

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 9, 2025
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Be now the guardian of the weak;
To the unbefriended, be a friend;
No profit from your friendship seek,
No end besides God's promised end.
Would you your Godlike power preserve,
Be Godlike in the will to serve.

~ *Ad. fr. Jeanette L. Gilder, American
writer and editor (1849-1916)*

GATHERING

PRELUDE *We Are Called to Be God's People* arr. Robert Hughes
Anne McClain, *organist*

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

† GATHERING HYMN 371 *I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord* LAND OF REST

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE Mrs. Craddock

ANTHEM *Simple Praise* Craig Courtney

For a canvas of colors, for a concert of sound;
for the unfolding seasons, the earth spinning round.
For the birth of each sunrise, for the sky set ablaze;
for these simple gifts, we give simple praise.

Simple praise for the Giver, and thanks to the One
who has given us breath and given His Son.
To the Giver of blessings for all of our days,
for these simple gifts, we give simple praise.

For the love of a mother, for the touch of a hand;
for the deeper emotions we can't understand.
For the lessons we learn from the trials we face;
for these simple gifts, we give simple praise.

The heart of the Giver, the hand of the One
from whom every blessing of living has come;
for measureless mercy and limitless grace,
for these simple gifts we give simple praise.

PROCLAIMING

NEW TESTAMENT (*responsively*) John 15: 12-17 Charlotte Riewestahl, *Deacon*

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

You are my friends, if you do what I command you; no longer do I call you servants,
because the servant does not know what the master is doing.

**But I have called you friends, because I have made known
to you everything that I have heard from my Father.**

You did not choose me, but I chose you.

And I appointed you that you may go and bear fruit, and your fruit will last.

Therefore whatever you ask in my name, the Father will give you.

I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

SERMON *Friends and Family* Adam English
II Samuel 9: 1-7

RESPONDING

† SONG OF RESPONSE *Open My Eyes, Lord* Jesse Manibusan
Mariamarta Conrad, *Leader*

Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face
Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord, help me to hear your voice
Open my ears, Lord, help me to hear.

Bridge: And the first shall be last, and our eyes are opened
And we'll hear like never before
And we'll speak in new ways and we'll see God's face
In places we've never known.

Open my heart, Lord, help me to love like you
Open my heart, Lord, help me to love. *Bridge*

I live within you, deep in your heart, O Love
I live within you, rest now in me.

INVITATION TO GIVE and OFFERTORY *We Are One in the Spirit* Mrs. Craddock
Mrs. McClain arr. Tracey Craig McKibben

HOLY COMMUNION Mrs. Craddock and Dr. English

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Song of Reflection *The Table* Chris Tomlin
Ms. Conrad, *solo*

Words of Institution

Blessing

Passing of the Plates

The Bread Ephesians 5: 1-2 (NIV)
Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children;
and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and
gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
ALL: I, [name], am a sinner.

The Cup Romans 5: 8 (NCV)
But God shows his great love for us in this way:
Christ died for us while we were still sinners.
ALL: I, [name] am a sinner.

The Promise Luke 19: 10
For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.
ALL: I, [name], am saved.

SENDING

INVITATION TO FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP Mrs. Craddock

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 423 GIFT OF LOVE
Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mrs. Craddock

† BENEDICTION Mrs. Craddock

POSTLUDE *Shine, Jesus, Shine* arr. Tom Fettke
Mrs. McClain

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Hilary Morrow, Pam Jonas, Susan Cannady, Duwayne Grimm, Sean
Cunningham, Kay Hedgepeth, Betty Wallace, Kathryn King & Maxie Gleaton
(*husband of Kathryn King*), Jeanne Barker, Michael Cogdill, Doris Eller, Linda Smith

Family and Friends: Henry Seem (*friend of Ofe Rockholt*); David Vess; Michelle
Brugger (*niece of Lalia Turlington*); 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 November 2025: Charlotte Riewestahl and Scotty Scarborough
Deacons for December 2025: Dayna Scarborough and Tom Spainhour

Ushers Today: Bob Cisneros, Adam English and Miles West

Ushers Nov. 16: Randall Johnson, Ron McLamb, Scotty Scarborough and Lee
Turlington

No Kids' Church Today

Kids' Church Nov. 16: Meredith Craddock

Nursery Today: Tricia Scarboro

Nursery Nov. 16: Charlotte Riewestahl

TODAY, November 9th

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

MONDAY, November 10th

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

TUESDAY, November 11th

Happy Veterans Day!

WEDNESDAY, November 12th

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)

NOVEMBER 2025

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)

23 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)
Decorating for Advent: immediately following worship service
All are welcome to stay and help get the church ready for the Advent season!

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.



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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 Tuna, Macaroni & Cheese and Peanut Butter**
Monetary donations to MBC are also welcome; designate as 'Food Pantry.'
- **Buddy Backpack:** collecting **sandwich crackers "nabs"**
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- **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