

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 20, 2023
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

There's a wideness in God's mercy
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice
Which is more than liberty.

But we make God's love too narrow
By false limits of our own;
And we magnify God's strictness
With a zeal God will not own.

There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of our mind
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.

~ Frederick William Faber (1814-1863),
English hymnwriter and theologian

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Holy, Holy, Holy* arr. Phillip Keveren
Phillip Morrow, piano

WELCOME Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor

† CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) Psalm 65 Mrs. Craddock

May God be gracious to us and bless us, and make your face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon the earth, and your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity,
and guide the nations upon the earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth worship the Lord.

† INVOCATION Mrs. Craddock

† HYMN OF PRAISE 14 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE Edward Beddingfield, Pastor
*Assurance of Grace ad. fr. "Prayers of Confession, Assurance,
and Pardon," The Book of United Methodist Worship, 1989,
and Romans 14:13.*

Almighty God will have mercy on us,
forgiving all our sins through the Lord Jesus Christ;
strengthening us in all goodness and encouraging us in all good works;
and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keeping us in eternal life.

Therefore may the God of hope fill you with all joy and
peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

† The congregation is invited to stand.

PROCLAIMING

OLD TESTAMENT Brittany Montgomery, Ministry Intern, and Mr. Beddingfield
Isaiah 56: 1-8
My house shall be called a
house of prayer for all peoples.

SONG OF FAITH *The Gift of Love* arr. Hopson
Sarah and Joseph Connor, vocalists

GOSPEL Matthew 15: 21-28 Mrs. Craddock
Jesus said, "I was sent only to the lost sheep
of the house of Israel."

† TESTIMONY IN SONG *Cornerstone* Myrin/Morgan/Liljero
Charissa English, leader

* Following the Testimony in Song, children from age 3 through 4th grade may meet
Mrs. Meredith and Ms. Brittany at the back of the sanctuary to leave for Kids' Church.
Parents may pick up their children in the church library after the service.

SERMON *High Standards, Deep Love, Wide Grace* Mr. Beddingfield

RESPONDING

INVITATION and HYMN OF RESPONSE 25 WELLESLEY
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
stanzas 1 - 4

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

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 *He Lifted Me* arr. Ron Loree

SENDING

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH ST. PETER
Where Charity and Love Prevail

Where charity and love prevail there God is ever found;
Brought together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear His charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul now love him in return.

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 *The Solid Rock* arr. Birchwood

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Martha Womble, Donna Penny, Pauline Calloway, Jac Whatley, Betty
Wallace, Jimmy Jung, Linda Smith

Family and Friends: Jeroen and Liz Stone; Rusty Armstrong, Wanda Sims,
Rhonda Rockholt (*friends of Ofé Hoyle*); Proctorville Baptist Church; David Lanier
(*brother of Meredith Craddock*); Michael Warren (*brother of Donna Haynes*); Ernest and
Linda Savage (*brother and sister-in-law of Earl Savage*); Lacy Massey (*step-dad of Jeff
Pope*); Wayne McLamb (*brother-in-law of Jeff Pope*); Brian Worth (*friend of Cindy
Avrette*); Josephine Simpson (*neighbor of Pastor Ed*); Glenn Johnson; Parker Wilson
(*Sylva, NC*); Maurice Johnson (*brother of Randall Johnson and Shelby Stancil*); Noah
Rayon (*student from CFCA*)

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

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

*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 August 2023: Brandon Brown and Tammy Scarborough
Deacons for September 2023: Randall Johnson and Cherry DeVane

Ushers Today: Jeff Pope, Derek Hogan, Ron McLamb and Joshua Taylor
Ushers Aug. 27: Nancy Brady, Bob Cisneros, Barrett Kesling and Miles
West

Kids' Church: Meredith Craddock and Brittany Montgomery

TODAY, August 20th

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, August 23rd

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

SATURDAY, August 26th

Clothes Closet: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (Family Life Center)
Anyone willing to help sort clothes before Saturday, please contact Sonya or Chad Godwin.

AUGUST 2023

27 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)
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30 RESUME WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

*** No Children's Choir**
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: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
*** No Chancel Choir Rehearsal**

SEPTEMBER 2023

3 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**

4 Church Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday

6 Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
Simple Supper - Nacho Bar: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Mission Kids: 6:30 p.m. (Classroom)
Youth Activity: 6:30 p.m. (Library)
Adult Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)



Campbell University Street Fair

We'll be representing MBC at Campbell's Street Fair Tuesday, August 22 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Please come join us!

We are in need of people to come out, speak to students and work at our tent. You don't have to stay the whole time, even just 30 minutes is appreciated!

Backpack Blessing

During next Sunday's worship service (August 27), we will have a special back to school prayer for all students, teachers and administrators.

We would love for students to bring their school backpacks to this worship service.



MAUI WILD FIRES RELIEF

Wild fires have become a life threat in Maui, Hawaii. We pray for those that have lost loved ones as well as property; for the first responders and their families; for the churches that have become the hands and feet of Christ. As brother and sisters in Christ, we are called to solidarity and show our love through support. They ask for our prayers and financial support. Please give generously at: www.cbf.net/hawaii and write "Hawaii fires" in the comment field.



Buies Creek Fire Department Smoke Alarm Campaign

If you would like for your smoke detector to be inspected, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the hall.



For August, we are collecting
POP-TOP CANNED FOOD ITEMS
(such as ravioli, tuna, beef stew, vegetables, fruit, etc.)

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

CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

- **Clothes Closet:** August 26, 2023
- **Harnett Food Pantry:** collecting non-perishable foods and egg cartons
Needed for August -- **Green Beans**
Monetary donations to MBC are also welcome. Designate contribution as 'Food Pantry.'

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MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

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