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WORSHIP SERVICE TIME

Sundays: 10 am

LAST SUNDAY

Worship Attendance: 142

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Weekly Goal \$5,442.11 Received \$6,799.67

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



DEACON OF THE WEEK

April 11 - 17 Tom Atkins

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

April 11 Don and Ellen Crowe

NURSERY

April 11

Heath, Nancy, and Rebecca All

MENORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, April 11, 2021

PASTORAL PONDERINGS

Dr. Bert Welch, Interim Pastor

We certainly ended our Easter worship experience with an **EXCITING** announcement from our Pastor Search Committee. Easter Sunday was the perfect opportunity to begin to generate congregational enthusiasm for the future of Memorial Baptist and her potential new Senior Pastor. I am beyond thrilled to see how the Lord has orchestrated the affairs of this congregation in preparation for the bright and fruitful future He desires for us. Wise King Solomon wrote, "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps." I trust you can see that the Lord has been with us every step of the way! In His perfect timing, He has merged the revitalization process, the Pastor search effort, and the "re-opening" of many of our church ministries in a remarkable way. I am thankful for the many church folks who saw this "interim season" as an opportunity to prepare for the future and establish an anticipatory attitude toward what God desires for us. I suppose what we have done in the past 12 months is vet another example of the wonderful faith lesson that, "what Satan meant for evil, God used for good." Our season of COVID-19 was used by God and us to prepare for blessings to come. All I can say is this: "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." (Ephesians 3:20-21)

It was so wonderful to see the church nearly full last Sunday. Yes, it was Easter and we did have many folks who gathered with family for worship but it reminds us of the potential we have here to reach and minister to people.

NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE

(Beginning Sunday, May 2)

9:00 am - Sunday School 10:00 am - Worship

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 11

Church Conf. - Revitalization Vote Monday, April 12 Deacons Meeting 7 pm Friday, April 16 Prospective pastor meets with deacons and church staff Saturday, April 17 Congregation invited to meet prospective pastor in dining hall 4:00-5:30 pm Sunday, April 18 Prospective pastor will preach trial sermon 10:00 am Friday-Saturday, April 23-24 Youth Yard Sale at Church Sunday, May 2 Sunday School resumes 9 am Sunday, May 16 Baccalaureate Service for high school graduates

CHURCH CONFERENCE TODAY

This morning we will consider the following motion brought to us as a joint recommendation by our Revitalization Team and Deacons: "We recommend the adoption and implementation of the Memorial Baptist Church revitalization plan." This motion will be voted upon without discussion and by voice vote.

CHURCH WIDE DROP IN

The Pastor Search Committee invites all Memorial Baptist members and friends to participate in a "Get Acquainted" drop-in for our prospective Senior Pastor and his family on Saturday, April 17, from 4:00-5:30 pm in the church dining hall.

SENIOR PASTOR VOTE

Immediately following the morning message on Sunday, April 18, the congregation will be called into Church Conference to vote on extending a call to the prospective Senior Pastor recommended by our Pastor Search Committee.

<u>SANCTUARY SEATING</u> - Your church leadership has decided to expand the seating capacity by altering our protocols a bit. Therefore, 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 online 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).

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

April: Stuffed animals **May:** Hygiene items (toothbrushes, combs, hairbrushes, soap,

washcloths, deodorant – NO toothpaste)

For more information on what can and cannot be included, please visit: www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions

<u>MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY</u> - 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.

<u>LOVE THOSE BABIES!</u> 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.

<u>ATTENTION GRADUATES:</u> 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.

ROTARY BLOOD DRIVE - Thursday, April 22, 1:00-6:00 pm, Memorial Baptist Church Dining Hall

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS FOR YEAR ENDING AUGUST 2021

Ruth/Weeks, Leone Patrick Class Combined

Wilson Patrick Class Nan Fogle Class

The Family Class (Formerly Pastor's class)

Couples Class
I Peter 3:15 Class

Young Adults (Age 23-up) Class 12th Grade/College/Career Class

Grades 7-11 Class Grades 5-6 Class Grades 3-4 Class Grades 1-2 Class

Older Preschool (4-5 years)

Walkers (3 years) Toddlers (1-2 years) Babies (Birth-1 year) Dixie Meyer, Sub-Diane Simons

Jerry Beard Bryan Jordan Dan Horton Jamie McAlhany Ron Patrick

Wayne and Evan Eadon

Susan Patrick Jason Dulaney Diane Beard

Ellen and Don Crowe, Sub-Betty Hilton

Joye Jordan, Sub-Kristin Patrick

Sharon McAlhany Candice Phillips Susan Myers

(Still need a volunteer)

Memorial BC April 11, 2021 What the Cross Meant to God Text: Romans 3:23-26

Romans 3:23-26 "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus."

1) Wrath Averted: Verse 25 "God presented him (Jesus) as a sacrifice of atonement through faith in his blood."

Psalm 11:5 The Lord examines the righteous, but the wicked and those who love violence his soul hates.

Psalm 5:4-5 You are not a God who takes pleasure in evil; with you the wicked cannot dwell. The arrogant cannot stand in your presence; you hate all who do wrong.

Acts 20:27, 31 "For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God...So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears."

Hebrews 10:4 ...it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

Hebrews 7:23-27 Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. Such a high priest meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.

- 2) <u>Justice Demonstrated:</u> Verses 25-26 He did this to demonstrate his justice...so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.
- 3) <u>Grace Outpoured:</u> Verses 23-24 "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace."