

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Sunday after Holy Cross Day

September 15, 2024
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

“For the one who turned toward it was saved,
not by the thing that was beheld,
but by you, the Savior of all.

Wisdom of Solomon 16:7

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Festive Prelude on BUILT ON THE ROCK* Gilbert M. Martin
Anne McClain, organ

WELCOME and † INVOCATION Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor

† HYMN OF PRAISE 594 *Lift High the Cross* CRUCIFER

CALL TO PRAYER (*responsively*) Mariamarta Conrad
Psalm 54:1-4; 9-12; 17 ESV
(*adapted from Christ-Centered Worship*)

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.

**Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin!
For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.**

Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit.

**Our sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart,
O God, you will not despise.**

CONFESSION *Fix Me Jesus* Afro-American Spiritual
Mariamarta Conrad, solo

ASSURANCE OF GRACE Joaquin Mills

PROCLAIMING

OLD TESTAMENT Numbers 21:4-9 Kathy Whatley

NEW TESTAMENT John 3:13-17 Joaquin Mills

† SONG OF WORSHIP *The Cross Has The Final Word* Cody Carnes
Mariamarta Conrad, song leader

The cross has the final word, the cross has the final word
Sorrow may come in the darkest night, but the cross has the final word.
The cross has the final word. The cross has the final word.
Evil may put up its strongest fight, but the cross has the final word.

The cross has the final word. The cross has the final word.
The Savior has come with the morning light. The cross has the final word.
The cross has the final word. The cross has the final word.
He traded death for eternal life. The cross has the final word.

There's nothing stronger, nothing higher, nothing greater, than the name of Jesus.
All the honor, all the power, all the glory to the name of Jesus.

** Following the Song of Worship, children from age 3 through 3rd grade may meet
Mrs. Cherry DeVane 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 *Snakes On A Plain* Mrs. Craddock

RESPONDING

ANTHEM *Lord, I Give My Heart to You* Joseph M. Martin

Lord, I give my heart to you, heal me, fill me, make me wholly thine.
Lord, I give my heart to you, reach me, teach me, with your love divine.
In the breaking of the bread, break my heart of stone,
in the pouring of the wine, pour into me our grace alone.
Lord, I give my heart to you.

I surrender all, I surrender all, all to thee my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

Lord, I give my heart to you, take me, make me, all I need to be.
Lord, I give my heart to you, mold me, show me, how to live for thee.
As we hold the sacred bread, we're held in your embrace.
As we raise the cup of life, we're raised upon your wings of grace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and The Lord's Prayer (*unison*) Derek Hogan

**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 Mrs. Craddock
Gentle Shepherd arr. Carol Tornquist
Donna Penny, piano

SENDING

INVITATION TO FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP Mrs. Craddock

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH (*Insert*) CWM RHONDDA
For the Healing of the Nations
stanzas 1, 2 and 4

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mrs. Craddock

† BENEDICTION Mrs. Craddock

POSTLUDE *You Shall Go Out With Joy!* Douglas E. Wagner
Mrs. McClain

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in honor of our daughter, Adrienne,
and daughter-in-law, Mollie,
who share a September 14th birthday
from Matt and Susan Cannady.*

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: Family of Eloise Stephenson (*sister-in-law of Neil Stephenson*); Peter Conrad (*father of Mariamarta Conrad*); Teachers from the Philippines and their families; Amanda Alexander (*cousin of Gracie Jonas*); Edith DeVane (*mother of Steve DeVane*); 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

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

Ushers Today: Beverley Howard, Ron McLamb, Scotty Scarborough and Lee Turlington

Ushers Sept. 22: Cherry DeVane, Chad Godwin, Derek Hogan and Jeff Pope

Kids' Church Today: Cherry DeVane
Kids' Church Sept. 22: (*need volunteer*)

Nursery today: Carrie Royal
Nursery Sept. 22: (*need volunteer*)

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

TODAY, September 15th

- 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 16th

- Missions Committee Meeting:** 6:00 p.m. (Library)

WEDNESDAY, September 18th

- 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. (Mission Kids Classroom)
- Youth Activity:** 6:30 p.m. (Library)
- CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING:** 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

SEPTEMBER 2024

- 22 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)

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

- 29 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)

OCTOBER 2024

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

Financial Position as of 8/31/24

» Total support, 1/1/2024 - 8/31/2024	\$ 264,830
» Total expenditures	\$ (294,908)
» Expenditures exceed Support	\$ (30,078)
» Total 2024 Budget Proposal	\$ 418,220
» Percent of year passed	67%
» Support needed to meet budget	\$ 279,577
» Undesignated support received as of 8/31/24	\$ 223,719
» Operating expenses offset received from Stokes Day Care	\$ 7,650
» Budget support shortfall as of 8/31/24	\$ (48,208)

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.*

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Mount Nebo, Jordan

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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