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Worship Attendance

January 24, 2021 39

Tithes and Offerings

Weekly Offering Goal \$5,442.11 Rec. 1/24/21 - \$4,772.00

Deacon of the Week

January 31-February 6 Bryan Jordan

Service Time

Sundays: 10:00 am Radio 90.5 FM

Masks and Social Distancing guidelines are observed.



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).

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.

REMINDER

A great big THANK YOU to the 18 people who came last week and cleaned up and cleaned out. They did a super job!! We will be more cleaning on Saturday, **January 30** beginning at 8:30 am. Please join us if you can.

SYMPATHY EXPRESSED

We extend our sincere Christian sympathy to the family of Mrs. Miriam James in her passing on January 23, 2021. May God comfort this family in their sorrow

CHURCH CONFERENCE

A Church Conference will be held on February 7, 10:00 a.m., to elect the following: Jason Dulaney, Worker/Child Protection Committee and Youth/Children Council taking the place of Jimmy Steen; Seth Phillips, Tech Advisory Committee taking the place of Jimmy Steen. This comes from Committee on Committees. **PASTORAL PONDERINGS** Dr. Bert Welch, Interim Pastor

BRIGHT FUTURE! I know you have heard me speak of Memorial's bright future and how we are working together to seek God's will for the church. Today, I want to speak about another obvious bright future. When I first came to St. George, Dr. Jordan invited me to the Rotary Club having learned I have been a Rotarian for many years. Upon my first visit, I felt a warm spirit and positive attitude among the members, so I decided to join up for my season in St. George. (I assume you noticed the dynamic of personal invitation and connection – a message we have been preaching in church for years!) Each week the Rotary Club has a guest speaker to bring some sort of regional update on a business, event, or other local enterprise. I have learned so very much about St. George and Dorchester County. Folks, this is a happening place! Ready or not, the world is coming to St. George. New roads, new industries, new recreation facilities - the list goes on and on. You do know what that means don't you? Memorial Baptist Church MUST be ready to welcome the world with the Good News of Jesus. To be unprepared or unwilling would be a disgrace. In fact, it would be a sin. Here is the point: Preparing for the future begins NOW.

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)

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BLUEPRINT FOR A HEALTHY CHURCH: "Stopped in Their Tracks" TEXT: Titus 1:10-16

Matthew 16:18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hades will not overcome it.

Matthew 7:15 Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.

<u>1)Infiltration:</u> Verses 10-11 For there are many rebellious people, full of meaningless talk and deception, especially those of the circumcision group. They must be silenced, because they are disrupting whole households by teaching things they ought not to teach—and that for the sake of dishonest gain.

2) Confrontation: Verses 12-14 One of Crete's own prophets has said it: "Cretans are always liars, evil brutes, lazy gluttons." This saying is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, so that they will be sound in the faith and will pay no attention to Jewish myths or to the merely human commands of those who reject the truth.

<u>3) Corruption:</u> Verses 15-16 To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted. They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good.

Luke 6:45 A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

WORKER/CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING

A Worker/Child Protection training session will be held on Sunday, February 7, 11:00 am. Memorial's policy is if you plan to work with children or youth in any capacity (Sunday School teacher or helper, youth leader, nursery, camp, VBS, chaperon, etc., you have to have the training. NO EXCEPTIONS. If you have not had the training, it will take about an hour to view a video. If you have had the training, it will take about 10 minutes to sign paperwork. Bring your driver's license.

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE

Online giving is now available. Go to Memorial's website (mbcsg.com) and click "giving." Follow the prompts.