



MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, January 24, 2021

WORSHIP SERVICE STATUS

Because of the continued high number of COVID-19 cases in our community, we are continuing services in the parking lot (90.5 FM), or join us on Facebook. We hope to resume in-person worship soon and will inform the congregation when a date is determined.

SPRING CLEANING IN JANUARY

Spring cleaning at the church is planned for Jan. 23 and 30, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Volunteers are encouraged to come and help with interior clean up and clean out.

PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE AND SURVEY

Please continue to pray for the Pastor Search Committee: Heath All, Jerry Beard, Shannon Dulaney, Wayne Eadon, Samuel Horne, Dixie Meyer, and Susan Patrick. If you have not turned in your Pastor Search Survey, please bring it to church office or mail it (P.O. Box 566, St. Geo., SC 29477)

5th SUNDAY OFFERING

A 5th Sunday Special Offering will be received on January 31. It will go toward the Guzman Loan (balance \$13,961.24). You may include it in your tithe check (note on bottom of check how much for budget and how much for special offering), or you may write a separate check (note on bottom that it is for Guzman loan).

DR. TIM MCALHANEY WILL BE SPEAKING THIS MORNING

Dr. Tim McAlhane, who grew up in Memorial Church, will be bringing a brief update concerning their work in Kijabe, Kenya, East Africa this morning. He is an ordained Baptist minister and has a PhD in Church History/Theology. He serves as lecturer and Spiritual Life Director at Moffat College. His wife Maureen trained as a general surgeon but at present is working in the Palliative Dept. at Kijabe Hospital. They have two children, Luke (11) and Kate (8). Tim is the son of Mrs. Sandra McAlhane.

PASTORAL PONDERINGS

Dr. Bert Welch, Interim Pastor

“Well done, good and faithful servant!”

Those very familiar words of our Lord in the Parable of the Talents could well describe my feelings regarding Memorial’s faithful giving for 2020. In the midst of the challenges we have faced since early 2020, this dear church has remained a faithful steward of God’s blessings. Together we had gifts for all church causes totaling \$315,443. *Well done good and faithful servants!*

Peaceful Transition of Power. Earlier this week our nation witnessed the inauguration of a new administration. As Christians, we are obligated to pray for “those in authority over us” and they certainly need our prayers! Personally, I try to cut through all the media hype and 24/7 broadcasting of the many woes of our nation and seek to discern the truth. In my opinion we are an exceptional country, one blessed from our birth by the Almighty. And I do pray that one day we shall turn back to God and become the Christian nation we were born to be.

In light of this transition of power, I was reminded that **ONE DAY** the most momentous inauguration in history will occur – the **RETURN OF OUR LORD JESUS**. On that glorious day, “**at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**” (Philippians 2:10-11)

I have caught myself thinking about that good old Gaither tune that includes the words, “*kings and kingdom shall all pass away, but there’s something about that name.*” Hold tight to the true faith my friends. Be committed followers of Christ! Share the Good News because the day is coming when, “**The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.**” (Revelation 11:15)

843-563-3058

memorialbaptistch@att.net

Dr. Bert Welch

Interim Pastor

803-289-0027

Mary Murray

Church Administrator

843-560-8150

Jason Dulaney

Music Minister

Interim Youth/Children

843-810-5637

Worship Attendance

January 17, 2021

38

Tithes and Offerings

Weekly Offering Goal
\$5,442.11

Rec. 1/17/21 - \$3,941.00

Deacon of the Week

January 24-30

Dan Horton

Service Time

Sundays: 10:00 am

Radio 90.5 FM

Masks and Social Distancing guidelines are observed.

JANUARY 24, 2021 Memorial Baptist Church

BLUEPRINT FOR A HEALTHY CHURCH: Leading and Feeding TEXT: Titus 1:6-9

Acts 6:1 In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food.

Every Church Requires: **Spiritual Leadership and Congregational Care**

Colossians 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

Titus 1:5 The reason I left you in Crete was that you might put in order what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you.

Titus 1:6-9 **An elder must be blameless, faithful to his wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient. Since an overseer manages God's household, he must be blameless—not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. Rather, he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.**

Elder...Overseer...Pastor...Ruler

FIVE TASKS OF THE ELDER:

1) Shepherd the Sheep: 1 Peter 5:2 Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve.

2) Model Maturity: 1 Timothy 5:3 ; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.

3) Feed the Flock: 1 Timothy 5:17 The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.

4) Correct Rebelliousness: Titus 1:9-10 He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it. For there are many rebellious people, full of meaningless talk and deception, especially those of the circumcision group.

5) Manage Church Affairs: 1 Timothy 3:5 If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?

QUALIFICATIONS OF ELDERS:

Titus 1:6-9 An elder must be blameless, faithful to his wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient. Since an overseer manages God's household, he must be blameless—not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. Rather, he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.

