

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Communion Sunday

October 5, 2025
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

As I look at my front lawn and see the grass littered with fallen leaves, I am reminded that we are entering a new season of the year. Life is full of seasons. Some are marked by joy, growth, and fruitfulness, while others bring loss, waiting or uncertainty. Just as the Earth cycles through spring, summer, fall, and winter, our lives move through times of blooming, thriving, pruning and even dormancy. Yet through every shift and change, one truth remains constant: the faithfulness of God never wavers.

~ *The Rev. Chris Wilson, Campbell Divinity School graduate and pastor of the Warrenton Baptist Church, Warrenton, NC, in the October issue of the church's newsletter.*

GATHERING

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

WELCOME and † INVOCATION Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*
Ad. fr. *The Book of Common Prayer*,
Collect for the Sunday closet to October 5

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray,
and though our prayers are sometimes a matter of form or habit,
your hearing is always a matter of the heart.
Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid,
and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask,
except through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave his all for us,
and in whose name we pray; **Amen.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE 54 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE Hebrews 12: 1-2 Mr. Beddingfield
Therefore . . . let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which
clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race
that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the author and finisher
of our faith; who, for the joy that was set before him,
endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and is now
seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

PROCLAIMING

A COMMUNITY PSALM OF LAMENT (*responsively*) Psalm 137 Mr. Beddingfield

By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down and wept, when we remembered Zion.
On the willows there we hung up our harps; for there our captors asked us for songs,
and our tormentors begged sarcastically for mirth, saying,
"Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

**But how could we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?
If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither!
Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember you,
if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.**

Remember, O Lord, how the people of Edom, on the day of Jerusalem's fall,
shouted, "Tear it down! Tear it down! Down to its foundations!"

**O Babylon, you devastator!
Happy shall they be who pay you back for all that you have done to us!
Happy shall they be who take your little ones and dash them against a rock!**

OLD TESTAMENT 1 Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*
Lamentations 1: 1-6
How lonely sits the city that once was full of people!
Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude.

† WITNESS IN SONG (*insert*) *Your Grace Is Enough* Matt Maher
Spencer Powell Phillips, *Leader*

OLD TESTAMENT 2 Lamentations 3: 19-26 Sonya Godwin, *Deacon*
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
God's mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness.

SERMON *Shiny and Smooth, or Rugged and Rough?* Mr. Beddingfield

RESPONDING

INVITATION TO GIVE and OFFERTORY Mr. Beddingfield
Old Rugged Cross Rumi Oh
Mrs. McClain

HOLY COMMUNION
Invitation to the Lord's Table
Leader: Come, people of God, from east and west,
north and south, to gather at the table of grace.
We come, united in Christ, to share in the feast of love.
Leader: This is the Lord's Table. All who seek to follow Jesus are welcome.
Let us worship the God who brings us together.
**All: We gather as one body, across languages, cultures, and borders.
One bread, one body—one Lord of all.**

Anthem (*insert*) *The Welcome Table* arr. Joel Raney

Words of Institution: I Corinthians 11: 23-25
For I received from the Lord what I also delivered unto you . . .

Prayers of Dedication and The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

**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.**

Passing of the Plates *Jesus Paid It All* Mark Hayes

The Bread John 6: 35, 51
I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty...
This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

The Cup I Corinthians 11: 26
This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it,
in remembrance of me. For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Promise I John 2: 1-2
If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins,
and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

SENDING

INVITATION TO FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH (*insert*) *One Bread, One Body* ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *Great is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Gene Roberson
Mrs. McClain

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Duwayne Grimm, Earl Savage, Sean Cunningham, Kay Hedgepeth, Betty Wallace, Hilary Morrow, Kathryn King & Maxie Gleaton (*husband of Kathryn King*), Theresa Batten, Jeanne Barker, Michael Cogdill, Doris Eller, Linda Smith

Family and Friends: Brigid Edwards (*friend of Donna Penny*); Michelle Brugger (*niece of Lalia Turlington*); Johnny Rowe (*brother-in-law of Joyce Sills*); Mike Hodgin (*brother-in-law of Tricia Scarboro*); 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

Deacons for October 2025: Sonya Godwin and Randall Johnson
Deacons for November 2025: Charlotte Riewestahl and Scotty Scarborough

Ushers Today: Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson, Linda Lunney and Siu-Ki Wong
Ushers Oct. 12: Bob Cisneros, Adam English and Miles West

No Kids' Church Today
Kids' Church Oct. 12: Meredith Craddock

Nursery Today: Cherry DeVane
Nursery Oct. 12: Carrie Royal

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Morgan whose 100th birthday would have been today by Margaret, Mary, Rupert and Nancy.

Dear Memorial Family,

How can we possibly thank you for your kindness and support for our family at the death and funeral of my father, Paul Stiller. Thank you for the beautiful reception including the planning, preparation of food, serving, decorations and flowers. To Mr. Neil Stephenson, thank you for finishing the bookcase with your fine handiwork. To Mr. Randall Johnson, thank you for designing and giving the plaque to honor Dad. Our family wanted to donate the bookcases to the choir room in memory of Dad and these two gentlemen made it extra special. Pastors Ed and Meredith and Mrs. Anne at the organ did an amazing job leading the service. My family was deeply moved and blessed by the outpouring of cards, food and other remembrances given by the church family. Y'all are really something special!

~ Sincerely, Susan Morrow and family

TODAY, October 5th

- 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

TUESDAY, October 7th

- Memorial In Action Committee Meeting: 6:45 p.m. (Library)

WEDNESDAY, October 8th

- Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
- Simple Supper - Roast Pork & Vegetables: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Mission Kids & Youth: 6:30 p.m.
Visit & deliver supplies to Nourish Market (CU Food Pantry)
- Adult Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

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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)

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.



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

APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS

For October, we are collecting **DEODORANT and SHAMPOO** (men, women & neutral)

AND

INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDY (no chocolate or candy with nuts)

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**
Needed for October -- **Canned Fruit** (any kind of fruit)
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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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