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WORSHIP SERVICE TIME

Sundays: 10 am

LAST SUNDAY

Worship Attendance: 82

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Weekly Goal

\$5,442.11

Received

\$4,506.00

If you would like to give on-line (safe and secure) open your camera and focus on the QR code below for the Memorial giving link



DEACON OF THE WEEK

April 4 - 10

Bryan Jordan

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

April 4

Tarynn and Avery Reed

NURSERY

April 4

Wendi Lynn, Shawn,
Baylynn and Madilynn Riley

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, April 4, 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 4

Easter Sunrise Service at

Indian Field Campground 7 am

Easter Sunday – Flowering the Cross

Sunday, April 11

Church Conference – Revitalization
Plan Vote

Monday, April 12

Deacons Meeting 7 pm

Friday-Saturday, April 23-24

Youth Yard Sale at Church

Sunday, May 2

Sunday School resumes **9 am**

NEW BABY

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Carlton (Emily) Smith upon the arrival of a baby girl, Amy Carol Smith, on March 3, 2021, at Summerville Medical Center. Little Amy Carol weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz. Paternal grandparents are Dean and Candace Ilderton and Jeff Smith. Maternal grandparents are Larry and Janet Hardee and the late Amy Hardee. May God continue to bless this family.

THANK YOU

Dear Memorial Baptist Church and Miss Ellen Ruth,

Thank you so much for the nice Bible you gave me. I love the big print. It makes it easy to read. I will cherish this Bible and read it all my life.

Sincerely,
Cole Infinger

P.S. Thank you again.

NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS AND ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING

Every penny given to the offering is used to support missionaries in the United States and Canada.

Memorial's goal	\$2,500.00
Received	<u>3,076.25</u>
OVER GOAL	\$ 576.25

PASTORAL PONDERINGS

Dr. Bert Welch, Interim Pastor

BUNNIES, EGGS, AND HOPE

As Christians, we celebrate Easter because of the glorious resurrection of Jesus from the tomb on the third day after his crucifixion. Easter is the fulfilled prophecy of the Messiah who would be persecuted, die for our sins, and rise on the third day. Remembering the resurrection of Jesus is a way to renew the hope that we have in our own resurrection and our victory over sin in Christ.

The origin of the word **easter** isn't certain. Scholars suggest that the word may have come from the Anglo-Saxon *Eeostre* or *Eastre* – a Teutonic goddess of spring and fertility. The rabbit, or hare, associated with Easter, come through pagan celebrations with the most obvious being the rabbit's fertility. Many Ancient cultures viewed eggs as a symbol of life. Hindus, Egyptians, Persians, and Phoenicians believed the world began with an enormous egg.

All of these symbols of Easter have a correlation to our celebration of Christ's resurrection and ought to be clearly explained to our children so they can begin to understand their Christian meaning. Basically, they all speak of the "new life" Jesus offers each of us. But there is one more aspect that I ask you to consider when we think of eggs and rabbits. Notice how we Christians take things that are basically ungodly and even paganistic and turn them into reminders of God's love and grace. My friend, God does that every day. He takes the unholy and turns it holy through faith. That is what he did for me. I once walked in darkness, but he sent the Light into the world. Now I walk in the light and Jesus is THE light. He can take the vilest person and make him clean and whole. He takes the hopeless and gives them hope. God is the God of new beginnings!

NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE

(Beginning Sunday, May 2)

9:00 am – Sunday school

10:00 am - Worship

FLOWERING THE CROSS

One of the most beautiful church traditions at Easter is the “Flowering of the Cross” before the Easter Sunday worship service. Worshipers are invited to bring flowers or greenery clippings and attach them to the cross located on the front lawn. The message is that Easter is a day of rejoicing and victory for our Lord and for all believers. Many people love to take family photos of their Easter celebration together.



