

The Worship of God

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

February 21, 2010

First Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE

"By The Cross"

Roger L. Wilson

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

"O the Lamb"

Campmeeting Melody

INVOCATION

HYMN

LAND OF REST
"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.

As thou with Satan didst contend, and didst the victory win,
O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.

As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy word.

Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over past,
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

HEARING THE WORD

Psalms 130

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Loving God, we pray that you make the weeks of Lent a time of pilgrimage and a spiritual growing season, and we ask for the wisdom to claim it as a period for slowing our pace and for developing a sense of personal peace. Help us, by your grace to overcome the temptations that divert us from paying attention to your will, temptations that prevent us from attaining fullness of faith.

People: When we are tempted to neglect worship, recall us to a deep enjoyment of Word and sacrament.

Leader: When we are tempted to become self-centered, remind us that it is you who made us and not we ourselves.

People: When we are tempted to ignore the health of your creation, renew our understanding of stewardship for the earth.

Leader: When we are tempted to value convenience over compassion, restore our capacity to care deeply.

ALL: Grant us, during the Lenten season ahead, a discipline and direction that will strengthen and guide our spirits. In the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

SILENCE

PARDON

TESTIMONY

Chad Godwin

HYMN NO. 277

HENDON

"Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated"
"Offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God."
Romans 12:1 NIV

OFFERTORY WORDS

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

The point is this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work.

RECEIVING THE FRIENDSHIP REGISTRY

(Please sign registry and pass to next person)

OFFERTORY

"Follow On"

arr. Bob Burroughs

ANTHEM

"Song of Dedication"
MBC Children's Choir

Tom Shelton

DOXOLOGY NO. 253

OLD 100TH

ANTHEM

"Savior, More Than Life to Me"

arr. Stan Pethel

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

SERMON

"The Offering"

The Pastor

HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 604

BEACH SPRING

"Come, All Christians, Be Committed"

"Present your bodies a living sacrifice ... unto God." Romans 12:1 KJV

RECEIVING MEMBERS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"I Am Resolved"

Hugh S. Livingstone

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Don Phelps, by Louise, Michele and John Phelps.

Ushers Today: Jeff Pope, Al Lopez, Mariah Lopez, Rex Pope, Turner West

Deacons of the Month for February: Alice Thomas, Steve DeVane

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Lloyd Hedgepeth (foot surgery tomorrow); Kathy Lopez, Tom Edwards, Monica Garris (on mission in Canada).

Family and Friends: Marlyn Sterns (*Anita & Ofe's brother-in-law*); Ruth Gregory (*Cindy Avrette's aunt*); Mrs. Arch Petit (*Harriet Whiteman's mother*); Agatha McLamb (*Ron McLamb's mother*); Lynn Boyle (*Beverley Howard's friend*); Diane Lanier (*Lisa Powell's sister-in-law*); Joan Lipsitz (*Susan Morrow's father's wife*); Virgilio Medel, CA (*Anita & Ofe's brother*); Rachel Casteli (*Susan Crooks' friend's daughter*); Steve & Joanna Donahue and family (*Ofe Hoyle's friends*)

Homebound: Jo Gilliland, Dwight Gregory, David Brown, Elsie Gamerdinger, Allison Jones, Anne Moore, Etta Stokes, Jill Upshaw, Irene Maness Williamson.

A Word of Thanks: Thank you to everyone who supported us so lovingly following the death of Jim Crooks. We will long remember the visits, prayers, and presence of you all. We especially thank those on the Bereavement Committee and others in the church who devoted the time and effort to see that we were so well fed. This church is a blessing indeed. - *The family of James (Jim) Crooks*

To all who mourn and need comfort, to all who are weary and need rest, to all who are friendless and wish friendship, to all who pray, to all who do not but should, to all who sin and need a Savior, and to whosoever will, this church opens the door and in the name of Jesus bids you welcome.

TODAY

- "Senior Lunch" at the Memorial House for all high school seniors immediately after 11 o'clock worship.
- Youth meet in the Family Life Center
Middle School: 5:30 - 6:30 High School: 6:30 - 7:30

TONIGHT: New Consecration Leadership Team Dinner in the Fellowship Hall, 6 pm

NEXT SUNDAY is New Consecration Sunday (Feb. 28). There will be a combined worship service at 11:00 (no early service), followed by the Celebration Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall.

WEDNESDAY: Nurture & Nourishment

Menu: BBQ Chicken, Slaw, Potato Salad, Hushpuppies

- 5:00 - 6:00 Children's Choirs
- 6:00 - 6:30 Dinner Served
- 6:30 - 7:30 RA's, GA's, Mission Friends, Youth, *Adults
- 7:30 - 8:45 Chancel choir rehearsal

*Make your dinner reservations by noon on Tuesday by:

- Fill out a blue pew slip and place in the offering plate.
- Call the church office
- Reserve online at <http://www.memorialbaptistchurch.net>

***Wednesday Night Adult Study:** *"Faith & Film"* presented by Dr. Cameron Jorgenson. Do you like movies? If so, this is the class for you! Dr. Jorgenson will teach on popular movies and the statements that they make about faith and God. We will learn how to relate our faith as Christians to everyday entertainment.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

February

- 24 Floral Committee Meeting in the Church Library - 4 pm
- 24 N&N: "Faith & Film" led by Dr. Cameron Jorgenson
- 25-27 "Screwtape Letters" - 8 pm
- 28 NEW CONSECRATION SUNDAY

March

- 1 Deacons Meeting - 7 pm
- 3 N&N
- 5 Middle School Lock-In: 9 pm
- 9 Senior Fest @ Campbell - 9:30 a.m.
- 10 & 17 N&N
- 19-20 CBF General Assembly - First Baptist of Winston-Salem
- 24 Business Session
- 26 Sr. Adults - Dinner & Movie
- 26 High School Lock-In: 9 pm
- 28 PALM SUNDAY

Summer Dates:

- Vacation Bible School: July 7-11
- Youth Mission Trip to Charleston, SC: July 31-Aug 6th
- Youth Camp (Passport): June 27-July 2nd

"You've Got the Time" Pick up your free audio New Testament today. Listen 28 minutes each day during our 40 days of Lent! You may also listen by visiting our website at www.memorialbaptistchurch.net and access "Listen to Lent".

Easter Lilies: You are invited to sign-up to place a lily in the church in memory or in honor of someone on Easter Sunday. The cost is \$13.50. Payment Due: March 14. Sign-up sheets are posted throughout the church.



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