



# MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 27, 2020

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## Dr. Bert Welch

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## Worship Attendance

December 20, 2020

63

## Tithes and Offerings

December 20, 2020

\$7,130.50.

## Deacon of the Week

December 27-January 2

Dean Ilderton

## Service Time

Sundays: 10:00 am

Radio 90.5 FM

Masks and Social Distancing guidelines are observed.

## LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Goal - \$3,500.00

Received - 3,970.00

OVER GOAL - \$ 470.00

## GUEST MINISTER

Today Dr. Josh Parrott will bring the message in the absence of Dr. Welch. 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.

## PASTOR SEARCH SURVEY

Your input is very valuable and needed. Please turn in your survey today if you have it with you or mail it in.

## PLEASE NOTE

Because of the increasing numbers of COVID-19 cases, the pastor and deacons have made the following decision: No services will be held in the sanctuary for the next two (2) Sundays. A virtual service will be held on Sunday morning via Facebook or you may park in the parking lot and listen on your radio 90.5 FM. The pastor will preach from inside the building, not from the front porch. After two weeks the situation will be reevaluated and you will be informed if we can return to the sanctuary.

## PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

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

## NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS JAN. 17

## 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.

Dr. Bert Welch

## LOOKING AHEAD

On Sunday morning, January 3, Seth Phillips' dad, Scott Phillips, will be in concert at Memorial Church.

## THANK YOU

Thank you very much for your prayers, love, and support this year. Thank you also for the generous monetary Christmas gifts we received from the church. It is a joy to have the privilege of serving the Lord with members of Memorial Church.

Church Staff and Employees

# December 27, 2020 Memorial Baptist Church

## PASTORAL PONDERINGS – DR. BERT WELCH

### TOWARD A HOPEFUL FUTURE!

Remember the scene in the movie “Back to the Future” when Marty McFly was talking with the crazy professor Dr. Emmet Brown as they sat in the stainless steel DeLorean equipped with the infamous flux capacitor? The question posed in the scene was about which year to return to test the time machine. If that same scene were to play out today and I was to give my advice, I would say, “Choose any year but not 2020!”

Yes, 2020 has been a challenge in many ways and we all have our own list of things we really have not enjoyed. However, there have been many good and wonderful things we have experienced in the midst of some trying days. Today, we are so very close to closing out the year 2020 and I want to propose a tagline that may help us to prepare for the new year before us. That one short sentence is this: **“STRIVING TOWARD A HOPEFUL FUTURE.”**

I firmly believe Memorial Baptist Church has a very hopeful and bright future and I am invested in pouring my life and pastoral experiences into this great church. I also know that God desires Memorial to have a bright future and in fact He is already aware of what that future looks like for us. All we need to do is discern the pathway to God’s will for us. The future is coming whether we are prepared or not. I know you join me in praying we will enjoy a future that is bright and hopeful – a future that glorifies the Lord Jesus and reaches our community and world with the Good News.

I use the word “striving” because this hopeful future will require much prayer and effort. The Apostle Paul said that we are “co-laborers with God.” God chooses to include us in the making of our future.

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### SPRING CLEANING IN JANUARY

At this time, spring cleaning at the church is planned for January 23 and 30, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Volunteers are encouraged to come and help with interior clean up and clean out. Together we will identify items that are not currently useful and need to be discarded or donated. We plan to collect those non-usable items in a central location in the church for two weeks before discarding or donating the items. Please come and help the effort to lean up, clean out, reorganize! This step is a part of our church revitalization process and in preparation for our anticipated new pastoral leadership. Remember, first impressions are lasting impressions. We are blessed to have such beautiful church facilities and we are all expected to be good stewards of those blessings.