn it in by next Sunday, Dec. 27. If you have misplaced your survey, please pick up one this morning. Also add any additional information you would like to pass along to the Pastor Search Committee.

NEW SERMON SERIES
BEGINS JAN. 10

BLUEPRINT FOR A HEALTHY CHURCH

The Book of Titus

The churches on the island of Crete needed spiritual leadership, correction, and order. Establishing churches is Paul's calling and mission, but Paul doesn't sail to Crete to organize things. He already has someone on the island he can trust. That man is Titus. This short epistle unpacks Paul's list of things Titus should do: 1) Appoint leaders. 2) Instruct people to be sensible. 3) Encourage good deeds. The book of Titus is a guide to setting up order in the local churches of first-century Crete, but today it still gives us a theology of counter-cultural Christian living and enjoying a healthy and vibrant church experience. I trust you will join your fellow believers as we journey through the Word together.

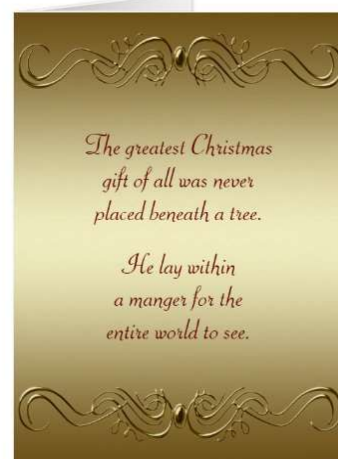
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DEACON OFFICERS FOR 2020-2021

Chairman - Bryan Jordan

Vice-Chm. - Dan Horton

Scribe/Treasurer - Tom Atkins



Merry Christmas from the Church Staff

December 20, 2020 Memorial Baptist

Christmas Joy Text: Luke 2:8-11

Luke 2:8-11 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.”

1) The Prophecy of His Coming:

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

Micah 5:2 But you, Bethlehem, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.

2) The Reality of His Coming:

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

3) The Result of His Coming:

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

Matthew 1:21 “Give him the name Jesus for he will save his people from their sins.

4) The Purpose of His Coming:

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

PASTORAL PONDERINGS: Dr. Bert Welch

DO YOU BELIEVE IN SANTA CLAUS? I love traditions! I thoroughly enjoy all the meaningful and fanciful sights, sounds, and smells of Christmas. My mind is filled with joyful Christmas experiences growing up. I am blessed to be surrounded by my dear family, especially my grandkids and my new friends at Memorial. One of the traditions and fond memories I have includes that chubby old gift-giver that somehow slid down my really narrow chimney on Christmas Eve. Here is a question I am often asked: “What to do about Santa Claus?” Fact or fiction? Well, here is something you may want to consider:

The name Santa Claus comes from the Dutch, “Sinterklass” which means Santa Claus. Who was Sinterklass? Actually he was a real life Bishop named Nicholas in the Greek church who ministered in the last 200’s AD in the current region of southwest Turkey. He left no letters or personal writings, but we do have accurate historical documents proving who he was and what he did. Bishop Nicholas suffered greatly for his faith. He was imprisoned by wicked Roman Emperor Diocletian for about five years before being released by the God-fearing Emperor Constantine. Bishop Nicolas participated in the Church Council of Nicea in 325 AD. The ground-breaking Nicene Creed as written by that Council which included the following words...

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, the maker of heaven and earth, of things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the begotten of God the Father, the Only-begotten, that is of the essence of the Father...He suffered, was crucified, was buried, rose again on the third day, ascended into heaven with the same body, [and] sat at the right hand of the Father.

So we know that Bishop Nicholas believed in Jesus and lived his life for Him. So much so, that in the 6th century, the Church first named him a saint. Therefore, I truly believe Bishop Nicholas would be very uncomfortable with all the attention of himself. His life and testimony was all about Jesus! I believe St. Nicholas would want us to look at his life of service to God as his true legacy.

So here is the point. When the topic of Santa Claus comes up, why not quickly focus on St. Nicholas, the real Santa Claus, and his life of devotion to His Savior the Lord Jesus. Do I believe in Santa Claus? Yes I do. Not the fanciful fable version but the real life follower of Christ. When you give and receive gifts this Christmas, remember the greatest gift ever given did not come down the chimney via a jolly old elf and reindeer, but rather in a humble stable in Bethlehem. Enjoy Christmas my friends! Celebrate the true meaning of Christmas and look for that meaning in all the symbols and experiences we all enjoy so much. Dr. Bert Welch

Please continue to pray for the Pastor Search Committee: Heath All, Jerry Beard, Shannon Dulaney, Wayne Eadon, Samuel Horne, Dixie Meyer, and Susan Patrick.