

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2025  
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church  
Buies Creek, North Carolina

I know of souls that are steeped in sin  
No human art can cure;  
But I know a Name, a Name, a Name,  
That can make those souls all pure.

I know a nation lost in fear,  
And hearts that faint and tire;  
But I know a Name, a Name, a Name,  
That can set those hearts on fire.

I know of lives that are lost to God,  
Bound down by the things of earth;  
But I know a Name, a Name, a Name,  
That can bring those lives new birth.

~ Anon.: in *James D. Morrison, ed.,  
Masterpieces of Religious Verse,  
Baker Book House, Grand Rapids,  
1948, No. 687 (ad.)*

### GATHERING

PRELUDE *Flourish on LOBE DEN HERREN* Douglas E. Wagner  
Anne McClain, *organist*

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE 338 *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

† ANTIPHON *Spirit Song* John Wimber

Oh let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.  
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.

Oh let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove  
will descend upon your life and make you whole.

*Chorus* Jesus, oh Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.  
Jesus, oh Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

Oh come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy.  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.

Oh give him all your tears and sadness; give him all your years of pain,  
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

*Chorus*

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE Mrs. Craddock

### PROCLAIMING

OLD TESTAMENT (*responsively*) Isaiah 43: 1-7 Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*

Now thus says the Lord, the One who created you, O Jacob,  
and formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, and you are mine.

**When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.**

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;  
And you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you.

**Do not fear, for I am with you: everyone who is called by my name,  
all those I created for my glory, whoever I formed and made.**

NEW TESTAMENT Acts 11: 19-26 Tom Spainhour, *Deacon*  
And at Antioch the disciples were first called "Christians."

ANTHEM *Wings of the Dawn* Linda A. Spencer

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit and when I rise.  
Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I go from your presence?

If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,  
Even there your hand will guide me. Your right hand will hold me fast.

If I say surely darkness will hide me, and the light be dark around me,  
Not even dark is dark to you. Night will shine like the day.

So I'll praise you, lift up my voice and I'll praise you, Lord,  
Father I praise you, praise you, my Lord, yes I'll praise you, Lord.

You created me within, you knit me in my mother's womb.  
I praise you for I am fearfully made. Your works are wonderful.

*\* Following the Anthem, children from age 3 through 3rd grade may meet  
Ms. Gracie Jonas 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 Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22 Mr. Beddingfield

And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son,  
the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

SERMON *Precious Name* Mr. Beddingfield

### RESPONDING

† SONG OF TESTIMONY *Blessed Be Your Name* Matt and Beth Redman  
Charissa English, *leader*

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name.  
Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name.

*Pre-chorus* Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise.  
And when the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.

*Chorus* Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name.

Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be your name.  
And blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name.

*Pre-chorus*  
*Chorus*

You give and take away, you give and take away.  
My heart will choose to say Lord, blessed be Your name.

*Chorus*

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

*In the Bleak Midwinter*  
Mrs. McClain

### SENDING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING 576 *Take the Name of Jesus With You* PRECIOUS NAME

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* James Mansfield  
Mrs. McClain

### PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

**Members:** Jeanne Barker, Isla Brown, Doris Eller, Linda Smith, Carolyn Walker,  
Betty Wallace

**Family and Friends:** Family of Ray Hawkins (*uncle of Greg McClain*); Linda Enzor-  
Manson (*sister of Harriet Enzor*); Nate Lars (*step-father of Charissa English*); Shannon  
Farr & Melanie Anderson (*nieces of Darla Reed*); Jeff Claus (*friend of Ofe Rockholt*);  
Mary McClain (*mother of Greg McClain*); Karon Mathews (*friend of Lorrie Pope*); Kelly  
McLamb (*daughter of Jerry & Betty Wallace*); International teachers and their  
families

**Aldersgate Senior Living Center (Charlotte, NC):** Louise Taylor

**Emerald Health and Rehab Center (Lillington, NC):** Pat Stiller

**Prayers of Comfort** are extended to the family of Darla Reed in the death of her  
sister, Debra Harvey, on Saturday, January 4th.

