

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

September 25, 2022  
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church  
Buies Creek, North Carolina

I do not thank you, Lord,  
That I have bread to eat while others starve . . .  
But I am grateful, Lord,  
Because my meagre loaf I may divide.  
For heart to share and will to lift,  
Thanks be to God for this . . . God's gift!

~ *Ad. fr. Janie Alford (1887-1986),  
American poet and hymnwriter*

## GATHERING

### MUSIC FOR GATHERING

PRELUDE *God Is Our Refuge and Strength* Robert J. Powell  
*Anne McClain, organist*

WELCOME Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*

† INVOCATION *Clement of Rome (ad.), ca. 30-95* Mrs. Craddock

Gracious and merciful God, as we gather in worship we pray that you would help and defend us; and not us alone, but all whom you have created: Deliver the oppressed, and have compassion on the despised. Raise the fallen, and be a friend to those in need. Heal the sick, and bring back those who have strayed. Feed the hungry, lift up the weak, and remove the prisoners' chains. By these tokens may all peoples come to know that you are God, that Jesus is your Son, and that we are your people, the sheep of your pasture, knowing and doing your will. In Jesus' name we pray, **Amen.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE 39 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* MARION

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*  
Psalm 113: 5-7, Titus 2: 14, II Corinthians 9: 15

Who is like the Lord our God, seated on high,  
looking far down on the heavens and the earth?  
God raises the poor from the dust, lifting the needy from the ash heap.  
And God gave himself for us, redeeming us from our iniquity and purifying us  
to become God's own people. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

## PROCLAIMING

PSALTER READING (*responsively*) Psalm 146 Mariamarta Conrad, *Reader*  
Praise the Lord!  
**Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;  
**I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**  
Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, in whom there is no help.  
**When their breath departs, they return to the earth,  
and on that very day their plans perish.**  
But happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
**whose hope is in the Lord their God –**  
who made the heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;  
**who keeps faith forever;**  
who executes justice for the oppressed;  
**who gives food to the hungry.**  
The Lord sets the prisoners free;  
**the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;**  
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
**the Lord loves the righteous.**  
The Lord watches over the stranger, and upholds the orphan and the widow;  
**but the way of the wicked the Lord brings to ruin.**  
The Lord will reign forever – your God, O Zion, for all generations.  
**Praise the Lord!**

† ANTIPHON *Lead Me, Lord* John D. Becker

Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord  
For God's coming kingdom shall be theirs  
Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled  
And the meek shall come to rule the world.

*Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord, by the light of truth  
To seek and to find the narrow way  
Be my way, be my truth, be my life, my Lord  
And lead me, Lord, today.*

Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs  
And the pure in heart shall see their God  
Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill  
For I say they shall be satisfied.

Blest are they who through their lifetimes sow the seeds of peace  
All will call them children of the Lord  
Blest are you, though persecuted in your holy life  
For in heav-en, great is your reward.

EPISTLE II Timothy 6: 6-10, 17-19 Mrs. Craddock

For the love of money is the root of all evil . . .  
[but you] are to do good, to be rich in good works,  
generous, and ready to share

*\* Following the Epistle, children may meet Mrs. Meredith  
at the back of the sanctuary to leave for Kid's Church.*

VOCAL WITNESS *Hymn of Heaven* Johnson/Wickham/Davenport  
Ms. Conrad, *vocalist*

OLD TESTAMENT Amos 8: 4 and 6: 1a, 4-7 Mr. Beddingfield  
Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land.

GOSPEL Luke 16: 19-31 Mr. Beddingfield  
The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus.

SERMON *Family Characteristics* Mr. Beddingfield

## RESPONDING

INVITATION and OFFERTORY *Morning Prayer* Richard Blake  
*(Those wishing to respond to the invitation  
may meet the pastor at the front of the sanctuary.)*

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

## SENDING

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 277 HENDON  
*Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated*

† 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 *Rise Up, O Church of God* Douglas E. Wagner

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Katie Morgan  
for her birthday  
by Mary Morgan, Margaret Morgan Holmes and Rupert Tart.*

## PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

**Members:** Scotty Scarborough, Jimmy Jung, Ofelia Hoyle, Tammy Pentony, David Price, Carolyn Walker, Jeanne Barker, Linda Smith, Mary Lou Ellen, Pauline Calloway

**Family and Friends:** Tony Malden (*friend of Will Roberts*), Lennie Hamilton and wife (*friends of Will Roberts*), Harrold Bunnells (*brother-in-law of Jeanie Kornegay*), Margo Ardelean (*friend of Susan Johnson*)

**Emerald Health and Rehab Center (Lillington, NC):** Pat Stiller

**Prayers of Comfort** are extended to the family of Sonya Godwin in the death of her sister's mother-in-law, Judy Gray, on Saturday, September 17th. Her funeral was held Wednesday in Shallotte.

