

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Sunday after All Saints' Day

November 2, 2025
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Oh, though oft depressed and lonely,
All my fears are laid aside,
If I but remember only
Such as these have lived and died.

~ fr. "Footsteps of Angels,"
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, 1838/39

GATHERING

PRELUDE *For All the Saints* arr. Douglas Wagner
Anne McClain, *organist*

WELCOME and † INVOCATION Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*
Ad.fr. The Book of Common Prayer,
"Of a Saint," p. 250

Almighty God, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, and made us one with all your saints in heaven and on earth. Grant that during our own earthly pilgrimage we may be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer; that we may be encouraged by the good example of those who have gone before, and sustained by the presence of the living Christ who, through the Spirit, dwells in us; and that we may persevere in the race that is set before us, until at last we, too, enter into the joy of your eternal presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray, **Amen.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE 355 *For All the Saints* SINE NOMINE

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Epistle (*responsively*) II Thessalonians 1: 1-4, 10-11 Mr. Beddingfield

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We must always give thanks for you, brothers and sisters, as is right to do,

**Because your faith is growing abundantly,
and the love of every one of you for each other is increasing.**

Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God,

**Because of your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions
and the afflictions which you are enduring.**

To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of your calling and will fulfill by divine power every good resolve and work of faith,

**So that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you,
and you in him, according to the grace of our God**

and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Naming of the Saints and Mr. Beddingfield, with
Lighting of the Candles Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*
After each candle is lit, the people will say, Psalm 116: 15
Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

Burgess Marshbanks Lynn Marshbanks, *daughter*
Doug McKnight Lisa Lanier, *cousin*
Paul Stiller Susan Morrow, *daughter*
Louise Taylor Bob Cisneros, *neighbor*
Carolyn Walker Teresa Roberts, *daughter*

Prayer of Remembrance and Thanksgiving Mrs. Craddock

† Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) Hebrews 12: 1-2 Mrs. Craddock
**Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight, and the sin that 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 has taken his seat at the right hand
of the throne of God. Amen.**

† Song of Testimony *Find Us Faithful* Jon Mohr
Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful
May the fire of our devotion light their way
Maya the footprints that we leave lead them to believe
And the lives we live inspire them to obey
Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful.

PROCLAIMING

GOSPEL Luke 19: 1-10 - Zacchaeus Mr. Beddingfield
And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house,
since he also is a son of Abraham.
For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

SERMON *What Kind of Saint Is This?* Mr. Beddingfield

RESPONDING

ANTHEM *A Prayer for Humility* Mark Patterson

Mighty God and gentle Lamb, Lord of all creation, how we long to know you,
how we strive to serve you, help us now to love you even more.

Give us humble hearts to praise you and listening ears to hear your voice,
willing hands to serve you, thankful spirits to rejoice.

Lord of all, we adore you, and we bring this prayer before you:
Create in us humble hearts.

When our thoughts turn proud, remind us of the grace you freely give.
When we lose our way, Lord, find us, draw us close to you again.

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 Mr. Beddingfield
Look, Ye Saints! The Sight is Glorious arr. Anna Laura Page
Mrs. McClain

SENDING

INVITATION TO FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 277 HENDON
Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield
DUMA Food Pantry Thanksgiving Donations David Johnson

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God* arr. Lani Smith
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: Family of Anthony Avrette (*brother of David Avrette*); David Vess; Cooper Capps (*great-nephew of Tammy Scarborough*); Michelle Brugger (*niece of Lalia Turlington*); International teachers & families

Emerald Health and Rehab Center (Lillington, NC): Pat Stiller

Prayers of Comfort are extended to the family of Brigid Edwards (*friend of Donna Penny*) who died Wednesday, October 29th.

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 November 2025: Charlotte Riewestahl and Scotty Scarborough
Deacons for December 2025: Dayna Scarborough and Tom Spainhour

Ushers Today: Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson, Linda Lunney and Siu-Ki Wong
Ushers Nov. 9: Bob Cisneros, Adam English and Miles West

No Kids' Church Today
No Kids' Church Nov. 9

Nursery Today: Michele Phelps
Nursery Nov. 9: Tricia Scarboro

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

TODAY, November 2nd

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

WEDNESDAY, November 5th

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)

NOVEMBER 2025

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)
No Kids' Church

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)
Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

16 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)

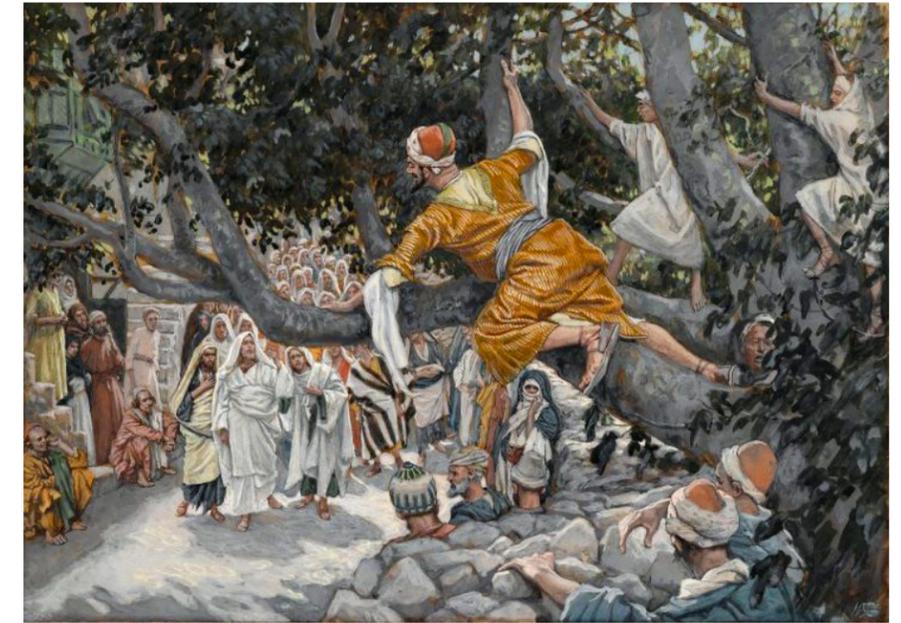
19 Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
BUDDY BACKPACK FUNDRAISER DINNER - Soup and Sandwich: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Elementary and Middle School Students: 6:30 p.m. (Mission Kids Class)
Youth Activity: 6:30 p.m. (Library)
CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING / BUDGET PRESENTATION: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

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 by clicking the *Donate* tab.
- *Scanning the **QR Code** shown here on your mobile device.



"Zacchaeus in the Sycamore Tree Awaiting the Passage of Jesus," from "The Life of Our Lord Jesus Christ" series, watercolor by French painter James Jacque Joseph Tissot (1836-1902). Photo: Brooklyn Museum.

*** SAVE THE DATE ***

ADVENT DINNERS
Sunday, December 7th
5:00 p.m.

Advent Dinners have always been a special way to enjoy fellowship with church family during the Advent season.

CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

- **Harnett Food Pantry:** collecting **non-perishable foods** Needed for November -- **Canned Beans** and/or **Chili Seasoning Mix**
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