

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

“All honor to those who shall win the prize!”
The world has cried for a thousand years;
But to one who tries and who fails and dies,
I give great honor and glory and tears . . .

So blest be the one with sword undrawn,
Or the one who refrains from abuse of wine;
But the person who fails and yet fights on,
That one is the twin-born brother of mine!

~ “For Those Who Fail” (ad.), Joaquin Miller (1837-1913),
western American poet, author and frontiersman

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Come, We Who Love the Lord* Lani Smith
Anne McClain, organ

WELCOME Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*

GATHERING SONG *Here I Am to Worship* Tim Hughes

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You.

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor .

† INVOCATION *Ad. in part from The Book of Common Prayer,* Mr. Beddingfield
Collect for the Sunday closest to May 11, and also Psalm 51 and 103

O Lord, as we come into your house to worship, open your arms to receive us, we pray:
Remember what you have done for us, and not how we have sinned against you;
remember what you have wrought in us, and not what we deserve;
and remember most of all who you are, and not who we have failed to be.
Remove our sins from us as far as the east is from the west,
create in us a clean heart, and restore unto us the joy of our salvation,
that we may sing aloud of your deliverance, and serve you with joy and gladness;
in the name of the Risen Christ we pray, **Amen.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE 408 *This Is the Threefold Truth* ACCLAMATIONS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE Mike Thompson, *Retired Pastor,*
Kenansville Baptist Church

AFFIRMATION OF THE EASTER FAITH (*responsively*) Meredith Lanier Craddock,
I Corinthians 15: 1-11 and 57-58 *Associate Pastor*

Now I would remind you, sisters and brothers,
of the good news that I proclaimed to you:
**Which we in turn received, in which also we stand,
and through which also we are being saved,
if we hold on firmly to it – unless we have come to believe in vain.**

For I handed on to you as the most important thing what I also received:
**That Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures,
that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures,
and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.**

Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time,
most of whom are still alive, though some have died.

Then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles.

Last of all, as to one born almost too late, he appeared also to me.

For I am the least of the apostles, even unfit to be called an apostle,
because I persecuted the church of God.

**But by the grace of God I am what I am,
and God's grace toward me has not been in vain –
so it is I, yet not I, but the grace of God that is with me.**

Whether then it was myself or the others, so we proclaimed;

And so we have come to believe.

But thanks be to God,
who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Therefore, beloved sisters and brothers, let us be steadfast,
immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord,
knowing that in the Lord our labor is not in vain.**

PROCLAIMING

ANTHEM *I Will Sing with the Spirit* John Rutter

I will sing with the spirit: Alleluia.
And I will sing with the understanding also: Alleluia.
I Corinthians 14: 15

GOSPEL John 21: 15-19 Mrs. Craddock
The Restoration of Peter:
“Simon, son of John, do you love me?”

SERMON *On Whose Terms?* Mr. Beddingfield

RESPONDING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and The Lord's Prayer (*unison*) Mrs. Craddock

**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.**

† SONG OF TESTIMONY *Cornerstone* Bradbury/Hillsong

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus name.

Christ alone, Cornerstone,
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.

INVITATION TO GIVE and OFFERTORY *Let Us Break Bread Together* Cindy Berry

HOLY COMMUNION

*The deacons will distribute communion trays to the congregation.
Please take a combination cup and pass the tray to the next person.
If you desire gluten-free, please raise your hand and a deacon will bring it.*

Invitation to the Lord's Table Mr. Beddingfield
Institution of the Supper I Corinthians 11: 23-25 Dr. Thompson
For I received from the Lord what I also delivered unto you . . .

Prayer of Consecration Dr. Thompson
Bread and Cup John 6: 35 Mr. Beddingfield

Jesus said, I am the bread of life.
Those who come to me will never hunger,
and those who believe in me will never thirst.

John 6: 54
Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have
eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day.

John 6: 56
Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me, and I live in them.

The Promise I Corinthians 11: 26 Dr. Thompson
For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death till he comes again.

SENDING

† INVITATION and HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 210 GORDON
My Jesus, I Love Thee

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION *Ad. fr. John Claypool* Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *Crown Him with Many Crowns* Anna Laura Page

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

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

Family and Friends: Family of Ann Vann, Josh, Jillian, Carson and Dawson
McDonald (*family members of Beverley Howard*), Noah Rayon (*student at Cape Fear
Christian Academy*), Amanda Huggins (*director of Stokes Childcare Center*), Grover and
Holly Blackburn

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

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

Deacons for May 2023: Earl Savage and Jac Whatley
Deacons for June 2023: Gail Cogdill and Ron McLamb

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

Ushers May 14: Siu-Ki Wong, Brandon Brown, Beverley Howard and Matthew Sadler

No Kids' Church Today

TODAY, May 7th

Friends Class - Sunday School: 8:45 a.m.

