

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, January 3, 2021

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Worship Attendance

December 27, 2020 28

Tithes and Offerings

December 27, 2020 \$6,822.25

Deacon of the Week

January 3 - 9 Harry McAlhany

Service Time

Sundays: 10:00 am

Radio 90.5 FM

Masks and Social Distancing guidelines are observed.

SYMPATHY EXPRESSED

We extend our sincere Christian sympathy to Mrs. Mary Ann Myers, and family, in the passing of her brother, Staff Sergeant Harold Craven, of Augusta, GA, on December 27, 2020. May God comfort this family in their sorrow.

REGATHERING TEAM

The Re-Gathering Team is still at work. Members of the team are: Jason Dulaney, Dan Horton, Bryan Jordan, Pastor Bert Welch, and Wendi Lynn Riley replaced Jimmy Steen.

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFFERING

Goal - \$3,500.00 Received - <u>4,270.00</u> OVER GOAL - \$ 770.00

PLEASE NOTE

Due to the up-tick in COVID-19 cases in our community, we have decided to temporarily discontinue our in-person Sunday morning worship service and return to our virtual status until further notice. The pastor and musicians will conduct the service in the sanctuary at 10 am as usual. You are invited to participate by gathering with our fellow members in the parking lot and listening on FM-90.5 or joining by Facebook. Bulletin and sermon outlines will be distributed and the offering will be collected for those who gather. Our leadership and Re-Gathering Team will monitor the situation and we hope to resume in-person worship on Sunday, January 17. Thank you for your understanding and your faithfulness during this time.

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 firstcentury 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, February 21, Seth Phillips' dad, Scott Phillips, will be in concert at Memorial Church.

SPRING CLEANING IN JANUARY

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. We will identify items that are not currently useful and need to be discarded or donated and put them in a central location in the church for two weeks before discarding or donating them. The clean up is a part of our church revitalization process and in preparation for our anticipated new pastoral leadership. Remember first impressions are lasting impressions.

January 3, 2021 Memorial Baptist Breaking Out of a Rut? TEXT: Mark 10:46-52

John 10:10 I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full.

Mark 10:46-52 Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (that is, the Son of Timaeus), was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

- 1) Assume Responsibility: Verse 47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"
- 2 Thessalonians 3:10 For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "If a man will not work, he shall not eat."
- 2) Believe you can Change: Verse 51 "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see."

Ephesians 4:22-24 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Romans 12:2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but <u>be transformed by the renewing of your mind.</u>

3) Clarify what you Really Need: Verse 51 "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him.

Matthew 7:7 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

4) Do something Bold: Verse 48-51 Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stopped and called him. So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

Matthew 7:24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

<u>A</u>ssume responsibility. <u>B</u>elieve you can change. <u>C</u>larify your needs. <u>D</u>o something bold.