SANCTUARY SEATING - We have a very positive problem. Our COVID friendly sanctuary seating capacity is being stretched to the limit with our current worship attendance. With Easter upon us and Sunday School resuming on May 2 (9:00 am), we do anticipate more folks participating in our worship services. Therefore, your church leadership has decided to expand the seating capacity by altering our protocols a bit. Beginning Easter Sunday, one side of the sanctuary pews will no longer be taped off. Folks that feel comfortable sitting closer to others are encouraged to choose the open seating side and reserve the taped off side for those who desire some distancing. We realize this may displace some folks from their regular seats, but also know that we must all make some adjustments for the sake of others until we return to normalcy. We will continue to encourage masks as we gather and depart and continue our parking lot, dining hall, and on-line broadcast of the services. Thank you for your sweet spirit of cooperation and understanding.

ATTENTION YOUTH

1) **Youth Summer Camp** will be held at Look Up Lodge June 20-25. The cost is \$339 per student, and a \$125 deposit is due by April 15. We will have 1 more fundraiser to help offset the cost. Please contact Jason or Shannon if you plan to attend.
2) **Fundraiser for Camp** – a yard sale will be held Friday and Saturday, April 23-24. If you have any items to donate, please leave them on stage in fellowship hall. Questions – contact Jason or Shannon (843-563-1571).

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE – Everyone is invited to the Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 4, 7:00 am, at the Indian Field Campground. Rev. Melvin Bell will bring the message. Memorial Church will lead the worship service and music.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING: Pastor Search Com.: Heath All, Jerry Beard, Shannon Dulaney, Wayne Eadon, chm., Samuel Horne, Dixie Meyer, and Susan Patrick
Revitalization Team: Jerry Beard, Maria James, Jamie McAlhany, and Dixie Meyer

ATTENTION OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD CONTRIBUTORS -- OCC Year-Round Shopping:

April: Stuffed animals

May: Hygiene items (toothbrushes, combs, hairbrushes, soap, washcloths, deodorant – NO toothpaste)

June: Coloring books, crayons, crafting items

July: Clothing

August: School supplies

September: Games and balls

October: Letters and photos

November: \$9 donation per box

December: Prayer

For more information on what can and cannot be included, please visit:

www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebbox-suggestions

ATTENTION GRADUATES: If you will be graduating from high school or any institution of higher learning, please call the church office (843-563-3058), or tell Mary, Shannon, or Jason.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY - We need adults and youth to help with Children’s Church and in the nursery on Sunday mornings at 10:00 o’clock. Please contact Sharon McAlhany (843-560-0590) if you would be willing to help lead Children’s Church, and contact Wendi Lynn Riley (843-296-2299) if you can help in the nursery. You don’t have to choose one or the other. You may help with both.

NEW CONFERENCE ROOM – A Conference Room has been set up in Sunday School Classroom #1 next to the Copier Room for committee and group meetings.

Memorial BC April 4, 2021 WHY EASTER MATTERS

1) Jesus is who He claimed to be:

John 11:25 “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live even though He dies.”

Matthew 28:5-7 The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

John 14:6 Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

2) Jesus has the Power He claimed to have:

Colossians 1:15-18 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

John 10:17-18 The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.

3) Jesus does what He promises to do:

Mark 10:34 “They will mock and flog and kill me but after three days I will come back to life.”

John 17:1-3 After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

NEW GIVING OPTIONS: The church has established an on-line giving option that can be found on our web-site at mbcsg.com or may be accessed via the QR code located on the bulletin. This giving platform is user-friendly, safe, and secure. Simply click “GIVE” in the menu and follow the simple instructions. Each transaction does carry a 2.49% plus 30 cents fee (credit/debit cards) and 1.00% plus 30 cents (ACH/eCheck) which the donor may choose to cover. You may choose to make your offering a recurring gift to the church and you can also make designated gifts to different ministries of the church. Again, this on-line giving is simply an option. Please contact Seth Phillips if you have questions.

REVITALIZATION PLAN AND VOTE: Thanks to all who led and participated in our exciting Revitalization process and presentations. Copies of the report are available in the Church Office and entrances on Sunday. We will have a called **Church Conference on Sunday, April 11** to vote on the plan without discussion.

LOVE THOSE BABIES! We have a need for someone to serve our precious infants (birth-one year) during the Sunday School hour (9:00-10:00 am) beginning May 2. If you are interested in helping with these bundles of joy, please see Dan Horton or call the church office.