

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost and the
Sunday after Independence Day*

July 7, 2024
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Whatso'er the form of the building or the creed professed,
The Cross shall tower as sovereign emblem over all.
~ James Russell Lowell (1819-1891)

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* Robert W. Thygerson
Anne McClain, organ

WELCOME and † INVOCATION Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*
Ad. fr. *The Book of Common Prayer*,
Collects for the Nation and the Reign of Christ

Almighty God, who in love has made all the peoples of the earth, and who
in that same love desires that we should serve you in freedom and live together in peace:
Mercifully grant that we who are divided and enslaved by sin
may be freed and brought close by the self-giving love of your Son;
and in thanksgiving for the freedom with which we have been blessed,
give to the people of our own country a zeal for justice and a heart of forbearance,
that we may use our liberty not merely for ourselves,
but in accordance with your gracious will;
this we pray through Jesus Christ, who surrendered his life that we may find ours. **Amen.**

† GATHERING HYMN 395 *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

PROCLAIMING

GOSPEL I John 8: 31-34, 36-39a, 51-53, 58-59 Mr. Beddingfield
We are the descendants of Abraham.

GOSPEL II Meredith Craddock, *Associate Pastor*
John 6: 30-35, 41-42, 48-51
Our ancestors ate manna in the wilderness.

† CONGREGATIONAL SONG *I Could Sing of Your Love Forever* Martin Smith
Dayna Scarborough, *Leader*

Over the mountains and the sea, Your river runs with love for me.
And I will open up my heart and let the Healer set me free.
I'm happy to be in the truth and I will daily lift my hands.
For I will always sing of when Your love came down.

I could sing of Your love forever. I could sing of Your love forever.
I could sing of Your love forever. I could sing of Your love forever.

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

SERMON *The Symbols of Freedom* Mr. Beddingfield

RESPONDING

ANTHEM (*insert*) *Lord, Be Glorified* arr. Ruth Elaine Schram
(Incorporating Pachelbel's *Canon in D*)
Congregation, please join the choir on verses 3 & 4

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 Mr. Beddingfield
Just As I Am/Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord arr. Mike Sharp
Mrs. McClain

HOLY COMMUNION
Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution Mrs. Craddock
I Corinthians 11: 23-25
For I received from the Lord what I also delivered unto you . . .

Prayer of Consecration Mr. Beddingfield

The Bread John 6: 35 Mrs. Craddock
Jesus said, I am the Bread of Life. Whoever comes to me
will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.

The Cup John 6: 54, 56 Mr. Beddingfield
Jesus said, those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life,
and I will raise them up on the last day; and they live in me, and I live in them.

The Promise I Corinthians 11:26; John 8:32 Mrs. Craddock
For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death till he comes again.
And you shall know the truth, and the truth will make you free.

SENDING

INVITATION TO FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH (*insert*) *This Is My Song* FINLANDIA

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *Festive Postlude on Built on the Rock* Gilbert Martin
Mrs. McClain

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Joe Turlington, Elva Scarborough, Lorrie Pope, Randall Johnson, Debbie Appel, Jean Powers, Donna Haynes, Doris Eller, Linda Smith, Catherine King, Carolyn Walker, Betty Wallace, Pauline Calloway

Family and Friends: Edith DeVane (*mother of Steve DeVane*); Christopher Hoyle (*son of Ofelia Rockholt*); Mary McClain (*mother of Greg McClain*); Tonya Taylor (*sister-in-law of Carrie Royal*)

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 and friends of Michael Lester in his sudden death last week.

Prayers of Comfort are extended to the family of Ashley Nelson in the death of her Aunt, Ann Long, on Wednesday, July 3, 2024.

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 July 2024: Theresa Batten and Trinity Kelly
Deacons for August 2024: Cherry DeVane and Earl Savage

Ushers Today: Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson, Linda Lunney and Siu-Ki Wong
Ushers July 14: Brandon Brown, Bob Cisneros, Adam English and Miles West

No Kids' Church Today (No Kids' Church during July)

Nursery today: Michele Phelps

Nursery July 14: (*need volunteer*)

Financial Position for the Period 1/1/24 - 5/31/24

» Total support, 1/1/2024 - 5/31/2024	\$ 166,763
» Total expenditures	\$ (192,424)
» Expenditures exceed Support	\$ (25,661)
» Total 2024 Budget Proposal	\$ 418,220
» Percent of year passed	42%
» Support needed to meet budget	\$ 174,163
» Undesignated support received as of 5/31/24	\$ 144,703
» Budget support shortfall as of 5/31/24	\$ (29,460)

Memorial Baptist Church,

The finance committee would like to express our gratitude for your constant giving to the ministries of this church. We are in peak summer mode and with that we'd like to challenge you to constantly give throughout the entire year. The ministries of this church operate all year long and your faithful giving is not taken for granted. It provided the ability for our properties committee to install new HVAC units in our fellowship hall and a new concrete pad near the playground that needed replacing. We are truly thankful for you believing and giving to this church as we strive to know Christ and make him known with its ministries!

Thank you!
MBC Finance Committee

TODAY, July 7th

- 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. (Family Life Center)
- Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)
- * No Kids' Church in July

MONDAY, July 8th

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

WEDNESDAY, July 10th

- CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Summer Choir Rehearsal III: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

JULY 2024

14-19 YOUTH PASSPORT CAMP

- 14 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. (Family Life Center)
- Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)
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17 * No Wednesday Night Activities

- 21 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. (Family Life Center)
- Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)
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24 Summer Choir Rehearsal IV: 7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)

- 28 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)
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AMONG THE ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE JULY 10 BUSINESS MEETING:



- (1) Recommendation from Deacons to disaffiliate from Baptist State Convention and Little River Baptist Assoc.
- (2) Recommendation from Properties Committee with the concurrence of the Deacons to proceed with demolition of Lanier Property buildings.

Brittany Montgomery's Address:

She would love to hear from you!

2020 Fernwood Drive
Henderson, NC 27536

VBS Help Needed!

Please let Meredith know if you are able to take some things home today to trace and cut out of cardboard.

Other help is needed to:

- ♦ wrap boxes in white paper and paint/draw/glue blacks dots on like dice
- ♦ Glue colored paper on white posterboard
- ♦ Blow up balloons and assemble balloon towers (week of VBS)
- ♦ Help with food and snacks

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!"
Philippians 4:13*

VBS 2024

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Following Jesus Changes the Game

AUGUST 2 - 4

- Aug. 2 4 - 7:30 pm
- Aug. 3 10 am - 2:30 pm
- Aug. 4 10 am - Lunch



For July, we are collecting **POP-TOP Canned Food Items** such as ravioli, tuna, beef stew, Vienna sausages, vegetables, fruit, etc. *(no plastic containers)*

** Please make sure the expiration date is after December 2024. **

Place items in the plastic tote in the narthex.

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 17, 2024
- **Harnett Food Pantry:** collecting **non-perishable foods and egg cartons** Needed for July -- **Canned Fruit Cocktail**
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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MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost and the
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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
Ashley Nelson, Administrative Assistant
Wayne Smith, Custodian