



MEMORIAL
BAPTIST CHURCH

Memorial's Memos

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

- 2 N&N - Dr. Whiteman
- 7 Labor Day - Church Office closed
- 9 N&N - "Sin, the Eternal Emptiness"
led by Jason Duke;
Walking Prayer with Alice Thomas
- 9 Finance Committee Meeting - 7:30
- 13 Deacon Banquet: 7 p.m.
- 16 N&N - "The Wave, Life in Christ"
led by Jason Duke; Walking Prayer
- 17 Senior Adult Revival: New Hope Baptist
sponsored by LRBA - 9 a.m.
- 23 N&N - "The Carbon Christ"
led by Jason Duke; Walking Prayer
- 30 N&N - Business Session

October

- 4 World Communion Sunday
- 7 N&N
- 14 N&N
- 21 N&N
- 25 Fall Festival: 5-7 p.m.
- 28 N&N

Nourishment & Nurture (N&N)

SEPTEMBER ADULT STUDY

The Relational Gospel

September 9-23

This three-week study will focus on:

- *Sin, the eternal emptiness (centers on our broken relationship with God beginning at the Garden of Eden)*
- *The Wave, Life in Christ (centers on our need to be alive in Christ, to be reconciled, recreated and making our joy)*
- *The Carbon Christ (centers around keys to building and maintaining our relationship with God, removing our guilt, embracing God with our hearts, souls, minds, and strength.)*

Leader: Jason Duke

Walking Prayer: Exercising the whole heart (see below)

OCTOBER ADULT STUDY

From Genesis to Revelation: In Six Weeks

-- October 7 - November 11

The Bible makes sense. This study experience is designed for those wishing to know more about the structure and message of the Bible, and seeking a deeper understanding of God's Word.

Our Leader: Dr. Glenn Jonas

Walking Prayer: Exercising the whole heart

-- Continuing all semester

We walk, breathe, eat, work, look at the sky and normally do not give these activities a second thought. Walk and pray is a guided Wednesday evening activity for those wishing to get outside with others for some physical exercise and conversation. This practice is also an opening of self to God and to the world around you. Come and learn more. This is an ongoing, drop-in/drop-out group activity.

Group facilitator: Alice Thomas

Memorial 101: A Conversation about faith and life at Memorial

-- October 7 - October 28

What kind of church is Memorial? What kind of church experience are you looking for? What kind of church/faith experience have you known? What does it mean to commit oneself to the life and work of Memorial? Who can belong? What is required? This four-week course is for those wishing to know more about Memorial, and/or seeking a spiritual home where their faith can be affirmed, lived out, and nurtured. (All new members and prospective members are encouraged to attend.)

Leader: Dr. David Whiteman



Memorial House banner
(see p. 3)

From the Pastor

Upon returning from the sabbatical, I heard about all that I missed and how well you got along without me! Actually, I am very pleased for what this says about you as a congregation.

Here are some of the things I heard about. Vacation Bible School was an amazing week of learning about the early Christian Church and a wonderful time of interaction between adults and children. I believe nobody does it (VBS) better. I also believe this is one of the most important weeks of the year in the faith formation of children and for our community of faith. For all who made this week so special I give thanks to God.

Another experience I heard about was the blessing that came from all those those who preached for us each Sunday of summer. I've been told you came to better know those who preached for us, and also gained a greater appreciation for the depth of resources God has given us. For all those who lead in worship, I continue to give thanks to God.

While I was away, our church also voted in business session to establish the Memorial House as a lay led campus ministry in the house on TT Lanier Street (see story on Page 3). One of my first visits upon returning to Buies Creek was to this house. The transformation of this place was incredible, fully furnished and cleaned up, inside and out. The compassion and sense of call of those persons responsible for this is something to behold. This is a ministry of hospitality, reaching to those who need a place that feels like home. It is also a place where we embody God's grace to all He sends our way. For these persons and this congregational calling, I also give thanks to God.

Another experience I missed this summer was the collecting of school supplies during Vacation Bible School for the outreach ministry of "Open Waters Fellowship," our mission congregation in Swansboro, NC. I have heard about the very generous ingathering of school supplies and about the gratitude of Jim and Jan Tillman, the leaders of this new church start. The Tillman's are the parents of David and Nick Tillman, and this ministry is sponsored by Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of NC. Last spring, we voted to support this new church start with our prayers and our service. For this mission outreach and the generous sharing of our resources, I give thanks.

Further, in coming home I learned about those who joined our fellowship in my absence and about the number of persons and/or families who are newcomers and attending our church with regularity. What exciting news this is; further evidence of God's grace and work among us.

Lastly, I heard about the hospitality and good fellowship of the annual golf tournament and pool party at Keith Hills, as you reached out to newcomers and welcomed one another back at summer's end. How blessed we are by God and by the presence of Christ in this fellowship of believers.

It's good to be home again and to rejoin you as, together, we continue on in the calling and mission He has given us to fulfill. Thanks be to God for all that He is doing in this place.

