

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 25, 2023  
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church  
Buies Creek, North Carolina

A dream is the bearer of a new possibility,  
the enlarged horizon, the great hope.

Often to be free means the ability to deal with  
the realities of one's own situation so as not to be  
overcome by them.

~ Howard Thurman (1899-1981), American theologian,  
pastor, professor, author, and civil rights leader

### GATHERING

PRELUDE *O Splendor of God's Glory Bright* Gilbert M. Martin  
Anne McClain, organ

WELCOME Edward Beddingfield, Pastor

† INVOCATION *A Prayer by Howard Thurman (ad.)* Mr. Beddingfield

O God of grace, of comfort, of salvation, and of hope:  
We gather this day to worship you in spirit and in truth.  
Open unto us, we pray – light for our darkness.  
Open unto us – courage for our fear.  
Open unto us – hope for our despair.  
Open unto us – peace for our turmoil.  
Open unto us – joy for our sorrow.  
Open unto us – strength for our weakness.  
Open unto us – wisdom for our confusion.  
Open unto us – forgiveness for our sins.  
Open unto us – love for those we hate.  
Open unto us – your Self for ourselves.  
O Lord, open unto us! **Amen.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE 206 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE Meredith Lanier Craddock,  
Associate Pastor

### PROCLAIMING

PSALTER READING (responsively) Brittany Montgomery, Ministry Intern  
Psalm 116: 1-2, 8, 12-14, 17-19

I love the Lord, who has heard my voice and my supplications.

**Because the Lord has inclined his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.**

The Lord has delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears,  
and my feet from stumbling.

**What shall I render to the Lord for all this bounty toward me?**

Let us lift up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord;

Let us pay our vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people.

Let us offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and call upon the name of the Lord.

**I will pay my vows before the Lord in the presence of all God's people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord, even in your midst, O Jerusalem.**

Praise the Lord!

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† RESPONSE OF PRAISE  
Worship Song *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* Rick Founds

Lord, I lift your name on high  
Lord, I love to sing your praises  
I'm so glad you're in my life  
I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky  
Lord, I lift your name on high.

Hymn 212 *I Love You, Lord* I LOVE YOU, LORD

\* Following the Hymn, children may meet Mrs. Meredith and  
Ms. Brittany at the back of the sanctuary to leave for Kids' Church.

NEW TESTAMENT Romans 5: 1-8 Mr. Beddingfield  
But God shows his love for us in that  
while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

SERMON *Friends in Low Places* Mr. Beddingfield

### RESPONDING

ANTHEM *Come Follow Me* Jay Althouse

The kingdom of heaven is near.  
As you have received, so then must you give.  
Be not afraid with the Lord at your side,  
for Jesus died so we may live.

He said, "Come follow me. Come follow me.  
Come by yourselves to a quiet place.  
Come follow me. Come follow me."  
That someday we may see His face.

Those who are weary, take rest.  
Look to Him for comfort and He will soothe your soul.  
For He is gentle and humble in heart,  
and Jesus died to make us whole.

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.**

INVITATION TO GIVE and OFFERTORY William H. Doane

*I Am Thine, O Lord*

### SENDING

† INVITATION and HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 153 MY TRIBUTE

*My Tribute*  
Solo at beginning  
Refrain: all  
Bridge: solo

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 *Recessional on TO GOD BE THE GLORY* Douglas E. Wagner

*The flowers on the altar are given in gratitude to God  
for the love shared between Seth and Hillary Avrette  
and in celebration of their marriage on June 17th  
by David and Cindy Avrette.*

### PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

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

**Family and Friends:** Family of Mary Altobelli (*grandmother of Christine Roberts*);  
Family of David Price; Brian Worth (*friend of Cindy Avrette*); Josephine Simpson  
(*neighbor of Pastor Ed*); Glenn Johnson; Parker Wilson (*Sylva, NC*); Noah Rayon  
(*student from CFCA*); Casey Godfrey (*friend of Susan Johnson*); Angela Adamah;  
Amanda Huggins (*director of Stokes Childcare Center*)

**Aldersgate senior living center (Charlotte, NC):** Louise Taylor

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

**Prayers of Comfort** are extended to the family of Nell Grimm in the death of her  
brother, John Stanton, on Tuesday, June 20th.

**Deacons for June 2023:** Gail Cogdill and Ron McLamb  
**Deacons for July 2023:** Theresa Batten and Trinity Kelly

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

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

**Kids' Church Today:** Meredith Craddock and Brittany Montgomery

TODAY, June 25<sup>th</sup>

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

WEDNESDAY, June 28<sup>th</sup>

\* No Wednesday Night Activities

JULY 2023

2 Friends Class - Sunday School: 8:45 a.m.  
Sarah's Open Door Class - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.  
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4 Church Office Closed for Holiday

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10 Deacon's Meeting: 7:00 p.m. (by Zoom)

12 Summer Choir Rehearsal III: 7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)

16 Friends Class - Sunday School: 8:45 a.m.  
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**Financial Position for the Period 1/1/23 - 5/31/23**

» Total support, 1/1/2023 - 5/31/2023	\$ 164,536
» Total expenditures	\$ (150,675)
» Support exceeded expenditures	\$ 13,861
» Total 2023 Budget Proposal	\$ 413,084
» Percent of year passed	41%
» Support needed to meet budget	\$ 170,892
» Undesignated support received as of 5/31/2023	\$ 152,327
» Budget support shortfall as of 5/31/2023	\$ (18,565)
» Principal due on line of credit for church renovation	\$ 77,246



**APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS** For June, we will be collecting *Deodorant* and *Washcloths*.

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

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

**CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS**

- **Clothes Closet:** Next Date TBD
- **Harnett Food Pantry:** collecting **non-perishable foods** and **egg cartons**  
Needed for June -- **Peanut Butter** (not larger than 28 oz.)  
*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  
Other Staff: By Appointment



# MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

*Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*June 25, 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  
Brittany Montgomery, Ministry Intern  
Mariamarta Conrad, Worship Assistant  
Ashley Nelson, Administrative Assistant  
Wayne Smith, Custodian