

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 23, 2025
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

God is working this purpose out,
as year succeeds to year;
God is working this purpose out,
and the time is drawing near;
nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be:
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.
-Arthur Campbell Ainger (1841-1919)

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Prelude on IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE* Carolyn Hamlin
Anne McClain, *organist*

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE 7 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE Adam English, *Lay Person*
Psalm 28: 6-7b
Praise be to the Lord, for the Lord has heard my cry for mercy.
The Lord is my strength and my shield;
my heart trusts in the Lord, and the Lord helps me.

† SONG OF TESTIMONY *Trading My Sorrows* Darryl Evans
Charissa English, *Leader*

I'm trading my sorrows, I'm trading my shame,
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.
I'm trading my sickness, I'm trading my pain,
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.

Chorus And we say, yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes, Lord
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes, Lord
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes, Lord. Amen

I'm pressed but not crushed, persecuted not abandoned,
struck down but not destroyed.
I'm blessed beyond the curse for His promise will endure
and His joy's gonna be my strength.
Though the sorrow may last for the night
His joy comes with the morning. *Chorus*

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

PROCLAIMING

OLD TESTAMENT Erin and Brandon Brown, *Lay Readers*
Habakkuk 2: 1-4; 3: 16-19

** Following the Old Testament Reading, 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.*

SERMON *The Power of Yet* Mrs. Craddock

RESPONDING

PSALM OF RESPONSE Psalm 37: 1-9, 12, 14 Alice Thomas, *Lay Reader*

Do not fret when wicked people seem to succeed.
Trust in the Lord and do what is right.
Do not envy evildoers.
For they will quickly dry up like grass, and wither away like plants.
Take delight in the Lord, and the Lord will answer your prayers.
Do not fret over the success of a sinner, a person who carries out wicked schemes.
Commit your future to the Lord.
Do not be angry and frustrated. Do not fret. That only leads to trouble.
Trust in the Lord, and the Lord will act.
Evil men plot against the godly and viciously attack them.
Wait patiently for the Lord!
Evil people draw their swords and prepare their bows,
to bring down the oppressed and needy,
Wait confidently for the Lord!
Wicked people will be wiped out,
but those who rely on the Lord are the ones who will possess the land.
Trust in the Lord and do what is right.

ANTHEM *Blessing* Katie Moran Bart

May the road rise up to meet you;
may the wind be always at your back,
may the sun shine warm upon your face,
and the rains fall soft upon your fields.
Until we meet again, my friend,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and The Lord's Prayer (*unison*) Mrs. Craddock

**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
It is Well With My Soul
arr. Sharon Wilson
Mrs. McClain

SENDING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Mrs. Craddock

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 411 TRUST IN JESUS
Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
stanzas 1, 3 and 4

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mrs. Craddock

† BENEDICTION based on Psalm 138 Mrs. Craddock
Go with confidence into the days ahead,
trusting in God's unfailing love and faithfulness.
God will not abandon you,
for you are the work of God's hands—God's own creation—
and God's love endures forever.
So go in joy to love and serve the Lord!

POSTLUDE *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* arr. Gilbert M. Martin
Mrs. McClain

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

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

Family and Friends: Debbie Johnson (*friend of Cindy Avrette*); Paul Stiller (*father of Susan Morrow*); 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

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: Cherry DeVane, Chad Godwin, Derek Hogan and Jeff Pope
Ushers Mar. 2: Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson, Linda Lunney and Siu-Ki Wong

Kids' Church Today: Gracie Jonas
Kids' Church Mar. 2: (*need volunteer*)

Nursery today: Liz Stone
Nursery Mar. 2: (*need volunteer*)

TODAY, February 23rd

- 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)

WEDNESDAY, February 26th

- Children's Choir:** 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
- Simple Supper - Ham and 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)

MARCH 2025


- 2 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)

- 5 Children's Choir:** 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
- Simple Supper - Pizza & Salad:** 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE:** 6:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)
- 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 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.)



CHURCH LIBRARY NEWS

CHURCH LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, March 2, 2025
Immediately after Worship Service
Light Refreshments
Gift Bags for the Children

APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS

For February, we are still 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:** April 5, 2025
- **Harnett Food Pantry:** collecting **non-perishable foods**
(Egg cartons are no longer needed at this time.)
Needed for February -- **Applesauce**
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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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.

Wednesday, March 5th 6:30 p.m.
In the Sanctuary

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Wednesday
SERVICE

Supper will be served at 5:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



Pick up a Lent devotional booklet today for your family.

They are located on the tables in the narthex.

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