David Whiteman, Pastor



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Music Notes

the Rhythm of the Seasons

by Dr. Phil Morrow

The Fall season is here, and our church rhythm has resumed a common beat. That beat includes opportunity in music ministry for Memorial folk. I hope you will pray for us, and I hope you will participate with us on any level you feel called to do so. Here are some points/opportunities to ponder:

- we are always seeking singers for the Chancel Choir. If you have interest, please talk to Susan or Phil Morrow. Our desire is to help you use your musical gifts in ministry. And of course, it's a "try before you buy" approach (low pressure).
- are you interested in participating in a worship planning group for the 9 a.m. service? If you would like to provide input for the early service, or if you would like to help lead in any way, please let us know.

Children's Choirs

Opportunities for children have resumed with our Wednesday night schedule, 5 to 6 p.m. *The Joy of Christmas* is a musical which we have begun! Come and participate with us! Our preschool music group, the Sonshine Singers, meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 for singing, learning and fun.

Music Committee

The music committee for 2009-10 is: Patty Jung, Frances Warren, Ellen McClay, Dave Steegar, Gail Cogdill and Barbara Pounds. Feel free to contact any of these people with comments or suggestions for our ministry.



Fall Festival
Sunday, October 25, 2009
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Pumpkin Carving contest
Music
Chili Cook-Off
Cake-baking Contest
Fall Family Fun!

Children's Ministry

The fall is HERE and along with cooler weather and beautiful evenings come the sound of running feet, lots of laughter and NOISE as we resume our Wednesday night programming. We still have room for YOU if you feel a call to serve with the AWESOME children here at MBC! We are also kicking off our SECOND YEAR of KID'S TIME with a terrific sports theme! We will be studying the book of I Samuel every week while we grow our minds, our hearts and learn about many different areas of sports! Make sure to make Sunday School and Wednesday night a priority for your family! Don't miss the fun! My heartfelt thanks to all who have served and are serving as we minister together! - Robin

New Deacons . . .



Bob Cisneros

Bob was born in Brownsville, Texas but grew up in New Orleans. After working 20 years as a hospital pharmacist in Alabama, he received his PhD from Auburn University in 2003 and joined Campbell Pharmacy faculty that year. Searching for a church home seeking Christian fellowship, Bob feels the Lord led him to Memorial. The friendliness of the people and the fellowship was very appealing. Since joining Memorial in 2008, Bob has especially

enjoyed his Sunday School class and the closeness they share. "To be selected as Deacon was very unexpected and very humbling, especially when I consider who the other Deacons are. It is an honor and I will do my best."

Jeff Pope

Jeff grew up in Erwin and attended Erwin First Baptist until coming to Memorial. He is a building contractor by trade, and is married to Lorrie Pope who is the owner of Uptown Beauty Salon in Buies Creek. They have one son, Rex who is in the fifth grade. Before Rex was born, Jeff and Lorrie began searching for a church. They had friends who attended here and thus decided to make Memorial their home. The Pope family has been active in all facets of church life here, and Jeff has served as deacon prior to this election.



VBS 2009

In sharing his hopes and dreams for Memorial, he expressed his desire for future growth of the church and involving the younger generation in order to have members to which to "pass the reigns" to carry on the Lord's work.



VBS 2009

Trinity Kelly

Born in Columbus, GA, Trinity grew up in a military family. They lived in Washington State, Europe, Kentucky, India, and settled here in NC. She has three sisters and one brother. Trinity earned both her BA and MA degree from Campbell University and has attended our church for ten years. She is presently an Assistant Principal at Triton High School.

Trinity's love for Memorial began as a college student, and she continues to serve our church family by investing in college students and our children in the nursery.

To our deacons rotating off the diaconate; a note of gratitude is due ...

Lelia Blackmon, not just for the past four years, but for her leadership throughout the whole 41 years that comprise the life of Memorial Baptist Church. Lelia has served her Lord and our congregation in nearly every way possible and none greater than as moderator of our diaconate throughout the years. Her wisdom, compassion, generosity and grace have marked us as a congregation. We are blessed and grateful for lifelong and recent service on the diaconate.

Beth Jones, for her incredibly gifted and compassionate leadership as our moderator over the past two years. Beth has generously made the time in her full schedule to counsel with the pastor and staff, to be supportive of every aspect the ministry and mission of Memorial, and to launch our gift centered ministry teams. God has greatly blessed us as a congregation through the sacrificial, compassionate and competent service of Beth Jones. She has more than earned this constitutionally mandated one year rotation off the diaconate.

Robert Stancil, who has served our church faithfully from our earliest day. In addition to raising his two daughters in our church, Robert has served as a deacon multiple times, and in a variety of other roles. We are blessed by the compassionate, devoted, humble, and quiet service of Robert Stancil. Thank you Robert once again for what you do and all that you are to us.



2009 CBFNC Children's Mission Days

November 14, 2009, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Forest Hills Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC
For children grades 1-6

Activities include: games, drama, cooking, crafts/art, mission project, worship and stories from CBF Field Personnel. Cost: \$15 per child and adult. Deadline to register is October 7.

