

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Sunday after Christmas
and New Year's Day

January 1, 2023
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

How does the soul grow? Not all in a minute:
Now it may lose ground, now it may win it;
Now it resolves, then again the will faileth;
Now it rejoices, and now it bewaileth;
Now its hopes blossom, then they are blighted;
Now it walks purposefully, now gropes benighted.
Fed by discouragements, taught by disaster,
So it goes forward, now slower, now faster,
Till all pain is past, and all failure made whole,
And it is full grown, and the Lord rules the soul.

~ Susan Coolidge, *American children's author (1835-1905)*

GATHERING

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

PRELUDE *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* arr. Keveren

WELCOME Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*

† CALL TO WORSHIP *Open the Eyes of My Heart* Paul Baloche

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart
I want to see you, I want to see you. *(Repeat)*

To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory
Pour out your power and love, as we sing Holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy; Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you. *(Repeat)*

I want to see you, I want to see you
I want to see you, I want to see you.

INVOCATION *Author unknown; ad. By Debra Mooney* Mr. Beddingfield

O God of the years, the ages and the moments, our times are in your hand.
Thank you for guarding and guiding us, for saving us and bearing with us,
in the year gone by; and make the year ahead, we pray, a happy one:
Not by shielding us from all sorrow and pain,
but by strengthening us for whatever comes;
Not by making our path easy, but by making us sturdy to walk it;
Not by taking hardships from us, but by standing with us through our fears;
Not by sending eternal sunshine, but by keeping our faces bright, even in the shadows;
Not by making life always pleasant,
but by revealing to us the people and circumstances that need us most,
along with the grace to serve them in your name.
O God, in all things be to us love, peace, hope, and joy in the year that lies before us.
In Christ's name we pray, **Amen.**

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

† CAROL OF PRAISE 89 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES
stanzas 1 and 2

CALL TO PRAYER (*Unison*) *By Thomas Merton* Adam English, *Reader*

**My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain where it will end.
Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that
I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.
But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you,
and I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing.
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.
And I know that if I do this, you will lead me by the right road,
though I may know nothing about it.
Therefore I will trust you always,
though I may seem lost and in the shadow of death.
I will not fear, for you are ever with me,
and you will never leave me to face my perils alone. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR: Thanksgiving, Confession and Petition Dr. English

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Responsively*) Psalm 90: 1-6, 9-10, 12, 14-17 Dr. English

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
**Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed
the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**
You turn us back to the dust; a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past, or a watch in the night.
**You sweep us away; we are like a dream, or grass that is renewed in the morning.
In the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.**
All our days pass away under your sight; our years come to an end like a sigh.
The years of our life are threescore and ten, or if we are strong, fourscore.
Yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.
So teach us to number our days, that we may get a heart of wisdom.
Satisfy us in the morning with your mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Make us glad as many days as we have been afflicted, as many years as we have seen evil.
Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.
May the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish firmly all that we do.

+ GRADUAL HYMN 74 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* ST. ANNE
stanzas 1, 3-6

PROCLAIMING

EPISTLE Philippians 3: 7-9, 12-16 Trinity Kelly, *Deacon*
I do not consider that I have made it my own,
but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and
straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal
for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

SERMON *Frontsliding* Mr. Beddingfield
(A sermon for the New Year)

RESPONDING

TESTIMONY IN SONG *I Will Choose Christ* Tom Booth
Mariamarta Conrad, *Solo*

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY INVITATION and PRAYER Mr. Beddingfield

OFFERTORY *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing* arr. Ron Lovee

SENDING

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 54 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS
stanzas 1 and 3

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY 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 *Glorious Light* Getty/Shackley

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Will and Christine Roberts, David Price, Harriet Enzor, Betty Wallace,
Jimmy Jung, Carolyn Walker, Linda Smith, Mary Lou Ellen, Pauline Calloway

Family and Friends: Family of Nathan Dixon (*nephew of Theresa Batten*), Family of
Virginia Stern (*sister of Ofelia Hoyle*), David Lanier (*brother of Meredith Craddock*),
Sandy Howard (*friend of Susan Cannady*), Virginia Blackwell (*mother of Anne McClain*),
Brian Worth (*friend of Cindy Avrette*), Frank and Peggy Giunta (*grandparents of
Heather Giunta*), Laura Yarbrough, Teresa Roberts

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

Prayers of Comfort are extended to the family of Meredith Williams in the death
of her mother, Mary Ann Tomlinson, on Saturday, December 24th. Her service
was Wednesday, December 28th.

Prayers of Comfort are also extended to the family of Jac Whatley in the death of
his mother, Kathleen Whatley, on Thursday, December 29th.

Prayers of Comfort are also extended to the family of Adriane Karlinski (*daughter of
Randall Johnson*) in the death of her mother, Beth Johnson, on Thursday, December
29th. Her service will be Tuesday, January 3rd.

*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.*

The rose in the sanctuary this morning is placed to welcome



Julian James Nienaber,

born to Tommy and Adrienne Nienaber,
and big brother Rory,
on December 27, 2022.

He weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz.

Matt and Susan Cannady are the proud grandparents!

Deacons for January 2023: Theresa Batten and Trinity Kelly

Deacons for February 2023: Brandon Brown and Bob Cisneros

Ushers Today: Al Hardison, Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson and
Linda Lunney

Ushers January 8: Siu-Ki Wong, Brandon Brown, Beverley Howard
and Matthew Sadler

No Kid's Church Today



You may place your offering in the offering plate during the service,
or use this QR code to donate using your phone, or click the *Donate*
tab on the website. Thank you for giving to Memorial Baptist Church.

TODAY, January 1st

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. (Online)

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

No Kids' Church Today

MONDAY, January 2nd

Church Office Closed for Holiday

WEDNESDAY, January 4th

** No Wednesday Night Activities*

JANUARY 2023

8 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. (Online)

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

Kids' Church: 10:15 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

9 Deacon's Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Mission Kids: 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)

Financial Position for the Period 1/1/22 - 11/30/22

» Total support, 1/1/22 - 11/30/22	\$ 320,557
» Total expenditures	\$ (341,976)
» Expenditures exceed support	\$ (21,419)
» Total 2022 Budget Proposal	\$ 422,529
» Percent of year passed	92%
» Support needed to meet budget	\$ 386,643
» Support received as of 11/30/22	\$ 320,557
» Budget support shortfall as of 11/30/22	\$ (66,086)
» Principal due on line of credit for church renovation	\$ 88,751

CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

• **Clothes Closet:** Date TBA

• **Buddy Backpack:** collecting "nab crackers"



[cheese with cheese or cheese with peanut butter]

You may also make a monetary donation to Memorial Baptist
Church and put 'Buddy Backpack' on the memo line.

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

Other Staff: By Appointment



**MEMORIAL
BAPTIST CHURCH**

*The Sunday after Christmas
and New Year's Day*

January 1, 2023

*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

Check the bulletin board for more community announcements.