

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 2025  
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church  
Buies Creek, North Carolina

I am only one,  
But still I am one.  
I cannot do everything,  
But still I can do something;  
And because I cannot do everything  
I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.

~ Edward Everette Hale (1822-1909),  
American author, historian, and  
Unitarian minister.

### GATHERING

PRELUDE *In Praise of God* arr. Gayden Sikes  
Anne McClain, *Organ*

WELCOME Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*

CALL TO WORSHIP Mrs. Craddock  
Gather us in, Lord, and hear our prayers.  
**We have come to this place in need for healing and hope.**  
Gather us in, Lord, and heal our spirits.  
**We come here seeking guidance and strength.**  
Gather us in, Lord, and open our hearts to receive your word.  
**Open our hearts, our spirits, our souls to comprehend your word and follow you faithfully. Amen.**

† INVOCATION Psalm 25: 1-10 Mrs. Craddock

† GATHERING HYMN 338 *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE Mrs. Craddock

### PROCLAIMING

GOSPEL 1 Luke 10: 30-35 Bob Cisneros, *Lay Reader*  
The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper,  
saying, "Take care of him; and whatever more you spend,  
I will repay you when I come back.

ANTHEM *Down to the River to Pray* arr. S. Curry  
Sarah Conner, *solo*

\* Following the Anthem, children from age 4 through 2nd 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.

† The congregation is invited to stand.

GOSPEL 2 Luke 4: 40-44 Lisa Lanier, *Deacon*  
I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God  
to the other cities also; for I was sent  
for this purpose.

SERMON *Setting Boundaries* Edward Beddingfield,  
*Pastor*  
(Fifth in a series on The Good Samaritan: *The Innkeeper*)

### RESPONDING

† PRAISE SONG *Your Grace is Enough* Matt Maher  
Spencer Powell Phillips, *Leader*

Great is Your faithfulness, O God  
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart  
You lead us by still waters into mercy  
And nothing can keep us apart

So remember Your people, remember Your children  
Remember Your promise O God

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation  
And all Your people sing along

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 Mr. Beddingfield  
and OFFERTORY *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* Marty Parks  
Mrs. McClain

### SENDING

INVITATION TO FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 605 SEMINARY  
*Because I Have Been Given Much*

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENECTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *Postlude on IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE* Carolyn Hamlin  
Mrs. McClain

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of Dr. Burgess Marshbanks  
by his family.*

### PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

**Members:** Kathryn King & Maxie Gleaton (*husband of Kathryn King*); Theresa Batten, Jeanne Barker, Pastor Ed Beddingfield, Randall Johnson, Michael Cogdill, Earl Savage, Doris Eller, Linda Smith

**Family and Friends:** Roberta Blackwell (*sister of Anne McClain*); Beth Swauger (*friend of Anne McClain*); Donna Lees (*friend of Anne McClain*); Dr. Kevin Koble (*dentist of Anne McClain*); Rickey Taylor (*father of Carrie Royal*); 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 & Betty Wallace

*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 August 2025:** Lisa Lanier and Joe Turlington

**Deacons for September 2025:** Steve DeVane and Olivia Scarborough

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

**Ushers August 24:** Cherry DeVane, Chad Godwin, Derek Hogan and Jeff Pope

**Kids' Church Today:** Meredith Craddock

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**Nursery Today:** Charlotte Riewestahl

**Nursery August 24:** (*need volunteer*)

**TODAY, August 17<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)

**Clothes Closet Clean Out:** following worship service

*The Missions Committee invites volunteers to help sort & repack all remaining clothes. Pizza & drinks will be provided for those helping.*

**TUESDAY, August 19<sup>th</sup>**

- Campbell University Street Fair:** 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- We need volunteers for set-up, during event at tent, and take-down. You don't have to stay the whole time; even just 30 minutes is much appreciated. *See Meredith with any questions.*

**WEDNESDAY, August 20<sup>th</sup>**

*\* No Wednesday Night Activities*

**AUGUST 2025**

- 24** Friends Class - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
- Sarah's Open Door Class - Sunday School:** 9:00 a.m.
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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)
- 27** Nominating Committee Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
- \* No Other Wednesday Night Activities*
- 30** Memorial Service for Paul Stiller: 11:00 a.m.
- 31** Friends Class - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
- Sarah's Open Door Class - Sunday School:** 9:00 a.m.
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**SEPTEMBER 2025**

- 1** Church Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday
- 3** **RESUME WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES**
- Children's Choir:** 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
- Simple Supper:** 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Mission Kids:** 6:30 p.m. (Classroom)
- Youth Activity:** 6:30 p.m. (Library)
- Adult Bible Study:** 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- 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](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.)*



**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	

**APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS**

For August, we are collecting **POP-TOP Canned Food Items** such as Vienna sausage, ravioli, tuna, beef stew, vegetables, fruit, etc. *(no plastic containers)*

*\* Please make sure the expiration date is after December 2025. \**

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**

- **Harnett Food Pantry:** collecting **non-perishable foods**  
*\*(Egg cartons are not needed at this time.)\**  
Needed for August - - **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.*

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



**MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH**

*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 17, 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