**Prayers of Comfort** are also extended to the family of Frances McQuade in her death on Wednesday, September 21st. Her funeral is scheduled for Friday, September 30th at 2:00 p.m. at O'Quinn-Peebles-Phillips Funeral Home chapel.

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

**Deacons for October:** Laura Rich and Tammy Scarborough

**Ushers Today:** Nancy Brady, Bob Cisneros, Barrett Kesling and Miles West

**Ushers for October 2:** Al Hardison, Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson and Linda Lunney

**Kid's Church Today:** Meredith Craddock

### TODAY, September 25<sup>th</sup>

**Friends Class - Sunday School:** 8:45 a.m. (In Person & Online)

**Sarah's Open Door Class - Sunday School:** 9:00 a.m. (In Person & Online)

**Children - Sunday School:** 9:00 a.m.

**Youth Sunday School:** 9:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

**Worship Service:** 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)

**Kid's Church:** 10:15 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

### WEDNESDAY, September 28<sup>th</sup>

**Youth Activity:** 5:30 p.m.

**Children's Choir:** 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)

**Simple Supper - Soup and Sandwich:** 6:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

**Mission Kids Class:** 6:30 p.m.

**Business Meeting:** 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

**Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

### OCTOBER 2022

**2 Friends Class - Sunday School:** 8:45 a.m. (In Person & Online)

**Sarah's Open Door Class - Sunday School:** 9:00 a.m. (In Person & Online)

**Children - Sunday School:** 9:00 a.m.

**Youth Sunday School:** 9:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

**Worship Service:** 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)

**\* No Kid's Church**

**5 Children's Choir:** 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)

**Simple Supper:** 6:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

**Mission Kids Class:** 6:30 p.m.

**Youth Activity:** 6:30 p.m.

**Adult Bible Study:** 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

**Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

**7 Youth Lock-In:** 6:00 p.m.—7:30 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

**9 Friends Class - Sunday School:** 8:45 a.m. (In Person & Online)

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### Financial Position for the Period 1/1/22 - 8/28/22

» Total support, 1/1/22 - 8/28/22	\$ 211,276
» Total expenditures	\$ (244,129)
» Expenditures exceed support	\$ (32,853)
» Total 2022 Budget Proposal	\$ 422,529
» Percent of year passed	67%
» Support needed to meet budget	\$ 281,686
» Support received as of 8/28/22	\$ 211,276
» Budget support shortfall as of 8/28/22	\$ (70,410)
» Principal due on line of credit for church renovation	\$ 92,448

We are close to the end of collecting items for this mission project. We are now requesting items that we need more of to fill the bags.



For the month of **OCTOBER**, we are asking for:  
Full-Sized Shampoos, Hairbrushes, Scarfs and Individually Wrapped Candy (*no chocolate or peanut products*).

Please deliver to the church office during the week or place in the basket in the narthex on Sunday mornings.



### BUDDY BACKPACK MINISTRY


This year we are collecting "**nab crackers**" [either cheese with cheese or cheese with peanut butter].

Feel free to bring items to church & leave in the workroom in Buddy Backpack tub.

If anyone is interested in joining our team of volunteers who pack and deliver, please call Ashley (893-4162) or Alice (893-8210). We will start packing and delivering the first Friday in October (October 7th).

Thank you for your continued support and generosity! This project runs solely on donations and we feel we will have more children this year to serve.

### CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

- **Clothes Closet:** Next Date TBD
- **Harnett Food Pantry:** collecting - non-perishable foods and egg cartons Needed for September - - **Canned Green Beans** You may also make a monetary donation to Memorial Baptist Church and put 'Food Pantry' on the memo line. 

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Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 9am - 5pm



# MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

*Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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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