THE MEMORIAL HOUSE

Have you visited the Memorial House? The lights burn every Tuesday and Thursday night, offering a warm and welcoming place for Campbell students. This summer our church took on a new ministry. It is not focused on Bible study or music but on the Christian call of hospitality.

Our goal as a church and as a college ministry is to continue the Memorial tradition of inviting in strangers and meeting their practical needs. This unique form of ministry calls us to give to students requiring nothing in return. The house on Lanier Street literally sits in the shadow of the new chapel on campus. Each night, an ongoing line of students walks past on the sidewalk across the street. Our church decided that, when they are on their journey, we will be another inviting light for them, offering a safe place to study, meet in groups, and find fellowship. What an exciting new opportunity! How can you be involved? The college ministry is looking for the following items: *Plates, glasses, silverware, serving dishes, cooking/serving utensils, large skillet or frying pan, hand towels, and spices.*



CONGRATULATIONS TO . . .

. . . Bennett Scarborough was voted the best photographer in the 2009 Best of Harnett County publication by the Daily Record.
 . . . Wendy Roberson was awarded Teacher of the Year for Harnett County recently at an awards banquet held at Campbell University.

BIRTHS:

- Cullen Ferris Moore was born July 28, 2009 to Seth and Amanda Moore. The grandparents are Robert and Shelby Stancil.
- Frances Blaire Smith was born to Bill and Jennifer Smith. The grandparents are Jerry and Linda Smith.
- Kylie Mason Svabady was born July 9 to Sarah Joyner and Matt Svabady. The great-grandmother is Helen Jones.
- Ella Rebecca Johnson was born to Oliver and E.J. Johnson of Colorado Springs, CO. The grandparents are Leary and Joy Davis.

THE LORD ADDED TO THE CHURCH . . .

Welcome to our newest members, **April Fowler and Houston Fowler** who are transferring their membership from Lillington Baptist Church.

WORD OF THANKS . . .

... to Suiki Wong who created an Access data base for the church office.
 ... to Mel Brierley who has been customizing the Access data base.
 ... to Nick Tillman for designing the Memorial House banner.

We are fortunate to have these and many talented individuals in our congregation who are willing to share their talents to aid in furthering the kingdom of God! Building the data base will be an ongoing process and you may be contacted from time to time to provide information regarding your family.



Extreme Makeover: Website Edition

The first week in October, look for some exciting changes for our church's home on the Web. Michael Savage, one of our own, is working on a new look for our church website.

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SERVICES:

SUNDAY: *Worship Services* 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 WEDNESDAY: 6:00 p.m.

STAFF

Pastor: Dr. David Whiteman
 Administrative Assistant: Donna Denning
 Minister of Youth & College: Rev. Jenny Folmar
 Minister of Children: Rev. Robin Hardison
 Ministers of Music: Dr. Phillip Morrow
 Susan Morrow
 Organist: Anne McClain
 Minister of Music Emerita: Patty Jung

BIRTHDAYS

September

- Joseph Das
- Chick Adams
Earl Savage
Olivia Scarborough
Lloyd Hedgepeth
- Kevin Nelson
David Whiteman, Sr.
Seth Johnson
Lisa S. Parker
Eliza Storey
- Andy Henson
- Pat Landrum
- Al Luck
- Angie Turner
- Lewis Johnson
Matthew Lloyd
Lynn Tillman
- Krystal Jung Alligood
- Ray Jones
- Kenny Little
Borree Kwok
Mollie Cannady
- Susan Crooks
Jonathan McQuade
- Krista Joyner
Spencer Powell
Monica Garris
Chad Godwin
- Ora Green Ellyson
Max Lasater
- Scott Stewart
Barbara Smith
- Lee Price
- Nathan Taylor
- Katie Morgan
- Mary Lou Ellen
Dorothy Roberts
- Cathy McLamb
Sam Lasater
Deepa Abraham
- Linda Smith
- Helen Jones
- Jeanne Lewis
- Alison McClay
Adam English
- Caron Mayo

October

- Joshua Taylor
Daniel White
Nate Jones
Bob Reynolds
Isabel Morrow
- Hope Nakuku
- Pat Stiller
- Robert Morgan
Shirley Lee
- Rusty Scarborough
- Stanley McQuade
Joyce Rasmussen
Kathy Webster
Jon Powell
Tim Turner
Matthew Collins
- Brooks Lee
Violeta Saenz
- Blake Eason
- Don Johnson
Trinity Kelly
Bob Cisneros
- Jatona Boykin
- Vicky Matthews
Derek Currin
- Steve DeVane
- JoAnne Roseman
Hillary Matthews
- Mary Morgan Reeves
Lenora Gregory
- Cindy Avrette
- Amanda S. Moore
Lori Carpenter
Jenny Folmar
Hamilton Fowler
- Ben Davis
Houston Fowler
- Sonya Maxwell Bain
Matthew Avrette
Jason Kolesar
David Tillman
Teagan Tillman
- Noah Webster
Mariah Lopez
- Roy E. DeBrand
- Maddison Godwin
- Sarah Roberson
- Dwight Gregory
- Sue Todd

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