

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

God's best work was done in a graveyard.
~ *Anonymous*

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Prelude on JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY* Phil Lehenbauer
Anne McClain, *Organist*

PROCLAMATION OF THE RESURRECTION Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*
Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*
Luke 24: 1-9
Why do you seek the living among the dead?
He is not here, but has risen.

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN 164 *The Day of Resurrection* LANCASHIRE

† EASTER ACCLAMATION (*responsively*) Mr. Beddingfield and Congregation
Leader: Christ is risen!
People: He is risen indeed!
All: ALLELUIA!

† INVOCATION Mr. Beddingfield

AFFIRMATION OF THE EASTER FAITH (*responsively*) Lee Williams, *MBC Youth*
1 Corinthians 15: 1-5, 12-14, 17-22, 26, 57
Sisters and brothers, I want to remind you of the good news that I preached to you, which you in turn received, in which you also stand, and through which you are being saved, provided you hold it fast – unless you have come to believe in vain. For I passed on to you as the most important thing what I had first received:

That Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures; and that he appeared to Peter, then to the Twelve.

But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised, and therefore our preaching is in vain, and so is your faith. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins; then also those who have died in Christ have truly perished.

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who also have died. For since death came through one human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through another human being. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

ANTHEM *Canticle for Easter Day* arr. Patti Drennan

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness; sing to God a hymn of praise.
He, who on the cross a victim, for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.

Now the iron bars are broken; Christ from death to life is born,
glorious life, and life immortal, on this holy Easter morn.
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer by His mighty enterprise.
We with Him to life eternal by His resurrection rise.

Congregation please stand and sing with the choir:

Christ is risen, we are risen! Shed upon us heav'nly grace,
rain and dew and gleams of glory from the brightness of Thy face;
that, with hearts in heaven dwelling, we on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel hands be gathered, and be ever, Lord, with Thee.

Alleluia, alleluia! Now we gain our liberty;
Alleluia to the Savior who has won the victory!
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia, alleluia! To the Triune Majesty.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING Mrs. Craddock

PROCLAIMING

† WORSHIP SONG *Mighty to Save* Reuben Morgan, Ben Fielding
Mariamarta Conrad, *Leader*

Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing, let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, the hope of nations.

Savior, he can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save, he is mighty to save
Forever, Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures, fill my life again.
I give my life to follow everything I believe in, now I surrender.

GOSPEL Luke 23: 32-33, 39-43 Mrs. Craddock
The thief on the cross.

SERMON *Where Are All the Bad People Buried?* Mr. Beddingfield

RESPONDING

VOCAL WITNESS *Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)* J. Wilbur Chapman/
Ms. Conrad Mark Hall/Michael Bleecker
Based on Hymn 193, *One Day*.

Please sing on the chorus when directed:

Living he loved me, dying he saved me,
Buried he carried my sins far away.
Rising he justified freely forever
One day he's coming, O glorious day!

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 *Glorious, Risen Christ* Mrs. McClain Mr. Beddingfield
arr. Lloyd Larson

SENDING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH (*insert*) *Hymn of Promise* PROMISE

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

† SONG OF RESPONSE 228 *Oh, How Good Is Christ the Lord* OH QUE BUENO

POSTLUDE *Fanfare on EASTER HYMN* Robert Lau
Mrs. McClain

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Ron McLamb, David Steegar, Pastor Ed Beddingfield, Tricia Carr, Doris Eller, Linda Smith, Betty Wallace

Family and Friends: Lee & Margaret Lanier (*parents of Meredith Craddock*); Charles Davis (*brother of Debbie Appel*); Nathanne Sarita (*student at CEMS*); Teresa Roberts; Rob Gilchrist; Debbie Johnson (*friend of Cindy Avrette*); 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

Prayers of Comfort are extended to the family of Susan Morrow in the death of her father, Paul Stiller, on Sunday, April 13th.

Deacons for April 2025: Steve DeVane and Tammy Scarborough
Deacons for May 2025: Randall Johnson and Carrie Royal

Ushers Today: Randall Johnson, Ron McLamb, Scotty Scarborough and Lee Turlington

Ushers April 27: Cherry DeVane, Chad Godwin, Derek Hogan and Jeff Pope

No Kids' Church Today

Kids' Church April 27: (*need volunteer*)

Nursery today: Charlotte Riewestahl

Nursery April 27: (*need volunteer*)

The sanctuary flowers are given in praise of our Risen Savior and in honor of our daughter, Becca Scarborough's, birthday by Phillip and Tricia Scarboro.

TODAY, April 20th

Easter Sunday 

Easter Sunrise Service: 7:00 a.m. (Buies Creek Cemetery)

Easter Sunrise Breakfast—immediately following Sunrise Service (Fellowship Hall)

Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)

* **No Sunday School**

* **No Kids' Church**

MONDAY, April 21st

Church Office Closed for Easter Holiday

WEDNESDAY, April 23rd

* **No Wednesday Night Activities**

APRIL 2025

27 **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)

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

MISSION COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER DINNER - Pizza & 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)

MAY 2025

4 **GRADUATION SUNDAY** 



Congratulations to Jerry Wallace, President Emeritus and Chancellor of Campbell University and our dear friend and member here at Memorial. Today is Jerry's 90th birthday!

Financial Position as of 3/31/25

» Total support	\$ 141,497
» Total expenditures	\$ (130,762)
» Support exceeds expenditures	\$ 10,735
» Total 2025 Budget Proposal	\$ 418,220
» Percent of year passed	25%
» Support needed to meet budget	\$ 103,123
» Undesignated support received as of 3/31/25	\$ 104,465
» Operating expenses offset received from Stokes Day Care	\$ 2,550
» Support exceeds budgeted needs as of 3/31/25	\$ 3,892

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.)*



For April, we are collecting:
Toothbrushes and Toothpaste



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:** Date TBA
- **Harnett Food Pantry:** collecting **non-perishable foods**
(Egg cartons are not needed at this time.)
Needed for April - - **Sliced Peaches**
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.

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