

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 2, 2025
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Behold, the One whose own dear feet
The paths of peace have trod;
Whose secret heart, with influence sweet,
Was upward drawn to God;

Dependent on your bounteous breath
We seek your grace alone,
Through childhood, age, and unto death,
To keep us still your own!

This Christ, who as a child was found
Within his Father's shrine;
Whose years, with changeless virtue crown'd,
Were all alike Divine:

~ Reginald Heber, 1783-1826 (ad.):
English clergyman, later Bishop
of Calcutta, and writer of the
hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy."

GATHERING

PRELUDE *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* Gilbert M. Martin
Anne McClain, organist

WELCOME and † INVOCATION Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*

† HYMN OF PRAISE 27 *All Creatures of Our God and King* LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Stanzas 1 and 4: all
Stanza 2: women (refrain all)
Stanza 3: men (refrain all)

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*

PROCLAIMING

OLD TESTAMENT (*responsively*) Mr. Beddingfield
Psalms 122: 1; 84: 1-2, 10; and 27: 4

I was glad when they said unto me,
"Let us go into the house of the Lord!"
How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!
**My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**
For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere;
**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God,
than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.**
One thing have I asked of the Lord, which I will seek after:
**To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in the Lord's temple.**

† TESTIMONY IN SONG *Better Is One Day* Matt Redman
Spencer Powell Phillips, *Leader*

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty
My soul longs and even faints for you
For here my heart is satisfied within your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of your wings.

Chorus

Better is one day in your courts, better is one day in your house,
Better is one day in your courts, than thousands elsewhere. (Repeat)

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

One thing I ask and I would seek, to see your beauty
To find you in the place your glory dwells.

Chorus

My heart and flesh cry out for you the Living God
Your Spirit's water for my soul
I've tasted and I've seen, come once again to me
I will draw near to you, I will draw near to you.

Chorus

GOSPEL Luke 2: 41-52 Trinity Kelly, *Deacon*

Jesus in the Temple.

SERMON *Stuff God Likes* Mr. Beddingfield

RESPONDING

† SONG OF RESPONSE 477 *Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands* AU CLAIR DE LA LUNE
Stanza 1: women only
Stanza 2: all

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
Songs of Hope Lani Smith
Mrs. McClain

HOLY COMMUNION Mr. Beddingfield and Mrs. Craddock
Gluten-free elements are in the center of the tray.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Dedication

Consecration of the Supper: I Corinthians 11: 23-25

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered unto you.

Passing of the Supper and Anthem *The Hope We Have In Jesus* Thornhill/Nix
Susan Morrow, soprano

O, the hope we have in Jesus, He is faithful ever sure.
Underneath His wings we gather, covered by His grace secure.

O, the peace we have in Jesus, peace beyond what we can see.
At His voice the storm surrenders, at His song the tempest flees.

O, the joy we have in Jesus, resting in His sure embrace.
Who can count His many blessings? Who can measure boundless grace?

Joy that makes each moment sacred shine from me Your warming rays.
Let me share this joy with others, love will be my song of praise.

The Bread: John 6: 35
Jesus said to them, "I am the Bread of Life.
Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and
whoever believes in me will never thirst."

The Cup: John 6: 56, 54

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood
live in me, and I live in them; and I will raise them up
on 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 DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry* WATERLIFE
(insert)

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *The Quest of the Holy Spirit* David Paxton
Mrs. McClain

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Rex Pope, Doris Eller, Linda Smith, Carolyn Walker, Betty Wallace

Family and Friends: Paul Stiller (*father of Susan Morrow*); Tony Means (*friend of Jeff & Lorrie Pope*); Nate Lars (*step-father of Charissa English*); Shannon Farr & Melanie Anderson (*nieces of Darla Reed*); Kelly McLamb (*daughter of Jerry & Betty Wallace*); International teachers & 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 Greg McClain in the death of his mother, Mary McClain, on Friday, January 31st.

