

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 24, 2025  
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church  
Buies Creek, North Carolina

When on my day the evening shadows fall,  
I will go down to where a quiet river flows  
Into a sea from whence no one returns;  
And there embark for lands where life immortal grows.

~ Thomas Tiplady (1882-1967), English Methodist preacher,  
author of 250 hymns (“Above the Hills of Time the Cross  
Is Gleaming”), and long-time director of the  
Lambeth Mission in London.

### GATHERING

PRELUDE *O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright* Gilbert M. Martin  
Anne McClain, *Organ*

WELCOME and † INVOCATION Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*

† HYMN OF PRAISE 231 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* MADRID

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*

ASSURANCE OF GRACE (*responsively*) from Psalm 103 Mrs. Craddock

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God’s benefits:**

Who forgives all our iniquities, who heals all our diseases;

**Who redeems our life from destruction,  
who crowns us with lovingkindness and tender mercies.**

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and overflowing with mercy.

**The Lord does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

But as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is God’s steadfast love toward those who fear him;

**As far as the east is from the west,  
so far does God remove our transgressions from us;**

And as parents have compassion for their children,  
so the Lord has compassion for those who reverence him.

**For the Lord knows how we are made;  
the Lord remembers that we are dust.**

Bless the Lord, all God’s works, in all places of God’s dominion;

**Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

ANTHEM *Peace* Patricia Mock/arr. Nichols

Oh, Lord, through the strife bring your peace. Where worry prevails, give release.  
As the shadows linger all around, to our troubled minds and broken land,  
Let there be peace. Let there be peace.

Oh, Lord, through the dark shine your light. Where truth seems unclear, help our sight.  
Lift the veil that covers blinded eyes; give a vision of you, only wise.  
Let your light shine. Let your light shine.

Lord of all mercy and grace, rain down your love in this place.  
In a world where hatred seems so strong, may your grace right the wrong.

\* *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.*

### PROCLAIMING

EPISTLE Ephesians 2: 1-10 Lisa Lanier, *Deacon*  
For by grace you have been saved through faith,  
and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,  
and not of works, so that no one may boast.  
And we are what God has made us,  
created in Christ Jesus for good works,  
which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

GOSPEL Luke 10: 25-37 Mr. Beddingfield  
“Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”  
Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

SERMON *The Eternal Life Question* Mr. Beddingfield  
(Sixth in a series on The Good Samaritan: *The Lawyer*)

### RESPONDING

† WITNESS IN SONG *You Are My All in All* Dennis Jernigan  
Charissa English, *Leader*

You are my strength when I am weak, you are the treasure that I seek  
You are my all in all  
Seeking you as a precious jewel, Lord to give up I'd be a fool  
You are my all in all.

Jesus Lamb of God, worthy is your name  
Jesus Lamb of God, worthy is your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again, I bless your name  
You are my all in all

When I fall down you pick me up. When I am dry you fill my cup.  
You are my all in all.

Jesus Lamb of God, worthy is your name  
Jesus Lamb of God, worthy is your name.

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 *Fairest Lord Jesus* Mr. Beddingfield  
Mrs. McClain Matt Schinske

### SENDING

INVITATION TO FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 483 *Footsteps of Jesus* FOOTSTEPS

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *To God Be the Glory* Robert Lau  
Mrs. McClain

### PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

**Members:** Kathryn King & Maxie Gleaton (*husband of Kathryn King*); Theresa Batten,  
Jeanne Barker, 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*); 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:** Cherry DeVane, Chad Godwin, Derek Hogan and Jeff Pope  
**Ushers August 31:** Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson, Linda Lunney and  
Siu-Ki Wong

**Kids’ Church Today:** Meredith Craddock  
**Kids’ Church August 31:** (*need volunteer*)

**Nursery Today:** Charlotte Riewestahl  
**Nursery August 31:** (*need volunteer*)

**TODAY, August 24<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)

**WEDNESDAY, August 27<sup>th</sup>**

- Nominating Committee Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
- \* No Other Wednesday Night Activities

**SATURDAY, August 30<sup>th</sup>**

- Memorial Service for Paul Stiller: 11:00 a.m.

**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 - Pizza and Salad: 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)
- 7 Friends Class - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.  
 Sarah's Open Door Class - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.  
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 Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)  
 \* No Kids' Church Today
- 8 Deacon's Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

**Financial Position as of 7/31/25**

» Total support	\$ 293,085
» Total expenditures	\$ (313,764)
» Total expenditures exceed total support	\$ (20,679)
» Total 2025 Budget Proposal	\$ 418,220
» Percent of year passed	58%
» Undesignated support needed to meet budget	\$ 242,911
» Undesignated support received as of 7/31/25	\$ 214,082
» Operating expenses offset received from Stokes Day Care	\$ 5,100
» Shortfall undesignated giving compared to budget	\$ (23,729)

**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.)

**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



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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

**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  
 Cindy Avrette Glenn Jonas  
 Mike Cogdill Tom Spainhour  
 Wanda Hardison Joe Turlington

