

Love

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Love shall be our token,
 Love be yours and Love be mine;
 Love to God and everyone,
 Love our plea, our gift, our sign.

~ *"Incarnate Love,"* by Christina G. Rossetti (ad.),
Victorian English Romantic poet and writer (1830-1894).

PRELUDE *Prelude on GLORIA* Jason D. Payne
Anne McClain, *organ*

† INVOCATION Ms. Montgomery

WAITING

NATIVITY FIGURE: *Joseph* Harriet Enzor

the Lord will gently lead the mother sheep who are with young.

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

SERMON *Love Isn't Always Cuddly* Mr. Beddingfield

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY

POSTLUDE *Join the Triumph of the Skies* Douglas E. Wagner

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.

Your help is much needed and appreciated!

TODAY, December 10th

- Second Sunday of Advent*
- Friends Class - Sunday School: 9:00 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: during worship (Library)
Children's Christmas Musical Dress Rehearsal:
immediately following worship service
Advent Dinners: 5:00 p.m.
"Good King Wenceslas" Children's Christmas Musical: 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, December 13th

- * No Children's Choir**
Simple Supper - Pizza & Salad: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Gingerbread House Decorating: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
This event is for ALL ages! The church will provide the gingerbread house. Please bring any of your favorite decorating candy to share. Some candy, snacks & icing will be provided.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)


SATURDAY, December 16th

- Chancel Choir Cantata Dress Rehearsal: 1:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)

DECEMBER 2023


- 17 *Third Sunday of Advent*
- Friends Class - Sunday School: 9:00 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)
Chancel Choir Cantata-Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Kids' Church: during worship (Library)
Fireside at Memorial: 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
*To contribute your own unique talent, see Dr. Morrow.
Please bring Christmas desserts or treats to share afterward.*
- 20 *** No Children's Choir**
- Simple Supper - Soup & Sandwich: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Church-wide Caroling: Time TBA
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)
- 24 *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
- * No Sunday School**
Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)
*** No Kids' Church**
Christmas Eve Service: 5:30 p.m.
Lessons and Carols, Candles and Communion

*** Year-End Giving:** In planning your year-end giving, please be reminded that your contributions must be received in the church office by noon on **December 29, 2023** (or post-marked by **December 31, 2023**) in order to be reported as a 2023 gift.



"Advent is a season to linger in longing. This poses a challenge in our tired, time-tabled culture. We are used to having what gratifies..."

Please take a devotion book & spend a few moments everyday praying, reading & reflecting. During this time of longing, as we wait for our Savior's birth, let's spend some time waiting with God.



CAPITAL DEBT CAMPAIGN

A generous donor has agreed to match any donations made to our capital debt between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31 up to \$20,000.

Thanks to the donor and to all of you for your faithful giving to MBC.

Goal	\$20,000.00
Gifts Received as of 12-6-23	\$17,895.45

89%

CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

- Harnett Food Pantry:** collecting non-perishable foods and egg cartons
Needed for December - - **Peanut Butter**
Monetary donations to MBC are also welcome. Designate contribution as 'Food Pantry.'
- Buddy Backpack:** collecting "nab crackers"
[cheese with cheese or cheese with peanut butter]
Monetary donations to MBC are also welcome. Designate contribution as 'Buddy Backpack.'

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Second Sunday of Advent
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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