

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 2024
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

There is a close companionship of pain,
There is a clinging brotherhood of woe,
That children of success may never know,
That darlings of the world may never gain.

But they, children of Failure, sit around,
And in Life's antechamber sleep and wait,
As day melts into night. It grows too late:
No bed or board on earth for them is found.

There lies in misery a subtle tie
Only the brokenhearted understand;
Look feeds on look, hand reaches out to hand,
Unnoticed by the careless passers-by.

Sometimes the doorstep is at midnight crossed,
And then a muffled movement on the stair:
Jesus, the Son of Heaven, enters there,
And takes the lowliest seat among the lost.

~ Edith Lovejoy Pierce (ad.), 1904-1983, Christian poet
originally from Oxford, England, then Evanston, Illinois.

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Christians, We Have Met for Worship* arr. Douglas Wagner
Susan Simpson, organ

WELCOME and † INVOCATION Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor

† HYMN OF PRAISE 56 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING Mrs. Craddock

PROCLAIMING

OLD TESTAMENT Joshua 24: 1-5, 14-18 Mrs. Craddock
Choose this day whom you will serve.

EPISTLE (responsively) Hebrews 6: 4-6 and Edward Beddingfield, Pastor
10: 26-27a, 32-33a, 35-39

It is impossible to restore again to repentance those who have once been enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have participated in the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, and then have fallen away, since by their own choice they are crucifying again the Son of God and holding him up to contempt.

For if we willingly persist in sin after having received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a fearful prospect of judgment.

But recall those earlier days when, after you had been enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, sometimes even abuse and persecution. Do not, therefore, abandon that confidence of yours, for it brings a great reward. You need endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised. For "my righteous one will live by faith, but my soul takes no pleasure in anyone who shrinks back."

But we are not among those who shrink back, but among those who have faith and so are saved.

† The congregation is invited to stand.

ANTHEM *Glory to His Name* arr. Bob Burroughs

* Following the Anthem, children from age 3 through 3rd grade may meet Mrs. Meredith at the back of the sanctuary to leave for Kids' Church. Parents may pick up their children in the church library after the service.

GOSPEL John 6: 52-56, 60-62, 66-69 Mr. Beddingfield
Jesus asked them, "Do you also wish to go away?"
"Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life."

SERMON *Backsliding* Mr. Beddingfield

RESPONDING

† SONG OF RESPONSE *Where Could I Go?* J.B. Coats
Mariamarta Conrad, vocalist,
Steve DeVane, piano

1. Liv - ing be-low in this old sin - ful world, Hardly a com - fort can af - ford;
2. Neigh - bors are kind, I love them ev - 'ry one, We get a - long in sweet accord;
3. Life here is grand with friends I love so dear, Comfort I get from God's own word;

Cho. - Where could I go, O where could I go, Seeking a ref - uge for my soul?
D. C. for Chorus
Striving a - lone to face temp - tation sore,
But when my soul needs manna from above, Where could I go but to the Lord?
Yet when I face the chill - ing hand of death,
Need - ing a friend to save me in the end, Where could I go but to the Lord?

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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
Holy, Holy, Holy arr. Douglas Wagner
Mrs. Simpson

SENDING

INVITATION TO FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 456 PRECIOUS LORD
Precious Lord, Take My Hand

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *When in Our Music God is Glorified* arr. Anna Laura Page
Mrs. Simpson

Today we welcome Susan Simpson as the guest organist for our worship service. Susan graduated from Meredith College with a degree in music education. She and her husband, Danny, live in Fuquay Varina and have two adult children and two grandchildren, all boys! She loves bargain hunting, puzzling and music.

