

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## Ordinary Time

January 25 / February 1, 2026  
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church  
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Mine was the boat, and mine the air,  
And mine the sea, and not a care.

Yes, mine was the boat – but His the voice,  
And His the call, and mine the choice.

Mine was the boat, and mine the net,  
And mine the skill and the power to get.

Now His is the boat, and His the skill,  
And His the catch, and His my will.

~ Ad. fr. "The Boat (Simon Peter's Testimony)," by  
Scottish poet and author George Macdonald (1824-1905).

## GATHERING

PRELUDE

*Come, We Who Love the Lord*  
Anne McClain, organ

Lani Smith

WELCOME and † INVOCATION

Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*  
*Ad. fr. The Book of Common Prayer, p. 215.*

O Lord, as we gather in worship to praise your name, to lift our prayers,  
to offer our gifts, and to hear your voice,  
give us grace to answer readily the call of Christ,  
proclaiming to all the earth, by word and by deed, the Good News of salvation,  
until that day when all may see and perceive the mighty acts  
of the One who has called us out of darkness and into your marvelous light;  
this we pray in Jesus' name, **Amen.**

† GATHERING HYMN 293

*Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult*

GALILEE

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Meredith Lanier Craddock,  
*Associate Pastor*

## PROCLAIMING

PSALTER READING (*responsively*)

Psalms 33: 8-9, 13-22

Mrs. Craddock

Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe.

**For the Lord spoke, and it came to be; God commanded, and it stood firm.**

The Lord looks down from heaven; God sees all of humankind.

**God sits enthroned, watching the inhabitants of the earth;  
the One who fashioned the hearts of them all observes all their deeds.**

A king is not saved by his great army;

a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

**The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its might it cannot save.**

Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,

who hope in God's steadfast love and mercy;

**Who trust the Lord to deliver their soul from death,  
and to keep them alive in famine.**

Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and shield;

our heart is glad in the Lord, in whose holy name we trust.

**Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.**

EPISTLE

I Corinthians 1: 26-31

Mrs. Craddock

Consider your call, brothers and sisters;  
not many of you were wise according to human standards,  
not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

GOSPEL

Matthew 4: 18-22

Mr. Beddingfield

Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

† TESTIMONY IN SONG 305

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

ASSAM

\* 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

*This Changes Everything*

Mr. Beddingfield

## RESPONDING

ANTHEM

*Speak, O Lord*

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Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word.  
Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness,  
that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.

Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.

Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.

Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us:  
truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on your promises; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory. Amen.

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

*For the Beauty of the Earth*  
Kerry Johnson, piano

Mr. Beddingfield

arr. Brad Jacobsen

## SENDING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 277

HENDON

*Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated*

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY

Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION

Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE

*Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing*  
Mrs. McClain

Todd Kendall

## PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

**Members:** Ofelia Rockholt, Harriet Enzor, Jeanne Barker, Charlie & Jeanne Lewis,  
David & Trula Gray, Hilary Morrow, Susan Cannady, Kay Hedgepeth, Betty Wallace,  
Doris Eller, Linda Smith

**Family and Friends:** Family of Betty Lockamy (*mother-in-law of Ashley Nelson*); Mike  
Hodgin (*brother-in-law of Tricia Scarboro*); Amanda Alexander (*cousin of Gracie Jonas*);  
James Blackwell (*brother of Anne McClain*); Coastal Virginia Recovery Team; 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

**Prayers of Comfort** are extended to the family of Erin Brown in the unexpected  
death of her mother, Lisa Byrd, on Thursday, January 22nd.

*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:** Cherry DeVane, Chad Godwin, Derek Hogan and Jeff Pope  
**Ushers Feb. 1:** Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson, Linda Lunney and Siu-Ki Wong

**Kids' Church Today:** Meredith Craddock  
**Kids' Church Feb. 1:** (*need volunteer*)

**Nursery Today:** Charlotte Riewestahl  
**Nursery Feb. 1:** (*need volunteer*)

† *Worshippers are invited to stand.*

## TODAY, January 25<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, January 27<sup>th</sup>

**Committee Structure Assessment Team Meeting:** 6:30 p.m.  
(Fellowship Hall)

## WEDNESDAY, January 28<sup>th</sup>

**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)  
**CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING:** 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
**Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

## FEBRUARY 2026

- 1** **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**
- 4** **Children's Choir:** 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)  
**Simple Supper - Roast Pork & Veggies:** 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)
- 8** **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)  
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**Worship Service:** 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)  
**Kids' Church:** during worship (Library)  
**College Student Luncheon:** following worship service (Fellowship Hall)
- 9** **Deacon's Meeting:** 7:00 p.m.

## Financial Position as of 12/31/2025

» Total support	\$ 467,934
» Total expenditures	\$ (471,578)
» Total expenditures exceed total support	\$ (3,644)
» Total 2025 Budget Proposal	\$ 418,220
» Percent of year passed	100%
» Undesignated support needed to meet budget	\$ 418,220
» Undesignated support received as of 12/31/2025	\$ 378,751
» Operating expenses offset received from Stokes Day Care	\$ 10,200
» Shortfall undesignated giving compared to budget	\$ (29,269)

### 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.



For January and February, we will be collecting warm clothing which includes:

### Winter Hats, Gloves and Socks

Place items in the plastic tote in the hallway.

We also welcome monetary donations to go toward the purchase of backpacks and Bibles. Designate your donation as '*Backpacks.*'

## 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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Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 9am - 5pm

Other Staff: By Appointment



# MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

*Ordinary Time*  
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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