

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 31, 2025
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Lord, what are we? Why should we cost you
So dear? What has our ruin lost you?
What did the lamb, that he should need,
When the wolf sins, himself to bleed?
Why should his unstain'd breast make good
Our errors with his own heart's blood?
O my Savior, make me see
How dearly you have paid for me.

~ *Ad. fr. Richard Crashaw (c. 1613-1649), English cleric and metaphysical poet; persecuted and finally exiled to France, then Italy, for his pro-Catholic sympathies.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Praise the Lord!* Gilbert M. Martin
Anne McClain, *Organ*

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE 216 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Mrs. Craddock

ASSURANCE OF GRACE (*responsively*) Mrs. Craddock
John 1: 17; Romans 5: 20, 8, 10; and Titus 3: 4-7

The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.
And where sin abounded, grace abounded all the more.

For God shows his love for us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
And if, being enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of God's Son, how much more, being reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.
So that, having been saved by his grace, we are now heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Thanks be to God for the grace and mercy which has been given to us.
Thanks be to God!

PROCLAIMING

GOSPEL Luke 10: 25-37 Mariamarta Conrad
The Good Samaritan. and Joaquin Mills

† WITNESS IN SONG *Lord I Need You* Matt Maher
Mariamarta Conrad, *Leader*

Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart.

Chorus Lord, I need You, oh, I need You, every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need You.

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more. Where grace is found is where You are.
And where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.

Chorus

** Following the Witness In Song, 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.*

EPISTLE Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*

Colossians 3: 1-5a, 9b-11

. . . Having stripped off the old self with its practices,
and having clothed yourselves with the new self . . .

SERMON *One-Sided Salvation* Mr. Beddingfield
(Seventh and last in a series on The Good Samaritan: *Jesus*)

RESPONDING

SONG OF RESPONSE *All My Hope* Crowder/Cash
Ms. Conrad, *solo*

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 *Jesus Is All the World to Me* Mr. Beddingfield
Mrs. McClain James Southbridge

SENDING

INVITATION TO FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 134 *Jesus Paid It All* ALL TO CHRIST

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *Variants on ST. ANNE* Richard A. Williamson
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: Renea Wright (*friend of Joyce Sills*); Roberta Blackwell (*sister 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: Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson, Linda Lunney and Siu-Ki Wong
Ushers Sept. 7: Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson, Linda Lunney and Siu-Ki Wong

Kids' Church Today: Meredith Craddock
No Kids' Church Sept. 7

Nursery Today: Charlotte Riewestahl
Nursery Sept. 7: (*need volunteer*)

TODAY, August 31st

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)

MONDAY, September 1st

Church Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday

WEDNESDAY, September 3rd

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)

SEPTEMBER 2025

7 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 Today*

8 Deacon's Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

10 Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
Simple Supper - Nacho Bar: 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)

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	

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 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 September -- **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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Other Staff: By Appointment



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