

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

In the hour of my distress,
When temptations me oppress,
And when I my sins confess,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

When the Judgment is revealed,
When is opened what was sealed,
When to God I have appealed,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

When (God knows) I'm tossed about,
Either with despair or doubt;
Yet before my time runs out,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

~ Robert Herrick (1591-1674),
English poet and Anglican priest.

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Forty Days and Forty Nights* Lyndell Leatherman
Anne McClain, organist

WELCOME and † CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*) Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*
Ad. fr. Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

You took me in when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me, O God, and hear my prayer.

The Lord hears when I call to him.

When you are disturbed and anxious, do not sin;
ponder it on your bed, and be silent.

Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!

Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"

But you have put more gladness in my heart

than when their grain abounds and their wine overflows.

I will both lie down and sleep in peace;

For you alone, O Lord, make me to dwell in safety.

† INVOCATION Mr. Beddingfield

† GATHERING HYMNS
145 *Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed* AVON
146 *O How He Loves You and Me* PATRICIA

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE Meredith Lanier Craddock,
Associate Pastor

PROCLAIMING

GOSPEL Matthew 4: 1-11 Mrs. Craddock
The Temptation of Christ.

† *Worshippers are invited to stand.*

EPISTLE Hebrews 4: 14-16 Lisa Lanier, *Deacon*
"Tempted in every respect as we are, yet without sin."

ANTHEM *Spirit Song* Wimber/Fettke
O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove
will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

** Following the Anthem, 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 *What If We Make the Wrong Choices?* Mr. Beddingfield
(*First in a Lenten Series, "What If?"*)

RESPONDING

† SONG OF RESPONSE *Amazing Grace* John Newton/Chris Tomlin
(*My Chains Are Gone*)
Spencer Phillips and Mariamarta Conrad, *vocals*;
Phillip Morrow, *piano*; Bob Cisneros, *bass*;
Ed Beddingfield, *guitar*

Please stand and sing on the chorus as directed.

My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.
And like a flood his mercy reigns.
Unending love, amazing grace.

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
Larghetto e Affettuoso Georg Frideric Handel
Mrs. McClain

SENDING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH Tomlin/Watts/Walt/Reeves/Mason
The Wonderful Cross
A Wing and a Prayer

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride
See from His head, His hands, His feet sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown

Chorus O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name

Were the whole realm of nature mine that were an offering far too small
Love so amazing, so divine demands my soul, my life, my all

Chorus

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* arr. Douglas E. Wagner
Mrs. McClain

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Alice Thomas, David Avrette, Hilary Morrow, Ofelia Rockholt, Harriet Enzor, Charlie & Jeanne Lewis, David & Trula Gray, Betty Wallace, Doris Eller, Linda Smith

Family and Friends: Mary Ann West (*mother of Ashley Nelson*); Flor Felix (*mother of Xiomara Felix*); Luz Mendoza (*sister of Ofelia Rockholt*); Mike Hodgin (*brother-in-law of Tricia Scarboro*); Amanda Alexander (*cousin of Gracie Jonas*); Jacob Blackwell (*cousin of Anne McClain*); Jimmy Allen (*friend of Steve DeVane*); Harriet Whiteman; International teachers & families

Bethesda Health Care Facility (Eastover, NC): Kay Hedgepeth

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 February 2026: Lisa Lanier and Dave Steegar
Deacons for March 2026: Steve DeVane and Olivia Scarborough

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

Kids' Church Today: Meredith Craddock
NO Kids' Church March 1

Nursery Today: Charlotte Riewestahl
Nursery March 1: (*need volunteer*)

TODAY, February 22nd

Sunday School

Friends Class: 9:00 a.m.

Sarah's Open Door Class: 9:00 a.m.

Children: 9:00 a.m. (Library)

Youth: 9:00 a.m. (Family Life Center)

Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Kids' Church: during worship (Library)

TUESDAY, February 24th

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

WEDNESDAY, February 25th

Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)

MEMORIAL IN ACTION COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER DINNER -

Baked Potato Bar with Chili: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Funds will be will designated for DUMA Food Pantry

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)

MARCH 2026

1 Sunday School

Friends Class: 9:00 a.m.

Sarah's Open Door Class: 9:00 a.m.

Children: 9:00 a.m. (Library)

Youth: 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 - Ham, Sweet Potatoes and Cabbage: 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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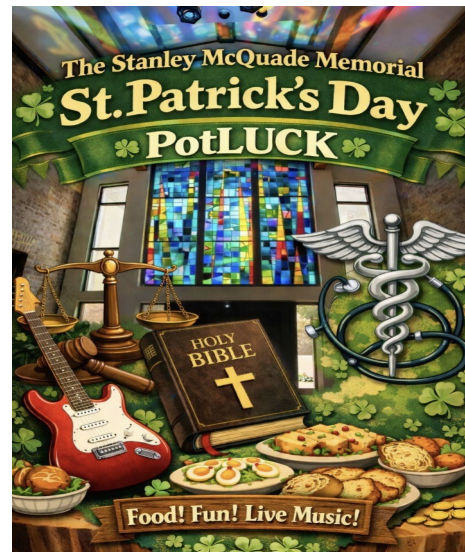
Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Kids' Church: during worship (Library)

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

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.



Wear Green!

Bring your favorite dish to share!

Bring your greens!

We are collecting green canned veggies to honor the memory of our good friend, Dr. McQuade.

The canned food collected will be donated to the Nourish Market to help feed our community.



For February, we will collect 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 February - - **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 new or 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
Xiomara Felix, Custodian