

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*Third Sunday in Lent*

March 20, 2022  
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church  
Buies Creek, North Carolina

I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew  
He moved my soul to seek him, seeking me;  
It was not I that found, O Savior true –  
No, I was found by thee.

~ Author unknown

## GATHERING

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

WELCOME Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*

PRELUDE *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* arr. Tom Birchwood  
Anne McClain, *organ*

INVOCATION Mr. Beddingfield

† GATHERING HYMN 323 RESTORATION  
*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*  
stanzas 1, 2, and 4

CALL TO PRAYER (*responsively*) Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*  
Isaiah 55: 1-3a, 6-7

Listen, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters!  
And you who have no money, come, buy, and eat!  
**Come and buy wine and milk without money and without price.**  
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.  
**Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.**  
Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon the Lord while he is near.  
Let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
**Let them return to the Lord, who will have mercy upon them,  
and to our God, who will abundantly pardon.**

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE Mrs. Craddock

## PROCLAIMING

GOSPEL Luke 13: 1-9 Mr. Beddingfield  
Some Galileans are murdered, a tower falls,  
a fig tree gets a second chance, and Jesus said,  
“Do you think they were worse sinners than [the rest]?  
No; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

WITNESS IN SONG *As the Deer* M. Nystrom  
with *I Need Thee Every Hour* Hawks/Lowry  
Michael Lester, *vocalist*

SERMON *Turn Around* Mr. Beddingfield  
(Third in a series for Lent: “The Myths that Bind Us.”  
Today, the myth of safety.)

## RESPONDING

† HYMN OF REFLECTION and INVITATION 330 NEW BRITAIN  
*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*  
stanzas 1, 2, 3 and 5

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*) Mr. Beddingfield

## SENDING

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY and OFFERTORY INVITATION Mr. Beddingfield

BENEDICTION *Ad. fr. John Claypool* Mr. Beddingfield  
Go now into God’s world as those who are called to be God’s people,  
remembering as you go that by God’s goodness you were born into this life,  
by God’s grace you have been kept to this very hour,  
and by God’s love, fully revealed in Jesus Christ, you are being redeemed,  
now and forevermore. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE *Postlude on ST. PATRICK’S BREASTPLATE* arr. Lani Smith

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

## PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

**Members:** Tricia Carr, Lisa Lanier, Joyce Sills, Jimmy Jung, Sybil Pope, David Price, Carolyn Walker, Bob and Jeanne Barker, Linda Smith, Mary Lou Ellen, Pauline Calloway

**Family and Friends:** Family of Ester Howard, Family of Kenneth Oakley (*grand-father of Sarah Conner*), John Moore (*son of Mila Johnson Moore*), Beverly Knight (*Stokes teacher*), Christopher Hoyle (*son of Ofelia Hoyle*), Erin Campbell (*daughter-in-law of Johnnie Jackson*), David Whiteman, Beth Johnson, Adriane Karlinski and family (*daughter of Randall Johnson*)

**Arbor Landing at Ocean Isle (*Shallotte*):** Pat Stiller

**Oak Hill Assisted Living Center (*Angier*):** Frances McQuade

**Prayers of Comfort** are extended to the family of Becky Smith in her death on Wednesday, March 16th.

*In order to keep our prayer list current, we will place names on the list for one month. After one month we will remove names from the list. If there is a need for a name to be on the list for a longer period, please notify us and we will be happy to comply.*

**Deacons for March:** Cherry DeVane and Derek Hogan

**Deacons for April:** David Avrette and Adam English

**Ushers Today:** Jeff Pope, Derek Hogan, Ron McLamb and Josh Taylor

**Ushers for March 27:** Nancy Brady, Bob Cisneros, Barrett Kesling and Miles West

**Kid’s Church Today:** Charlotte Riewestahl and Miles West

COVID Protocols effective March 6:

1. Masks are optional but recommended.
2. Ropes are removed from sanctuary pews except for three pews on either side to allow for persons who desire space for physical distancing.
3. Worshippers may enter and depart the sanctuary without direction by an usher. Except in inclement weather, please enter and exit through the foyer and courtyard. Masks and hand sanitizer are available in the foyer.