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 February 2025: Dayna Scarborough and Joe Turlington
Deacons for March 2025: Trinity Kelly and Dave Steegar

Ushers Today: Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson, Linda Lunney and Siu-Ki Wong
Ushers Feb. 9: Brandon Brown, Bob Cisneros, Adam English and Miles West

No Kids' Church Today
Kids' Church Feb. 9: (*need volunteer*)

Nursery today: Michele Phelps
Nursery Feb. 9: (*need volunteer*)

The rose in the sanctuary this morning is placed to welcome



Kinsley Sun Das

born to Isaac and Laura Das
on January 26, 2025.

She weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz.

Joseph and Alisha Das are the proud grandparents
along with a proud Uncle Aaron.

TODAY, February 2nd

Commitment Deadline for Mission Trip

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

WEDNESDAY, February 5th

Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)

Simple Supper - Roast Pork & Vegetables: 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)

FEBRUARY 2025

- 9** 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)



MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!

Sunday, February 16, 2025
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

THIS WILL BE A FUNDRAISER FOR THE PUERTO RICO MISSIONS TRIP.

If you have any questions, please contact Meredith Craddock.

Stokes Child Development Center is in need of a rocking chair for their infant room. If you have a chair you would be willing to donate, please contact Ashley at the church office.



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 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.)*



MBC Puerto Rico "Music Camp" Mission Trip

June 14-21, 2025

All ages and abilities welcome! It's a music themed trip, but there will be plenty of ways for everyone, musical or nonmusical, to serve.

Commitment Deadline: TODAY

Please see Adam or Anne for a Commitment Form.



For January and February, we are 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"**
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- **Belts for HCMS:** *Donations of used men's or boys' belts that can be used for students at the school.*

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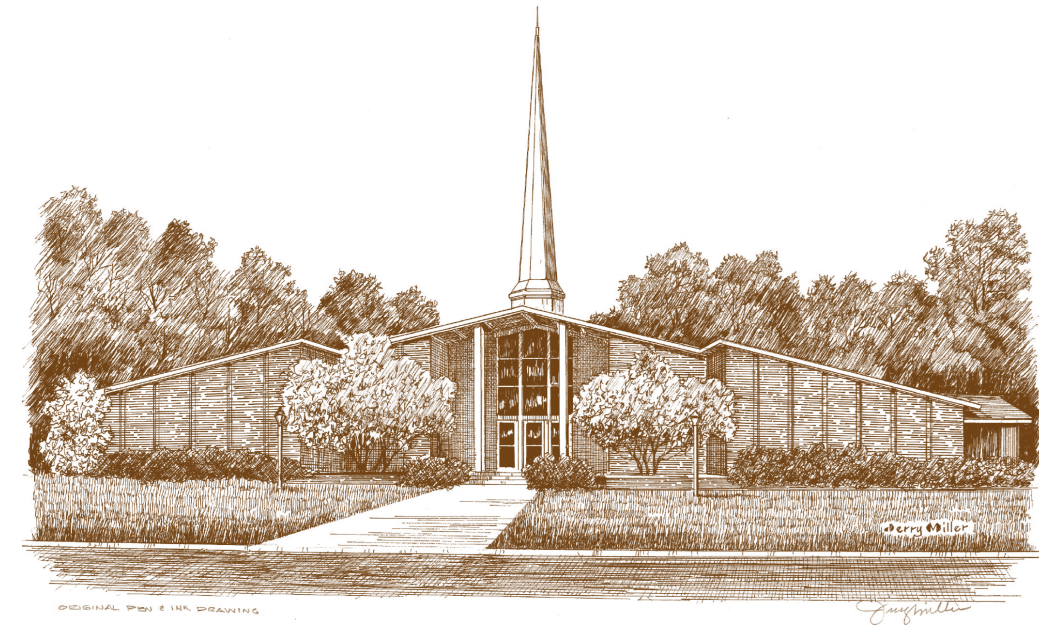
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MEMORIAL
BAPTIST CHURCH

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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