Sarah's Open Door Class - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

Children - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. (Library)

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

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

No Kids' Church

MONDAY, May 8th

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

WEDNESDAY, May 10th

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

Simple Supper - Pizza and Salad: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Mission Kids: 6:30 p.m. (Classroom)

Youth Activity: 6:30 p.m. (Library)

Adult Bible Study - Responding to the Resurrection - Uh-oh: 6:30 p.m.
(Fellowship Hall)

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

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DEACON NOMINATION DAY

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Kids' Church: 10:15 a.m. (Library)



For May, we will be collecting
Toothbrushes and **Toothpaste.**

We also welcome monetary donations to go toward the purchase of backpacks and Bibles. Designate your donation as **'Backpacks.'**

Here is a list of items we will be collecting in the near future:
*washcloths, deodorant, brushes, combs, candy (no chocolate),
pop-top canned food items (such as ravioli, tuna, beef stew, vegetables, fruit, etc.)*

Financial Position for the Period 1/1/23 - 4/30/23

» Total support, 1/1/2023 - 4/30/2023	\$ 137,460
» Total expenditures	\$ (126,664)
» Support exceeded expenditures	\$ 10,796
» Total 2023 Budget Proposal	\$ 413,084
» Percent of year passed	33%
» Support needed to meet budget	\$ 135,492
» Undesignated support received as of 4/30/2023	\$ 126,834
» Budget support shortfall as of 4/30/2023	\$ (8,658)
» Principal due on line of credit for church renovation	\$ 78,774



We would like to celebrate our 2023 high school and college graduates!

If you know of a graduate that would like to be included, please call the church office tomorrow.



THANK YOU FROM BUDDY BACKPACK

Another year of Buddy Backpack is coming to a close. That makes 12 years that Memorial has participated in the Buddy Backpack project! TWELVE YEARS! Thanks to you, dedicated members and friends of Memorial, we have supported this project without fail. Twelve years of making sure children in our community who have food insecurity have received food for the weekend. I salute you and thank you for your generosity in helping this project continue.

You have contributed by donating needed items (*this year we contributed nab crackers*), donations of money, and time by packing weekly and taking the bags of food to Buies Creek Elementary School. Those participating in packing and transporting are: Debbie Appel, Gail Cogdill, Linda Lunney, Cathy McLamb, Lisa Spainhour, Shelby Stancil, Barbara Taylor and Martha Womble. Without the help of all of you, Memorial would not be successful in helping with this project.

THANK YOU!

~ Alice Thomas

CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

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

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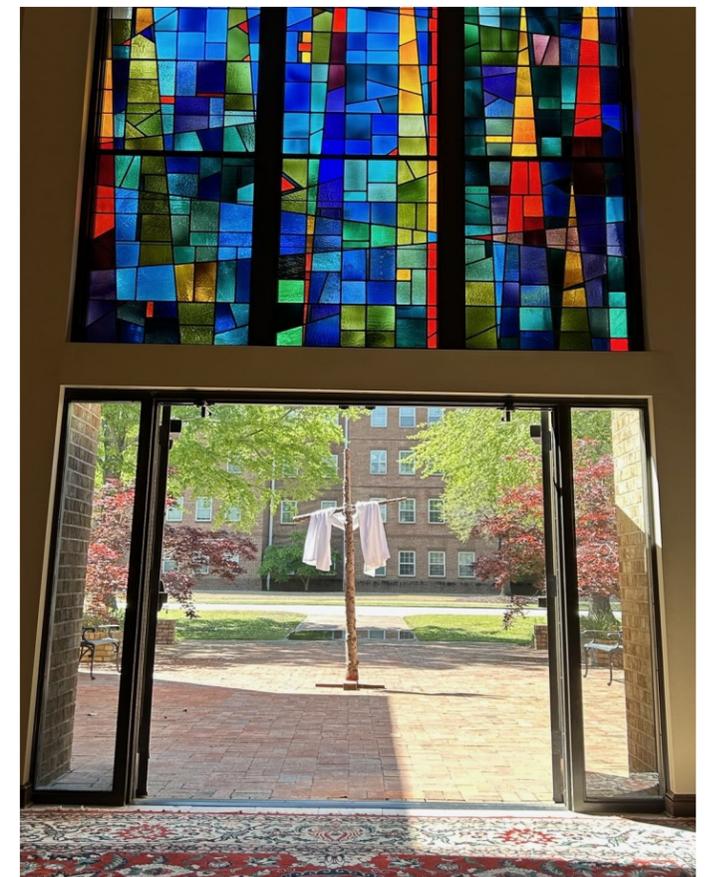
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MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 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