

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025  
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church  
Buies Creek, North Carolina

We give Thee but Thine own,  
Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus  
As stewards true receive,  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,  
To Thee our first fruits give.

~ *William Walsham How (1823-1897), English bishop and hymn-writer (including "For All the Saints" and "O Jesus, Thou Art Standing" in some Baptist hymnals).*

### GATHERING

PRELUDE *Forty Days and Forty Nights* arr. Lindell Leatherman  
Anne McClain, *Organist*

WELCOME and † INVOCATION Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*  
*Ad. fr. a Prayer for Stewardship by Thomas Ken (1637-1711), English cleric and hymn-writer (including "The Doxology").*

All glory be to you, Lord God, for that portion of the good things of this life that you have been pleased to entrust to us. Bless them to our use, that we may enjoy them for our own sake, and that we may share them with others for your sake. You, O Lord, have made us your stewards of them all, and at the Great Day we must give an account to you of our stewardship. Make us faithful, Lord God, that on that day we may render our account to you with joy, and not with grief, and so worship you with gratitude for all that you have done; in Jesus' name, **Amen.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE 14 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

### SEEKING THE LORD

LENTEN CALL TO PRAYER (*responsively*) Meredith Lanier Craddock,  
Deuteronomy 4: 22a, 23, 29-31 *Associate Pastor*

[Now] you are going over the Jordan to take possession of that good land. So be careful not to forget the covenant that the Lord your God made with you, and not to make for yourselves an idol in the form of anything that the Lord your God has forbidden you.

**From there you will seek the Lord your God,  
and you will find the Lord if you search with all your heart and soul.**

And in your distress, when all manner of things have happened to you in time to come, you will return to the Lord your God, and heed the Lord. And because the Lord your God is a merciful God, the Lord will neither abandon you nor destroy you;

**The Lord will not forsake the covenant with your ancestors,  
as it was sworn to them.**

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE Mrs. Craddock

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

† SONG OF TESTIMONY *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)*

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)*

*\* Following the Song of Testimony, children from age 3 through 3rd grade may meet Mrs. Meredith at the back of the sanctuary to leave for Kids' Church. Parents may pick up their children in the church library after the service.*

### PROCLAIMING

ANTHEM *Lonesome Valley/We Shall Walk* arr. Mabry/Schwarz

Jesus walked this lonesome valley. He had to walk it by Himself.  
Oh, nobody else could walk it for Him. He had to walk it by Himself.  
We shall walk through the valley in peace.

Oh, if Jesus Himself will be our leader, we shall walk through the valley in peace.  
We must walk through the valley in peace.

Oh, Jesus Himself will be our leader. We must walk through the valley in peace.

OLD TESTAMENT Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 Mr. Beddingfield

A wandering Aramean was my Father. . . So now I bring you  
the first fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.

SERMON *How To Say Thank You* Mr. Beddingfield

### RESPONDING

† SONG OF RESPONSE 153 *My Tribute* MY TRIBUTE  
(Congregation please sing on the refrain.)

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 *Wondrous Love* Mrs. McClain  
Mr. Beddingfield  
arr. Larry Shackley

### SENDING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 643 *For the Fruit of All Creation* AR HYD Y NOS

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *Recessional in a Gregorian Mode* Henry Kihlken  
Mrs. McClain

*Shannon, Meghan and Ed Beddingfield are grateful to Gail Cogdill for her arrangement of home-grown flowers in loving memory of Sarah Beddingfield on her birthday, which is today.*

### PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

**Members:** Shea Cunningham, Doris Eller, Carolyn Walker, Linda Smith, Betty Wallace

**Family and Friends:** Lee Lanier; Teresa Roberts; Frances Davis (*great-aunt of Mariamarta Conrad*); Debbie Johnson (*friend of Cindy Avrette*); Paul Stiller (*father of Susan Morrow*); Kelly McLamb (*daughter of Jerry & Betty Wallace*); International teachers & families

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

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

**Deacons for March 2025:** Trinity Kelly and Dave Steegar  
**Deacons for April 2025:** Steve DeVane and Tammy Scarborough

**Ushers Today:** Brandon Brown, Bob Cisneros, Adam English and Miles West  
**Ushers Mar. 16:** Randall Johnson, Ron McLamb, Scotty Scarborough and Lee Turlington

**Kids' Church Today:** Meredith Craddock  
**Kids' Church Mar. 16:** (*need volunteer*)

**Nursery today:** Charlotte Riewestahl  
**Nursery Mar. 16:** Carrie Royal

The rose in the sanctuary this morning is placed to welcome



**Cole Thomas "CT" Reynolds**

born to Chuck and Emily (DeVane) Reynolds  
on March 4, 2025.

He weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz.

Steve and Cherry DeVane are the proud grandparents.

**TODAY, March 9<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, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

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

**WEDNESDAY, March 12<sup>th</sup>**

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

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- Youth - Sunday School:** 9:00 a.m. (Family Life Center)
- Worship Service:** 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)
- Kids' Church:** during worship (Library)
- Mission Trip Meeting:** 2:00 p.m.

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**Financial Position as of 2/28/25**

» Total support	\$ 74,270
» Total expenditures	\$ (65,057)
» Support exceeds expenditures	\$ <b>9,213</b>
» Total 2025 Budget Proposal	\$ 418,220
» Percent of year passed	16%
» Support needed to meet budget	\$ 67,603
» Undesignated support received as of 2/28/25	\$ 72,171
» Operating expenses offset received from Stokes Day Care	\$ 2,550
» Support exceeds budgeted needs as of 2/28/25	\$ <b>7,118</b>

**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.)*



*Pick up a Lenten devotional booklet for your family.  
They are located on the tables in the foyer.*

*An additional option is a weekly Lenten devotion from  
BWIM (Baptist Women In Ministry). See your church  
emails for the link to view these devotions.*



**CHURCH LIBRARY NEWS**

During the month of March there will be a member of the Library Committee available after Sunday worship services and on Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to help you find and check out books.



For March, we are collecting:  
**Shampoo, Body Wash and Soap**  
*(men & women or gender neutral)*

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 not needed at this time.)\**  
Needed for March -- **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.*



**MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH**

*First Sunday in Lent*

*March 9, 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