

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 26, 2025  
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church  
Buies Creek, North Carolina

According to Christian teachers, the essential vice, the utmost evil, is Pride. Pride leads to every other vice; it is the complete anti-God state of mind . . .

As long as you are proud you cannot know God. A proud person is always looking down on things and people; and of course, as long as you are looking down, you can't see something that's above you.

~ C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*, 1943 (Macmillan Paperbacks Edition, 1960, pp. 109 and 111).

### GATHERING

PRELUDE                      *How Majestic Is Your Name*                      arr. Glenda Austin  
   Anne McClain, *Organ*

WELCOME and † INVOCATION                      Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*  
   *Ad.fr. The Book of Common Prayer, Proper 18 (Sept. 7).*

O God, we gather today in worship  
seeking to give you reverence and to receive from you help.  
help us to trust you with all our hearts;  
for, even as you resist the proud who confide in their own strength,  
so also you never forsake those who make their boast in your mercy.  
This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is merciful to us sinners; **Amen.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE 42      *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*                      FOREST GREEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION                      Mr. Beddingfield, with Congregation  
When the leader says, *Let us pray to the Lord*, the people respond:  
**God, be merciful to me, a sinner.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE                      Romans 5: 6, 8, 11                      Mr. Beddingfield  
While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.  
But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners,  
Christ died for us, and through him we have now received reconciliation.

### PROCLAIMING

PSALTER                      Psalm 65                      Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*  
   and Mr. Beddingfield

Verses 1-4 (*responsively*)

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;

**And to you shall vows be performed, O God who answers prayer!**

To you, O God, shall all flesh come.

**When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.**

Happy are those whom you choose, and bring near to live in your courts.

**We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.**

Verses 5-8                      Mrs. Craddock  
Repeat Verses 1-4 (*responsively*)  
Verses 9-13                      Mr. Beddingfield  
Repeat Verses 1-4 (*responsively*)

GOSPEL                      Luke 18: 9-14                      Mrs. Craddock  
   *The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector.*

TESTIMONY IN SONG                      *Heart of God*                      Hulse/Smith/Williams  
   Mariamarta Conrad, *Solo*

I know you're hurtin', I can see it in your eyes  
So, pull back the curtain and take off your disguise  
Whoever told you you ain't worth the fight  
The cross tells a story that'll change your mind.

There's only love in the heart of God.  
No room for shame in His open arms.  
There's beauty from ashes, so come as you are.  
And there's only love in the heart of God.

Come, prodigal children, it's never too late  
Run home to the Father, let Him clothe you with grace  
Bury your burdens, break free from the fear  
Step out the shadows, there's no judgment here.

No, He's not sittin' there shakin' His head, writin' you off, leavin' you lost.  
He's not sittin' there shakin' His head wishin' He'd never went to that cross.

*\* 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.*

SERMON                      *The Right Way to Look Down*                      Mr. Beddingfield

### RESPONDING

† SONG OF RESPONSE                      *Lord, I Need You*                      Nockels/Carson/Reeves/  
   Stanfill/Maher

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  
Where you are, Lord, I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me.

*Chorus*

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                      *Lord, Have Mercy (Kyrie Eleison)*                      Steve Merkel  
   Mrs. McClain

### SENDING

INVITATION TO FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP                      Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 546                      *Love Lifted Me*                      SAFETY

† 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:** Pam Jonas, Susan Cannady, 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:** Cooper Capps (*great-nephew of Tammy Scarborough*); 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

**Prayers of Comfort** are extended to the family of David Avrette in the death of his brother, Anthony Avrette, on Sunday, October 19th.

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

**Ushers Today:** Cherry DeVane, Chad Godwin, Derek Hogan and Jeff Pope  
**Ushers Nov. 2:** Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson, Linda Lunney and Siu-Ki Wong

**Kids' Church Today:** Meredith Craddock  
**No Kids' Church Nov. 2**

**Nursery Today:** Charlotte Riewestahl  
**Nursery Nov. 2:** Michele Phelps

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

**TODAY, October 26<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)

**TUESDAY, October 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Phi Delta Chi Taco Dinner Fundraiser:** 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
(Fellowship Hall) — See flyer on bulletin board for more info

**WEDNESDAY, October 29<sup>th</sup>**

**\* 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**

**5 Children's Choir:** 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)  
**Simple Supper - Breakfast:** 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
**Elementary and Middle School Students:** 6:30 p.m. (Mission Kids Class)  
**Youth Activity:** 6:30 p.m. (Library)  
**Bible Study:** 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
**Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

**9 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)

**10 Deacon's Meeting:** 7:00 p.m.

**12 Children's Choir:** 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)  
**YOUTH COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER DINNER - Spaghetti and Salad:** 5:45 p.m.  
(Fellowship Hall)  
**Elementary and Middle School Students:** 6:30 p.m. (Mission Kids Class)  
**Youth Activity:** 6:30 p.m. (Library)  
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**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.



**Wednesday, October 29**  
**5:45 p.m.**

**Trunk or Treat**



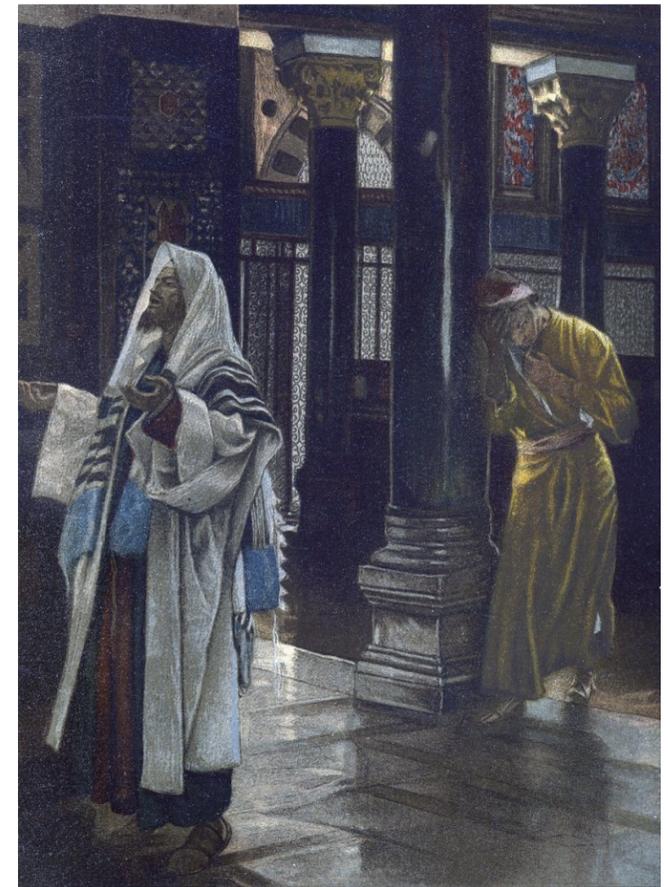
*We need volunteers to decorate trunks.  
Please contact Meredith today!!*

**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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Other Staff: By Appointment



*"The Pharisee and the Publican" (1899), from "The Life of Our Lord Jesus Christ" series, by French painter James Jacque Joseph Tissot (1836-1902). Opaque watercolor on gray wove paper. Photo: Brooklyn Museum.*

**MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH**

*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*October 26, 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