## TODAY, March 20<sup>th</sup>

**Friends Class - Sunday School:** 8:45 a.m. (Zoom)  
**Sarah's Open Door Class - Sunday School:** 9:00 a.m. (Classroom/Zoom)  
**Indoor Worship Service:** 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)  
**MBC Kid's Church:** 10:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall/Playground)  
**Youth - Sunday School:** 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

## WEDNESDAY, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

*In Person Gatherings:*

**Children's Choir:** 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)  
**Simple Salad Supper:** 6:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
**Church Business Meeting:** 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
**Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

## MARCH 2022

**27 Friends Class - Sunday School:** 8:45 a.m. (Zoom)  
**Sarah's Open Door Class - Sunday School:** 9 a.m. (Classroom/Zoom)  
**Indoor Worship Service:** 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)  
**MBC Kid's Church:** 10:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall/Playground)  
**Youth Sunday School:** 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

**30 Children's Choir:** 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)  
**Adult Bible Study:** 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)  
**Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

## APRIL 2022

**3 Friends Class - Sunday School:** 8:45 a.m. (Zoom)  
**Sarah's Open Door Class - Sunday School:** 9 a.m. (Classroom/Zoom)  
**Indoor Worship Service:** 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)  
**MBC Kid's Church:** 10:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall/Playground)  
**Youth - Sunday School:** 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)

**6 Children's Choir:** 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)  
**Adult Bible Study:** 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)  
**Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

## 10 PALM SUNDAY

**Friends Class - Sunday School:** 8:45 a.m. (Zoom)  
**Sarah's Open Door Class - Sunday School:** 9 a.m. (Classroom/Zoom)  
**Indoor Worship Service:** 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)  
**MBC Kid's Church:** 10:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall/Playground)  
**Children's EASTER Event:** Time TBD  
**Youth - Sunday School:** TBD

**11 Deacon's Meeting:** 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)

**13 Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** 6:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)  
**\* No Other Wednesday Night Activities**

**14 Simple Sandwich Supper:** 6:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
**Maundy Thursday Service:** 6:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)



To contribute to relief for Ukrainian refugees, make your check payable to MBC and write **Ukraine** on the memo line.

We will send half to Baptist World Alliance and half to NC Baptist on Mission - *Disaster Relief*.

Thank you to all the Kid's Church volunteers and teachers. I greatly appreciate your time and commitment to the children of MBC. I am grateful for your willingness to serve and your efforts have had such a positive impact on our children.



On Sunday, there will be a small thank you gift for you in the vestibule.

To our congregation, if you see one of these teachers, please thank them for serving in our Children's Ministry:

Cindy Avrette, Cherry DeVane, Madison Godwin, Sonya Godwin, Gracie Jonas, Lisa Lanier, Donna Penny, Michele Phelps, Ellie Rich, Laura Rich, Charlotte Riewestahl and Miles West.

~ Meredith L. Craddock

### WAYS TO DONATE TO MBC:

- (1) **Offering plates** are on the tables in the foyer as you leave.
- (2) You may also use your phone and click the **QR code below**; OR
- (3) **To give online** use the "Donate" tab on our webpage, <https://memorialbcnc.org>.  
(If you want 100% of your donation to benefit MBC, please increase your gift by 3% to help cover the transaction expenses.)

Thank you for your cooperation!



### CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

- **Clothes Closet:** TBD
- **Buddy Backpack:** collecting **individuals cereal boxes**  
*You may also make a monetary donation to Memorial Baptist Church and put 'Buddy Backpack' on the memo line.*
- **Harnett Food Pantry:** collecting **non-perishable foods and egg cartons**  
*You may make a monetary donation to Memorial Baptist Church and put 'Food Pantry' on the memo line.*
- **HCMS Hygiene Kits**

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Other Staff: By Appointment



# MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

*Third Sunday in Lent*

*March 20, 2022*

*Memorial Baptist Church is an inviting, inclusive, Christ-centered community of faith open to all persons who want to walk with us in following the way of Jesus. If you mourn and need comfort; if you're weary and need rest; if you feel friendless and need friendship; if you need a Savior; if you need love; if you need help; whoever you are and whatever your circumstances, we open the door and in the name of Jesus bid you come.*

The Rev. Edward Beddingfield, Pastor  
Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor  
Dr. Phillip and Susan Morrow, Ministers of Music  
Anne McClain, Organist  
Mariamarta Conrad, Worship Assistant  
Ashley Nelson, Administrative Assistant  
Wayne Smith, Custodian