**Deacons for January 2025:** Lisa Lanier and Tom Spainhour  
**Deacons for February 2025:** Dayna Scarborough and Joe Turlington

**Ushers Today:** Brandon Brown, Bob Cisneros, Adam English and Miles West  
**Ushers Jan. 19:** Beverley Howard, Ron McLamb, Scotty Scarborough and Lee  
Turlington

**Kids' Church Today:** Gracie Jonas  
**Kids' Church Jan. 19:** (*need volunteer*)

**Nursery today:** Charlotte Riewestahl  
**Nursery Jan. 19:** (*need volunteer*)

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

**TODAY, January 12<sup>th</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)

**MONDAY, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

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

**TUESDAY, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

- Mission Committee Meeting:** 6:30 p.m. (Library)

**WEDNESDAY, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

- 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)

**JANUARY 2025**

- 19 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)

- 22 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. (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)

- 26 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)

- 29 Children's Choir:** 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
- MISSION COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER DINNER - Soup 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)

**Ways to Donate to MBC:**

- **Offering plates** during the Offertory portion of our service.
- Mailing a **check** payable to: *Memorial Baptist Church*  
*P.O. Box 485*  
*Buies Creek, NC 27506*
- \*Our website at [www.memorialbcnc.org](http://www.memorialbcnc.org) by clicking the **Donate** tab.
- \*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.)*



**Missions Mailbox**



The Mission Kids would like to thank you for supporting our **Missions Mailbox** in December. With your help, we collected \$740.25! The children used your gifts and were able to purchase the following items from World Vision:

2 goats, 6 chickens, 11 ducks, 2 rabbits, 4 Bibles, 3 fruit trees, bed nets for 2 families, water access for 1 person, and \$100 worth of new clothing (that is matched by a sponsor 8 times, to become worth \$800 of clothing)!

We could not have done this without you!  
Love, MBC Mission Kids



Memorial is participating in this mission project once again this year. Last year we were able to pack 53 backpacks!

For January, we will be collecting warm clothing which includes:  
**winter hats, gloves, scarves and socks.**

Place items in the plastic tote in the hallway.

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**  
*\*(Egg cartons are no longer needed at this time.)\**  
Needed for January -- **Sliced Pineapple**  
*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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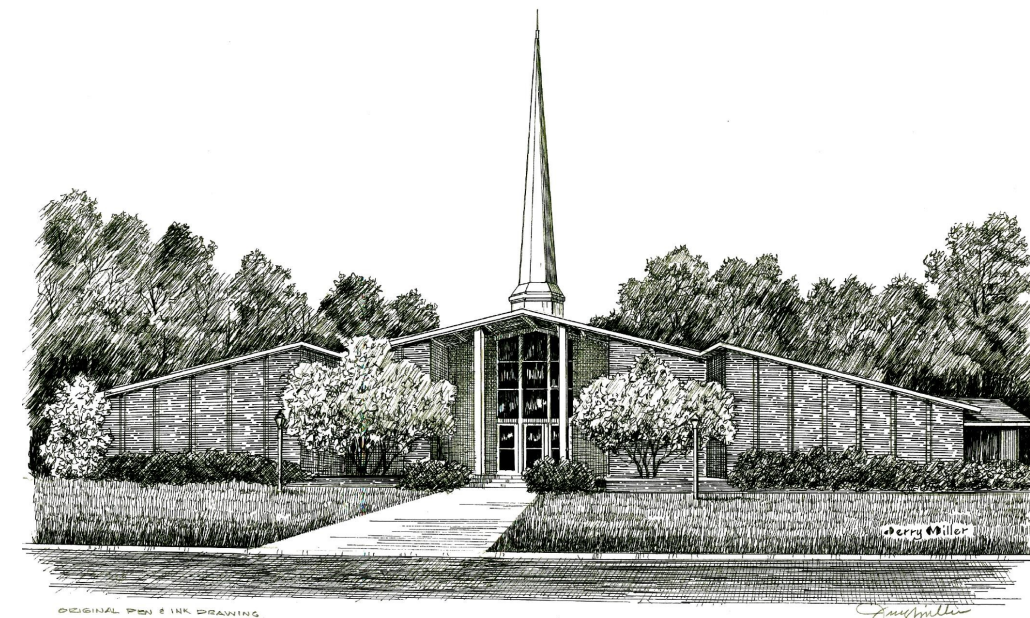
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Other Staff: By Appointment



**MEMORIAL**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

*Baptism of the Lord*

*January 12, 2025*

*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