

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 27, 2025
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

“That one is a sinner,” you are pleased to say.
Then love him for the sake of Christ, I pray.
If on His gracious words you place your trust, –
“I came to call the sinners, not the just,” –
Second His call; which if you will not do,
You’ll be the greater sinner of the two.

~ John Byrom (1692-1763), English poet, hymnist,
satirist, and inventor of a system of shorthand.

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* Marilyn Thompson
Anne McClain, *Organ*

WELCOME and † INVOCATION Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*
Ad. fr. “The Reconciliation of a Penitent,”
The Book of Common Prayer

Holy and Merciful God, you formed us from the dust in your image and likeness;
you redeemed us from sin and death by the cross of your Son Jesus Christ;
and through the waters of baptism and by our faith in him you clothe us with
his righteousness and restore us to our place in your household and kingdom.
Graciously forgive now those sins in which we still languish, known and unknown;
create in us clean hearts, and renew in us right spirits,
that we may be restored to the perfect peace which belongs to your children.
This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ and for his sake, **Amen.**

† GATHERING HYMN 323 *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* RESTORATION

OLD TESTAMENT (*responsively*) Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*
Isaiah 53: 1-6

Who can believe what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

For he grew up before the Lord like a young plant, like a root out of dry ground;

**He had no form or majesty that would make us look at him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.**

He was despised and rejected by others, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;

**And as one from whom other people hide their faces,
he was despised, and we considered him to be of no account.**

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities;

**Upon him was the punishment that makes us whole,
and by his wounds we are healed.**

All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one to our own way;

And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE
Romans 3: 22b-25a

Mrs. Craddock

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 465

SOJOURNER

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY

Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION

Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Gilbert M. Martin

Mrs. McClain

PROCLAIMING

GOSPEL READINGS

Erin and Brandon Brown, *Readers*

Luke 5: 27-32

Those who are well have no need of a physician, but
those who are sick. I have come not to call the righteous,
but sinners to repentance.

Luke 10: 30-36

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.

VOCAL WITNESS

Arms of Love

Grant Gill/Chapman/Smith

Susan Morrow, *Vocalist*

SERMON

What About the Robbers?

Mr. Beddingfield

(Third in a series on The Good Samaritan: *The Robbers*)

RESPONDING

INSTRUMENTAL TESTIMONY

Give Me Jesus

arr. Fernando Ortega

David Johnson, *Trumpet*

Kerry Johnson, *Piano*

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

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Mrs. Craddock

arr. Douglas Smith

Mrs. McClain, *Organ*

Dr. Johnson, *Trumpet*

SENDING

INVITATION TO FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP

Mr. Beddingfield

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: Family of Joy Barefoot (*sister-in-law of Linda Lunney*); 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 Burgess Marshbanks who died Friday, July 25th.

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

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

Ushers August 3: Cherry DeVane, Chad Godwin, Derek Hogan and Jeff Pope

No Kids’ Church in July

No Kids’ Church August 3

Nursery today: Cherry DeVane

No Nursery August 3

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

TODAY, July 27th

- 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 in July

TUESDAY, July 29th

- Committee Structure Assessment Team Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
(Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY, July 30th

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

FRIDAY, August 1st

- CAMP OUT VBS: 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, August 2nd

- CAMP OUT VBS: 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

AUGUST 2025

- 3 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)
- CAMP OUT VBS Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)

CUSTODIAN
POSITION

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.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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

CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

- **Clothes Closet:** *SEE INSERT & MISSIONS 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"**
Monetary donations to MBC are also welcome; designate as 'Buddy Backpack.'

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.)*



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.'**

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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