

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 14, 2025
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Of all the aspects of Jesus' ministry that offended the religious leaders, none was more odious to them than Jesus' table fellowship with sinners. Speak to sinners? If you have to. Feed sinners who are hungry? Perhaps, as an act of mercy. But *welcome* sinners and *eat with* them? Never!

But the heart of God is to search out those who are outside, and the mission of Jesus is "to seek and to save the lost." When that mission is accomplished, it generates abundant joy.

~ Thomas G. Long, *Proclaiming the Parables: Preaching and Teaching the Kingdom of God* (Westminster John Knox Press, Louisville, 2024), 304, 306.

GATHERING

PRELUDE *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. Anna Laura Page
Anne McClain, *Organ*

WELCOME Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*

† CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*) I Timothy 1: 12-17 Mrs. Craddock

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a person of violence.

But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

And this saying is true and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the chief.

But that is the very reason why I received mercy, so that in me, as the chief of sinners, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience.

In that way he has made me an example to all who would come to believe in him for eternal life.

Therefore to the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

† HYMN OF PRAISE 6 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

† INVOCATION Mrs. Craddock

CALL TO CONFESSION from Psalm 51 Harriet Enzor, Donna Haynes,
A broken and contrite heart, and Harriet Elizabeth Enzor
O God, you will not despise.

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE Mrs. Craddock

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

† SONG OF RESPONSE

Chris Hillman/arr. Keith Green

Create in Me a Clean Heart
Spencer Powell Phillips, *leader*

Create in me a clean heart, O God
And renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a clean heart, O God
And renew a right spirit with me.

Cast me now away from thy presence, O Lord
And take not thy Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation
And renew a right spirit with me.

* Following the Song of Response, 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

GOSPEL Luke 15: 1-10 Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*
The Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin:
Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

SERMON *Lost and Found* Mr. Beddingfield

RESPONDING

ANTHEM *Write Your Blessed Name* K. Lee Scott

Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart,
there to remain so indelibly engraved that no prosperity,
that no adversity shall ever, ever move me from your love.

Be to me a strong tower of defense, a comforter in tribulation,
a deliverer in distress, and a faithful Guide to the courts of heaven
through the many temptations and dangers of this life.

O Jesu, my only Savior!

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 *Great is Thy Faithfulness* Mr. Beddingfield
Mrs. McClain arr. John Purifoy

SENDING

INVITATION TO FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 68 RESIGNATION
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *Postlude on LASST UNS ERFREUEN* arr. Douglas E. Wagner
Mrs. McClain

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Sean Cunningham, Kay Hedgepeth, Betty Wallace, Hilary Morrow, 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: Family of Sue Pattillo (*grandmother of Skyler Pattillo*); Shane & Stephanie Pattillo (*parents of Skyler Pattillo*); Tammy McNeil (*friend of Jeanne Barker*); Roberta Blackwell (*sister of Anne McClain*); 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 Doug McKnight who died Friday, September 5th.

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 September 2025: Steve DeVane and Olivia Scarborough
Deacons for October 2025: Sonya Godwin and Randall Johnson

Ushers Today: Bob Cisneros, Adam English and Miles West
Ushers Sept. 21: Randall Johnson, Ron McLamb, Scotty Scarborough and Lee Turlington

Kids' Church Today: Meredith Craddock
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Nursery Today: Charlotte Riewestahl
Nursery Sept. 21: Carrie Royal

TODAY, September 14th

- 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)
- Baby Shower for Olivia and Becca Scarborough: 2:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)*

WEDNESDAY, September 17th

- Children's Choir:** 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
- Simple Supper - Breakfast:** 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Mission Kids:** 6:30 p.m. (Classroom)
- Youth Activity:** 6:30 p.m. (Library)
- CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING:** 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, September 20th

- Baby Shower for Jeroen and Liz Stone: 2:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)*

SEPTEMBER 2025

- 21 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)
- 24 Children's Choir:** 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
- MINISTRY IN ACTION COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER DINNER - Indian Fusion:**
Indian cuisine prepared by Joseph Das: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Proceeds will benefit the Appalachian Backpack ministry.
- 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	
Cindy Avrette	Glenn Jonas
Mike Cogdill	Tom Spainhour
Wanda Hardison	Joe Turlington

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.)*





OFFERING FOR GLOBAL MISSIONS

BECAUSE PRESENCE MATTERS

The Global Missions change boxes may be placed in the appropriate baskets in the church foyer when they are full.



APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS

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

* [3 canned food items are required for each backpack] *

AND

INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDY

(no chocolate or candy with nuts)

* Please make sure all expiration dates are 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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The "Good Shepherd" window, First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, NC

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