

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## *Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

September 22, 2024  
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church  
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Our sense of being on the sidelines always has an expectation of imminence about it. We are not there yet, but we are on the verge. All we need is someone to carry us into the pool, to help us get there. Next time may be it. But that is not how the man was healed. Either be sick where you are, or else there, where you are, "Take up your pallet and walk."

~ James E. Dittes (ad.), professor, psychology of religion,  
Yale University: "38 Years on the Verge," *Minister on the Spot*,  
Pilgrim Press, Philadelphia, 1970, pp. 1-9.

### GATHERING

PRELUDE *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* Lyndell Leatherman  
Anne McClain, organ

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) Edward Beddingfield, Pastor  
Psalm 118: 24, 14, 5

This is the day the Lord has made; / **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**  
The Lord is my strength and my song; / **God has become my salvation!**  
Out of my distress I called on the Lord; / **The Lord answered me and set me free!**

CHORAL INTROIT *This Is the Day the Lord Has Made* arr. Mark Hayes

This is the day that the Lord has made, and I will be exceeding glad!  
This is the day the Lord has made, and I will be exceeding glad!

This is the day that the Lord has made, and I will sing my Maker's praise!  
This is the day the Lord has made; I will rejoice and give God praise!

Who is like unto our God the Lord, strong and mighty?  
Who is like unto our God who reigns above in glorious splendor?  
You are the Rose of Sharon, the Lover of my soul.

You are my heart's Desire; My soul implores me to exalt;  
I will exalt your holy name. Your name is music unto my ears;  
And I must sing of the great love you have shown to me; my heart will not be still.

† INVOCATION Mr. Beddingfield

† GATHERING HYMN 323 *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* RESTORATION

CALL TO PRAYER (responsively) Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor  
II Corinthians 6: 1-2

Working together with God, then, we beg you:  
Do not accept the grace of God in vain. For God says,  
**At the acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and helped you on the day of salvation.**  
Behold, now is the acceptable time;  
**Behold, now is the day of salvation.**

† The congregation is invited to stand.

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE Mrs. Craddock

### PROCLAIMING

GOSPEL John 5: 1-9 Jac Whatley, Deacon  
Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take up your mat, and walk."  
At once the man was made well.

† SONG FOR REFLECTION 319 *Jesus Calls You Now* KUM BA YAH  
Refrain, stanzas 1 and 3  
Spencer Powell Phillips, song leader

\* Following the Song For Reflection, children from age 3 through 3rd grade may meet  
Mrs. Lalia Turlington 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 *Do You Want to Get Well?* Mr. Beddingfield  
(Second in a series: "Divine Questions.")

### RESPONDING

SONG OF RESPONSE *Come To Jesus* Chris Rice  
Mrs. Phillips

Weak and wounded sinner, lost and left to die,  
Oh, raise your head, for love is passing by  
Come to Jesus, come to Jesus, come to Jesus and live

Now your burden's lifted and carried far away  
And precious blood has washed away the stain  
So, sing to Jesus, sing to Jesus, sing to Jesus and live

And like a newborn baby, don't be afraid to crawl  
And remember when you walk sometimes we fall  
So, fall on Jesus, fall on Jesus, fall on Jesus and live

Sometimes the way is lonely and steep and filled with pain  
So, if your sky is dark and pours the rain  
Then, cry to Jesus, cry to Jesus, cry to Jesus and live

Oh, and when the love spills over and music fills the night  
And when you can't contain your joy inside  
Then, dance for Jesus, dance for Jesus, dance for Jesus and live

And with your final heartbeat, kiss the world goodbye  
Then go in peace, and laugh on Glory's side  
And fly to Jesus, fly to Jesus, fly to Jesus and live

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  
*Soul's Voice*  
Mrs. McClain Bonita L. Lucioti

### SENDING

INVITATION TO FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 307 *Just As I Am* WOODWORTH

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* Franklin Ritter  
Mrs. McClain

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of my husband,  
Larry Franklin Haynes,  
by Donna Haynes.*

### PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

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

**Family and Friends:** Lee Lanier (father of Meredith Craddock); Tom Patton (neighbor  
of Ed Beddingfield); Peter Conrad (father of Mariamarta Conrad); Teachers from the  
Philippines and their families; 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

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

**Ushers Today:** Cherry DeVane, Chad Godwin, Derek Hogan and Jeff Pope  
**Ushers Sept. 29:** Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson, Linda Lunney and  
Siu-Ki Wong

**Kids' Church Today:** Lalia Turlington  
**Kids' Church Sept. 29:** Meredith Craddock

**Nursery today:** Charlotte Riewestahl  
**Nursery Sept. 29:** Carrie Royal

## FIVE FACETS OF



Memorial Baptist Church  
Wednesday Night Bible Study  
Fall 2024

*Saving Grace (Sep 25)*  
*Sanctifying Grace (Oct 2)*  
*Strengthening Grace (Oct 9)*  
*Sharing Grace (Oct 23)*  
*Serving Grace (Nov 13)*

### TODAY, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

**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)  
**Personnel Committee Meeting:** 4:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, September 25<sup>th</sup>

**Children's Choir:** 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)  
**MISSION COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER DINNER - Breakfast for Dinner:** 5:45 p.m.  
{Funds raised will go towards Appalachian Christmas Backpacks}  
**Mission Kids:** 6:30 p.m. (Mission Kids Classroom)  
**Youth Activity:** 6:30 p.m. (Library)  
**Bible Study - Saving Grace:** 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
**Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

### SEPTEMBER 2024

**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)

*Check the bulletin board for community announcements.*

### 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](http://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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Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 9am - 5pm  
Other Staff: By Appointment



# MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*September 22, 2024*

*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