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Doris Eller, Jac Whatley, David Avrette, Linda Smith, Carolyn Walker, Jeanne Barker, Lorrie Pope, Catherine King, Betty Wallace

Family and Friends: Family of Gerald Sims (*uncle of Phillip Morrow*); Family of Pauline Calloway; Family of Wayne McLamb (*brother-in-law of Jeff Pope*); Amanda Alexander (*cousin of Gracie Jonas*); Edith DeVane (*mother of Steve DeVane*); Jill Jacobson (*friend of Susan Morrow*); Mary McClain (*mother of Greg McClain*); Kristen Gastaldo (*daughter of Michael and Rebecca Thompson*); Gabe and Bailey (*foster children of Will and Christine Roberts*); Tonya Taylor (*sister-in-law of Carrie Royal*)

Please pray for our teacher friends from the Philippines, that worshiped with us last week, to have a wonderful school year.

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 2024: Cherry DeVane and Earl Savage
Deacons for September 2024: Trinity Kelly and Dave Steegar

Ushers Today: Cherry DeVane, Chad Godwin, Derek Hogan and Jeff Pope
Ushers Sept. 1: Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson, Linda Lunney and Siu-Ki Wong

Kids' Church Today: Meredith Craddock
No Kids' Church September 1

Nursery today: Charlotte Riewestahl
Nursery September 1: (need volunteer)

TODAY, August 25th

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)
Kids' Church: during worship (Library)

TUESDAY, August 27th

Nominating Committee Meeting: 6:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY, August 28th

Puerto Rico Mission Trip Information Meeting: 6:00 p.m. (via Zoom)

You are invited to join a Zoom meeting hosted by MBC's Mission's Committee to hear information about our churchwide mission trip to Puerto Rico, June 14-21, 2025. We will talk about our exciting ministry partnership with Metropolis Church, share information about beautiful San Juan, lodging and travel logistics, costs, and timeline.

All are welcome to join. Maybe you are eager to go, thinking about going, or just want to support and pray for the trip. Attending the Zoom meeting does not commit you to anything!

See your Wednesday email for the Zoom meeting link.

SEPTEMBER 2024

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*** No Kids' Church Today**
- 2 Church Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday**
- 4 WEDNESDAY NIGHT KICK-OFF**
Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
Supper - Hamburgers & Hotdogs: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Itty Bitty Church Band Concert: 6:30 p.m.
Featuring Ed Beddingfield, Curtis Freeman, Glenn Jonas, Spencer Phillips and Ran Whitley
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

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Other Staff: By Appointment

Financial Position as of 7/31/24

» Total support, 1/1/2024 - 7/31/2024	\$ 242,998
» Total expenditures	\$ (267,749)
» Expenditures exceed Support	\$ (24,751)
» Total 2024 Budget Proposal	\$ 418,220
» Percent of year passed	58%
» Support needed to meet budget	\$ 244,057
» Undesignated support received as of 7/31/24	\$ 206,689
» Budget support shortfall as of 7/31/24	\$ (37,368)

Ways to Donate to MBC:

- **Offering plates** during the Offertory portion of our service.
- Our website at www.memorialbcnc.org by clicking the *Donate* tab.
- Mailing a **check** payable to:

Memorial Baptist Church
P.O. Box 485
Buies Creek, NC 27506

- Scanning the **QR Code** shown here on your mobile device.

(If you want 100% of your donation to benefit MBC, please increase your gift by 3% to help cover the transaction expenses.)



For August, we are collecting
TOYS / FUN ITEMS

BACKPACKS Examples of age appropriate toys/fun items are:

For the younger age groups (less than 15 years old) non-breakable toys would include: small cars, balls, dolls, small stuffed animals, puzzles, jump rope, sidewalk chalk, card games, legos, etc. **(NO toy weapons)**

For the older age groups (15-17 year olds) fun items would include:
for boys: flashlight, small thermos, light blanket, earbuds, small tool kit, fishing gear, books, hunting/fishing/sports magazines, etc.

for girls: jewelry, books, earbuds, skin care products, hair accessories, Small travel-sized hair dryer, 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:** Next date: TBD
- **Harnett Food Pantry:** collecting **non-perishable foods** and **egg cartons**
Needed for August -- **Canned Peaches**
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.'
- **Belts for HCMS:** *Donations of used men's or boys belts that can be used for students.*



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
Ashley Nelson, Administrative Assistant
Wayne Smith, Custodian