

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 20, 2025
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Nobody wants to be the priest or the Levite.
Occasionally, you get to be the Samaritan.
But sometimes you're in the ditch.
Then whoever shows up to help, even your enemy –
especially your enemy – is your neighbor.

~ Diana Butler Bass, *The Cottage*
newsletter, July 13, 2025 (ad.).

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* arr. Douglas E. Wagner
Anne McClain, *Organ*

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

† GATHERING HYMN (*insert*) *Will You Come and Follow Me* KELVINGROVE
Stanza 1 - Solo
Stanza 2 - All
Stanza 3 - Women
Stanza 4 - Men
Stanza 5 - All

PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE Mrs. Craddock
I Corinthians 4: 7-9, 16a, 17

We have this treasure in clay pots, so that it may be clearly seen
that any power we have comes from God, and not from ourselves.
We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not hopeless;
persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.
Therefore we do not get discouraged, because these slight momentary afflictions
are preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

PROCLAIMING

PSALTER Psalm 40: 1-4, 16-17 Mrs. Craddock
Up from the desolate pit, out of the miry clay.

† WITNESS IN SONG *Trading My Sorrows* Darryl Evans
Gracie Jonas, *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.

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 in the morning.

EPISTLE (*responsively*) I Corinthians 1: 18, 22-23, 25-30 Joseph Das, *Leader*

The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing;
But to those who are being saved it is the very power and wisdom of God.

Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified:
a stumbling block to the Jews, and foolishness to the Gentiles;

**For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom,
and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.**

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters:

**Not many of us were wise by human standards,
not many were powerful, not many of noble birth.**

But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise;
God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;
and God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things of little value,
to bring to nothing those which others consider valuable.

**God is the very source of our life in Christ Jesus, who has become for us
the wisdom, the righteousness, the sanctification, and the redemption of God.**

GOSPEL Luke 10: 29-37a Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*
A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and
fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him,
beat him and went away, leaving him half dead.

SERMON *In the Ditch* Mr. Beddingfield
(Second in a series on The Good Samaritan: *The Victim*)

RESPONDING

ANTHEM *In Heavenly Love Abiding* Lloyd Larson

In heav'nly love abiding, no change my heart shall fear;
and safe is such confiding, for nothing changes here.
The storm may roar around me, my heart may low be laid;
but God is round about me, and can I be dismayed?

Wherever He may guide me no want shall turn me back;
my Shepherd is beside me, and nothing can I lack.
His wisdom is forever, His sight is never dim;
His will forms each endeavor, and I will walk with Him.

All the way my Savior leads me; what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy, who through life has been my guide?
Heav'nly peace and comfort, here by faith in Him to dwell,
for I know, what-e'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

Green pastures are before me, which yet I have not seen;
bright skies will soon be o'er me, where the dark clouds have been;
my life I cannot measure, the path of life is free;
my Savior has my treasure, and He will walk with me.

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 Mrs. Craddock
and OFFERTORY *I Am a Poor, Wayfaring Stranger* Anna Laura Page
Mrs. McClain

SENDING

INVITATION TO FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 456 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* PRECIOUS LORD

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Thomas Chesterton
Mrs. McClain

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Greg McClain, Jeanne Barker, Pastor Ed Beddingfield, Randall Johnson,
Michael Cogdill, Teresa Roberts, Earl Savage, Burgess Marshbanks, Becky
Thompson, Doris Eller, Linda Smith, Betty Wallace

Family and Friends: Rosa Paquette (*friend of Susan Johnson*); Rickey Taylor (*father of
Carrie Royal*); Amanda Alexander (*cousin of Gracie Jonas*); Charles Davis (*brother of
Debbie Appel*); Kelly McLamb (*daughter of Jerry & Betty Wallace*); International
teachers & families

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

Prayers of Comfort are extended to the family of Linda Lunney in the death of
her sister-in-law, Joy Barefoot, on Friday, July 18th.

Deacons for July 2025: Olivia Scarborough and Tom Spainhour
Deacons for August 2025: Lisa Lanier and Joe Turlington

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

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

No Kids' Church in July

Nursery today: Michele Phelps

Nursery July 27: Cherry DeVane

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

TODAY, July 20th

- 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)
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WEDNESDAY, July 23rd

- * No Wednesday Night Activities*

JULY 2025

- 27 Friends Class - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
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- 29 Committee Structure Assessment Team Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
(Fellowship Hall)

- 30 Summer Choir Rehearsal IV: 7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)
- * No Other Wednesday Night Activities*

CUSTODIAN

Wayne Smith plans to retire at the end of the year. As much as we hate to see him leave, we wish him happiness in his retirement.

We, the Personnel Committee, are now actively pursuing the best person to replace Wayne. If you know of a good quality candidate, please make the Personnel Committee aware.

POSITION



PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Ron McLamb, Chair	
Cindy Avrette	Glenn Jonas
Mike Cogdill	Tom Spainhour
Wanda Hardison	Joe Turlington

Financial Position as of 6/30/25	
» Total support	\$ 272,065
» Total expenditures	\$ (273,499)
» Total expenditures exceed total support	\$ (1,434)
» Total 2025 Budget Proposal	\$ 418,220
» Percent of year passed	50%
» Undesignated support needed to meet budget	\$ 207,391
» Undesignated support received as of 6/30/25	\$ 193,223
» Operating expenses offset received from Stokes Day Care	\$ 5,100
» Shortfall undesignated giving compared to budget	\$ (9,068)

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.)





APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS

For July, we are collecting
TOYS / FUN ITEMS

Examples of appropriate toys/fun items that fit in a backpack are:

For the younger age groups (less than 15 years old) non-breakable toys might include: small cars, balls, dolls, small stuffed animals, puzzles, jump rope, markers, crayons, sidewalk chalk, card games, legos, school supplies, etc.

For the older age groups (15-17 year olds) fun items might include:

FOR BOYS: flashlight, wallet, small thermos, light blanket, earbuds, small tool kit, fishing gear, books, hunting/fishing/sports magazines, school supplies, etc.

FOR GIRLS: jewelry, books, skin care products, hair accessories, earbuds, small travel-sized hair dryer, school supplies, etc.

(NO toy weapons please.)

We also welcome monetary donations to go toward the purchase of backpacks & Bibles. Designate your donation as *'Backpacks.'*



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.

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Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 9am - 5pm
Other Staff: By Appointment

CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

- Clothes Closet:** *SEE MISSION BULLETIN BOARD*
- Harnett Food Pantry:** collecting **non-perishable foods**
(Egg cartons are not needed at this time.)
Needed for July - - **Boxed Mac & Cheese**
Monetary donations to MBC are also welcome; designate as 'Food Pantry.'
- Buddy Backpack:** collecting **sandwich crackers "nabs"**
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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