

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 19, 2025  
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church  
Buies Creek, North Carolina

The best preacher is the heart,  
say the Jews of faith.  
The best teacher is time.  
The best book is the world.  
The best friend is God.

~ From "The People, Yes,"  
by Carl Sandburg, 1878-1967

### GATHERING

PRELUDE *Come, We Who Love the Lord* Lani Smith  
Anne McClain, *Organ*

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE 208 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE Mrs. Craddock

### PROCLAIMING

PSALTER (*responsively*) Psalm 119: 97-105, 111-112 Mrs. Craddock

Oh, how I love your law!

**It is my meditation all the day long.**

Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.

**I have more understanding than all my teachers,  
for your decrees are my meditation.**

I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.

**I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.**

I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me.

**How sweet are our words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

**Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**

Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

**I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, even to the end.**

† TESTIMONY IN SONG (*insert*) Charissa English, *Leader*  
(*front*) *Thy Word Is a Lamp* Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith  
(*back*) *Change My Heart, O God* Eddie Espinoza

\* Following the Testimony 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.

† The congregation is invited to stand.

EPISTLE Romans 3: 21-26 Adam English, *Reader*  
For there is no distinction;  
since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,  
they are now justified by God's grace as a gift,  
through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.

OLD TESTAMENT Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*  
Jeremiah 31: 27a, 29-34  
No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other,  
"Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them  
to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity,  
and remember their sin no more.

SERMON *God Has No Grandchildren* Mr. Beddingfield

### RESPONDING

ANTHEM *People Need the Lord* arr. John Purifoy

Every day they pass me by, I can see it in their eyes.  
Empty people filled with care, headed who knows where.  
On they go through private pain, living fear to fear.  
Laughter hides the silent cries only Jesus hears.

People need the Lord, people need the Lord.  
At the end of broken dreams He's the open door.  
People need the Lord, people need the Lord.  
When will we realize people need the Lord.

We are called to take His light to a world where wrong seems right.  
What could be too great a cost for sharing life with one who's lost?  
Through His love our hearts can feel all the grief they bear.  
They must hear the words of life only we can share.

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 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* Todd Beaney  
Mrs. McClain

### SENDING

INVITATION TO FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 245 MORECAMBE  
*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* Nigel Williams  
Mrs. McClain

### PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

**Members:** Duwayne Grimm, Sean Cunningham, Kay Hedgepeth, Betty Wallace, Hilary Morrow, Kathryn King & Maxie Gleaton (*husband of Kathryn King*), 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*); 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

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

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

**Ushers Oct. 26:** Cherry DeVane, Chad Godwin, Derek Hogan and Jeff Pope

**Kids' Church Today:** Meredith Craddock

**Kids' Church Oct. 26:** (*need volunteer*)

**Nursery Today:** Charlotte Riewestahl

**Nursery Oct. 26:** (*need volunteer*)

## TODAY, October 19<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, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Children's Choir:** 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)  
**Simple Supper - Nachos with Chicken:** 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
**Elementary & Middle School Students - Green Leaf BINGO Night:**  
6:30 p.m. — Wear your costumes and go play BINGO with the residents of Green Leaf Care Center.  
See Cherry DeVane or Adam English with any questions.  
**Youth Activity:** 6:30 p.m. (Library)  
**Adult Bible Study:** 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
**Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

## THURSDAY, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Memorial In Action Committee Meeting:** 7:30 p.m.

## OCTOBER 2025

- 26 **Friends Class - Sunday School:** 9:00 a.m.  
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**Kids' Church:** during worship (Library)
- 28 **Phi Delta Chi Taco Dinner Fundraiser:** 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- 29 **\* No Children's Choir**  
**TRUNK-OR-TREAT AND HOT DOG SUPPER:** 5:45 p.m.  
**Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

## NOVEMBER 2025

- 2 **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**

## Financial Position as of 9/30/25

» Total support	\$ 351,143
» Total expenditures	\$ (373,208)
» Total expenditures exceed total support	\$ (22,065)
» Total 2025 Budget Proposal	\$ 418,220
» Percent of year passed	75%
» Undesignated support needed to meet budget	\$ 312,806
» Undesignated support received as of 9/30/25	\$ 267,438
» Operating expenses offset received from Stokes Day Care	\$ 10,200
» Shortfall undesignated giving compared to budget	\$ (35,168)

### 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.



## CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

- **Harnett Food Pantry:** collecting **non-perishable foods**  
Needed for October -- **Canned Fruit** (any kind)  
*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

*Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*October 19, 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