

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2026
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

“Tell me your name,” I challenged Christ.
“Were you a prophet? Saint supreme?
Did you wear true flesh and blood?
Are you that which we call God?
Or but a hope, a sigh,
A thing compacted of a dream?”

“I will declare myself,” said Christ,
“When you confess your name and station.”
Easy terms. I thought and thought,
But still the sum of me was nought.
“A dying sinner, I” –
And straight he told his name: “Salvation.”

~ “The Bargain,” by Anna Bunston de Bary (1869-1954),
British schoolteacher, writer and poet; in her 70s worked
as a linguist at the War Office in Liverpool during WWII.

GATHERING

PRELUDE *All Creatures of Our God and King* Anna Laura Page
Anne McClain, organ

WELCOME and † INVOCATION Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor

† HYMN OF PRAISE 587 *Jesus Shall Reign* DUKE STREET

CALL TO PRAYER (*responsively*) from Psalm 42 Mrs. Craddock

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the Living God.

**When shall I come and behold again the face of God?
My tears have been my food day and night,
while people say to me, “Where is your God now?”**

But these things I remember, as I pour out my soul;
how I went with the crowd in procession to the house of God,
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving.

**Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise you, my help and my God.**

My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you, O Lord.
By day you command your steadfast love and mercy,
and by night your song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

**Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise you, my help and my God.**

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE Mrs. Craddock

PROCLAIMING

† WITNESS IN SONG *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)* Myrin/Redman
Spencer Powell Phillips, leader

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name.

† *Worshippers are invited to stand.*

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 42: 1-9 Edward Beddingfield, Pastor
Here is my servant, whom I uphold;
my chosen one, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him.

GOSPEL Matthew 3: 13-17 Carrie Royal, Deacon
The Baptism of Jesus.

* Following the Gospel reading, 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 *Remembering Who We Are* Mr. Beddingfield

RESPONDING

ANTHEM *As the Deer* arr. Lloyd Larson

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength and shield;
to you alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

You're my friend and you are my brother, even though you are a King.
I love you more than any other, so much more than anything.

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 *Ding Dong! Merrily on High* Mr. Beddingfield
Mrs. McClain and Dr. Morrow, piano arr. Lloyd Larson

SENDING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH *Borning Cry* WATERLIFE

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *Halle, Halle Doxology* Pepper Choplin
Mrs. McClain

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Charlie & Jeanne Lewis, David & Trula Gray, Hilary Morrow, Susan Cannady, Kay Hedgepeth, Betty Wallace, Doris Eller, Linda Smith

Family and Friends: Jacob Blackwell (*cousin of Anne McClain*); Jimmy Allen (*friend of Steve DeVane*); Mike Queen and family; Jerry Barber (*nephew of Jeanne Barker*); Harriet Whiteman; 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 January 2026: Carrie Royal and Joe Turlington
Deacons for February 2026: Lisa Lanier and Dave Steegar

Ushers Today: Bob Cisneros, Adam English and Miles West
Ushers Jan. 18: Randall Johnson, Ron McLamb, Scotty Scarborough and Joe Turlington

Kids' Church Today: Meredith Craddock
Kids' Church Jan. 18: (*need volunteer*)

Nursery Today: Michele Phelps
Nursery Jan. 18: Charlotte Riewestahl

TODAY, January 11th

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)

MONDAY, January 12th

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

WEDNESDAY, January 14th

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)

JANUARY 2026

18 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)

21 Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
Simple Supper - Pizza 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)

25 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)

28 Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
Simple Supper - TBA: 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: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

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.



Mission Mailbox



The Mission Kids would like to thank everyone for supporting the **Mission Mailbox** last month. With your help, we collected \$635.00! The children used your gifts and were able to purchase the following items from World Vision:

2 chickens, 6 ducks, 2 rabbits, a shared alpaca, 7 fruit trees, bed nets for 2 families, a shared sewing machine & training, education for girls, help for children with disabilities, lifesaving healthcare, and a shared mechanized water system.

We could not have done this without you!
Love,
MBC Mission Kids

CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

- **Harnett Food Pantry:** collecting **non-perishable foods**
Needed for January -- **Peanut Butter**
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 new or used men's or boys' belts that can be used for students at the school.*

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Other Staff: By Appointment



Bautismo de Cristo ("Baptism of Christ"), c. 1567,
by Spanish artist Juan Fernandez de Navarrete.
Clockwise from bottom center: Christ being baptized,
people of the earth, saints in heaven, descending dove,
God the Father, angels and heavenly host, John the Baptist.

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
Xiomara Felix, Custodian