

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 8, 2024
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

The Lord God called to the man in the garden, "Where are you?" Why did God ask such a question? Was God trying to find them, or was God calling them to face what they had done? It was important that they answer the question of where they were physically, but more importantly where they were in relationship with their Creator.

~ *Ad. fr. David B. Smith, Pastor Emeritus, First Baptist Church Lenoir, NC, "The Manna Connection," Sept. 4, 2024.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE *O Worship the King* David Cherwien
Anne McClain, *organ*

WELCOME and † INVOCATION Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*

† HYMN OF PRAISE 202 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* CORONATION

CALL TO PRAYER (*responsively*) Psalm 119: 89, 160, 90, 111, 105 Mrs. Craddock
and Hebrews 4: 12-13

The Lord exists forever, whose word is firmly fixed in the heavens:

The sum of your word is truth, and your ordinances endure forever.

By God's word the earth is established, and stands fast:

Your faithfulness endures to all generations.

The decrees of the Lord are my heritage forever, and the joy of my heart.

Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit and joints from marrow, discerning even the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

And before God no creature is hidden, but all are open and laid bare to the eyes of the One with whom we have to do.

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE Mrs. Craddock

† SONG FOR REFLECTION *Thy Word* Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith
Mariamarta Conrad, solo
Congregation, *chorus*

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. (*Repeat*)

PROCLAIMING

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 3: 6-9 Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*
But the Lord God called to the man and said,
"Where are you?"

Genesis 4: 1-2, 8-9
Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?"

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

SERMON *Where Are You?* Mr. Beddingfield
First in a series: "Divine Questions."

RESPONDING

† ANTHEM *Lord, I Know I Been Changed* arr. Larry Shackley

INVITATION TO GIVE and OFFERTORY Mr. Beddingfield
Meditation on PROMISES Robin McGee
Mrs. McClain

HOLY COMMUNION Mr. Beddingfield and Mrs. Craddock

Gluten-free items are in the center of each communion tray and have writing on top. You do not need to raise your hand to receive gluten-free; just take it from the tray.

Invitation to the Table and Consecration of the Supper
I Corinthians 11: 23-25
Do this in remembrance of me.

Prayer of Dedication and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Song for Reflection and Passing of the Supper Wells/Sapp/Hulse
Known
Mrs. Conrad

It's so unusual it's frightening
You see right through the mess inside me
And you call me out to pull me in
You tell me I can start again
And I don't need to keep on hiding

I'm fully known and loved by You
You won't let go no matter what I do
And it's not one or the other
It's hard truth and ridiculous grace
To be known fully known and loved by You
I'm fully known and loved by You

It's so like You to keep pursuing
It's so like me to go astray
But You guard my heart with Your truth
A kind of love that's bulletproof
And I surrender to Your kindness

How real, how wide, how rich, how high is Your heart
I cannot find the reasons why You give me so much

The Bread John 6: 56
Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me,
and I live in them.

The Cup John 6: 54
Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life,
and I will raise them up at the last day.

The Promise I Corinthians 11: 26
For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup
you proclaim the Lord's death till he comes again.

SENDING

INVITATION TO FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 187 *In the Garden* GARDEN

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *Forward In Faith* Steven Scott
Mrs. McClain

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Charlotte Riewestahl, Doris Eller, Linda Smith, Carolyn Walker, Jeanne Barker, Lorrie Pope, Catherine King, Betty Wallace

Family and Friends: Peter Conrad, pacemaker replaced tomorrow (*father of Mariamarta Conrad*); Teachers from the Philippines and their families; Amanda Alexander (*cousin of Gracie Jonas*); Edith DeVane (*mother of Steve DeVane*); Jill Jacobson (*friend of Susan Morrow*); 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 Sympathy are extended to the family of Neil Stephenson in the death of his sister-in-law, Eloise Stephenson, on Sunday, September 1st. Her funeral was held Wednesday in Angier.

Deacons for September 2024: Trinity Kelly and Dave Steegar
Deacons for October 2024: Steve DeVane and Tammy Scarborough

Ushers Today: Brandon Brown, Bob Cisneros, Adam English and Miles West
Ushers Sept. 15: Beverley Howard, Ron McLamb, Scotty Scarborough and Lee Turlington

No Kids' Church Today
Kids' Church Sept. 15: (need volunteer)

Nursery today: Michele Phelps
Nursery Sept. 15: (need volunteer)

The rose in the sanctuary this morning is placed to welcome



Kayden Draegen Scarborough

born to Draegen and Joslyn Scarborough
on September 4, 2024.

Kayden weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz.

Rusty and Dayna Scarborough are the proud grandparents
and Elva Scarborough is the great-grandmother.

TODAY, September 8th

- 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)

MONDAY, September 9th

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

WEDNESDAY, September 11th

- Children's Choir:** 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
- 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)
- Bible Study:** 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

SEPTEMBER 2024

- 15 Friends Class - Sunday School:** 9:00 a.m.
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Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 9am - 5pm
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 September, we are collecting:
POP-TOP CANNED FOOD Items
(no plastic containers)

such as ravioli, tuna, beef stew, Vienna sausages, vegetables, fruit, etc.
and
FRESH, WRAPPED CANDY *(no chocolate or peanut butter)*

Place items in the plastic tote in the hallway or basket 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:** Next date: TBD
- **Harnett Food Pantry:** collecting **non-perishable foods and egg cartons**
Needed for September -- **Peanut Butter**
Monetary donations to MBC are also welcome; designate as 'Food Pantry.'
- **Buddy Backpack:** collecting **sandwich crackers "nabs"**
Monetary donations to MBC are also welcome; designate as 'Buddy Backpack.'
- **Belts for HCMS:** *Donations of used men's or boys belts that can be used for students at the school.*



FALL AFTERNOON TEA

Saturday, October 12, 2024

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

MBC Fellowship Hall

There are four tables remaining requiring four hosts. The fee will be \$20.00 per table to include refreshments and tea for hosts and five guests.

For more information, please contact Debbie Appel at debappel@aol.com or 910-514-1246.



**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