

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Sunday after All Saints' Day

November 3, 2024
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Oh, though oft depressed and lonely,
All my fears are laid aside,
If I but remember only
Such as these have lived and died.

~ fr. "Footsteps of Angels,"
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, 1838/39

GATHERING

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

PRELUDE *Look, Ye Saints! The Sight Is Glorious* arr. Anna Laura Page
Anne McClain, organ

WELCOME Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*

† INVOCATION *Ad. fr. The Book of Common Prayer,* Mr. Beddingfield
"Of a Saint," p. 250

Almighty God, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses,
and have made us one with all your saints in heaven and on earth.
Grant that during our own earthly pilgrimage we may be supported by
this fellowship of love and prayer;
that we may be encouraged by the good example of those who have gone before,
and sustained by the presence of the living Christ who, through the Spirit, dwells in us;
and that we may persevere in the race that is set before us,
until at last we, too, enter into the joy of your eternal presence;
through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray, **Amen.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE 525 *Come, We That Love the Lord* FESTAL SONG
stanzas 1, 2 and 3
stanza 4 from #524 MARCHING TO ZION

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

EPISTEL (*responsively*) Ephesians 2: 12-13, 19 and 3: 14-21 Mr. Beddingfield

Remember that at one time you were separated from Christ,
alienated from the commonwealth of Israel,
and strangers to the covenant of the promise,
having no hope and without God in the world.

**But now in Christ Jesus we who were once far off
have been brought near in the blood of Christ.**

So then you are no longer strangers or wanderers;
**Instead we are fellow citizens with all the saints,
and members of the family of God.**

For this reason we bow our knees before the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named:

**That according to the riches of God's glory we might be
strengthened with might through the Spirit in our inmost selves;**

That Christ may dwell in our hearts, through faith;

**That we, being rooted and grounded in love, may have the power
to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth,
and length, and height, and depth;**

That we may know the love of Christ which surpasses all knowledge;
And that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to the One who by the power at work within us is able to do
far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, to God be glory
in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever.
Amen.

NAMING OF THE SAINTS and Mr. Beddingfield, with
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*
After each candle is lit, the people will say, Psalm 116: 15
Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

Pauline Calloway Al and Wanda Hardison, friends
James "Jimmy" Jung Krystal Alligood, daughter
Catherine King Taylor Reed, grandson
Michael Lester Steve DeVane, teacher, Friends Class
Frances Lloyd Beth Reed, cousin
Mary Jane Marshbanks Lynn Marshbanks, daughter
Skyler Pattillo Alisha Das, former Youth Leader
John Rouse Mrs. Craddock
James "Jim" Sills Joyce Sills, wife, and Nancy Harrell, daughter
William "Jerry" Smith Brett and Sydney McLamb, grandson and wife

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING Mrs. Craddock

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*) Hebrews 12: 1-2 Mrs. Craddock

**Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight, and the sin that clings so closely;
and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,
disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand
of the throne of God. Amen.**

† SONG OF TESTIMONY *Find Us Faithful* Jon Mohr

Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful,
May the fire of our devotion light their way.
May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe,
And the lives we live inspire them to obey.
Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful.

PROCLAIMING

OLD TESTAMENT I Samuel 30: 11-15 Mr. Beddingfield
In the open country they found an Egyptian,
and they brought him to David.

SERMON *To Whom Do You Belong?* Mr. Beddingfield
(Seventh in a series: "Divine Questions.")

RESPONDING

ANTHEM *To Trust Him More* Mary McDonald

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word,
just to rest upon his promise, just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood,
just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o're and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease,
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.

I'm so glad I learned to trust him, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend,
and I know that he is with me, will be with me to the end.

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
Shall We Gather at the River Lowry
Dayna Scarborough, *piano*

SENDING

BLESSING FOR APPALACHIAN BACKPACKS Mrs. Craddock

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 387 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* DENNIS

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *For All the Saints* arr. Douglas E. Wagner
Mrs. McClain

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Jac Whatley, Isla Brown, Doris Eller, Linda Smith, Carolyn Walker,
Jeanne Barker, Lorrie Pope, Betty Wallace

Family and Friends: Karon Mathews (*friend of Lori Pope*); Kelly McLamb (*daughter of Jerry and Betty Wallace*); Mary McClain (*mother of Greg McClain*); Melody Mcgee (*director of Coats Senior Center and friend of Linda Lunney*); Lee Lanier (*father of Meredith Craddock*); Tom Patton (*neighbor of Ed Beddingfield*); International teachers and their families; 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

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Olivia and Becca Scarborough's first wedding anniversary on November 4, 2024.

Deacons for November 2024: Randall Johnson and Carrie Royal
Deacons for December 2024: Charlotte Riewestahl and Olivia Scarborough
Ushers Today: Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson, Linda Lunney and Siu-Ki Wong
Ushers Nov. 10: Brandon Brown, Bob Cisneros, Adam English and Miles West
No Kids' Church Today
Kids' Church Nov. 10: (need volunteer)
Nursery today: Michele Phelps
Nursery Nov. 10: Charlotte Riewestahl

TODAY, November 3rd

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 Today*

WEDNESDAY, November 6th

Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
Simple Supper - Breakfast for Supper: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Mission Kids - Visit Campbell University Food Pantry: 6:30 p.m.
 Mission Kids will deliver breakfast items to the Campus Pantry at CU.
 Please consider donating breakfast items, perishable or non-perishable *(they have a fridge)*.
 For more info, or to donate items, see Cherry or Adam.
Youth Activity: 6:30 p.m. (Library)
Bible Study - Serving Grace: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, November 9th

CLOTHES CLOSET: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (Family Life Center)
 Anyone willing to help sort clothes ahead of time, please contact the church office.

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Kids' Church: during worship (Library)
11 Deacon's Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Financial Position as of 9/30/24

» Total support, 1/1/2024 - 9/30/2024	\$ 300,206
» Total expenditures	\$ (328,315)
» Expenditures exceed Support	\$ (28,109)
» Total 2024 Budget Proposal	\$ 418,220
» Percent of year passed	75%
» Support needed to meet budget	\$ 313,951
» Undesignated support received as of 9/30/24	\$ 257,685
» Operating expenses offset received from Stokes Day Care	\$ 7,650
» Budget support shortfall as of 9/30/24	\$ (48,616)

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.)



ADVENT DINNERS

Sunday, December 8th
 5:00 p.m.



Advent Dinners have always been a special way to enjoy fellowship with church family during the Advent season.

If you would like to host an Advent Dinner this year, please contact Olivia Scarborough at (910) 890-0913.

CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

- **Clothes Closet:** Saturday, November 9th
- **Harnett Food Pantry:** collecting **non-perishable foods**
(Egg cartons are no longer needed at this time.)
 Needed for October - - **Canned Corn**
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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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