

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Our light grows dim; the air is thick with doom,
And everywhere our souls are crushed with fears.
Yet high above the carnage the the gloom
The call resounds across the teeming years,
“Lift high Christ’s cross! Serve God and trust his might!”
I do believe the world is swinging toward the light!

~ Georgia Harkness (1891-1974), American
Methodist theologian and philosopher.

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Voluntary on “The Church’s One
Foundation is Jesus Christ, the Lord”* Edward Broughton
Anne McClain, organist

WELCOME Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*

CHORAL INTROIT *O the Lamb* campmeeting melody

† INVOCATION Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF PRAISE 547 *I Stand Amazed in the Presence* MY SAVIOR’S LOVE

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*

PROCLAIMING

RESPONSIVE READING *Walking in the Light* Bob Cisneros, *Reader*
John 3: 18-21, I John 1: 5-9, Ephesians 5: 8-14, and I Peter 2: 9

This is the judgment: that the light has come into the world,
and people loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.
For those who do evil hate the light, lest their deeds be exposed.

**But those who do what is true come to the light,
that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been wrought in God.**

This is the message that we have heard from God and proclaim to you:
that God is light, and in God there is no darkness at all.

So if we say we have fellowship with God while we are walking in darkness,
we lie and do not do what is true.

**But if we walk in the light as God is in the light, we have fellowship
with one another, and the blood of Jesus the Son cleanses us from all sin.**

Once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk then as children
of the light, for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true,
and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

**Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them;
for when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible,
and all that becomes visible is light.**

Therefore it is said, “Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead,
and Christ shall give you light.”

† *Worshippers are invited to stand.*

**So we are a chosen community, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
God’s own people, in order that we may proclaim the mighty acts
of the One who called us out of darkness and into his marvelous light.**

ANTIPHON *Walk in the Light* traditional
Walk in the Light, beautiful light,
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
Shine all around us by day and by night,
Jesus, the Light of the world.

ANTHEM *Lenten Meditation* Jay Althouse
Jesus Christ, my Savior lived for me, and died,
source of my salvation, yet was crucified.
Peace that knows no measure: This by faith I see.
Love that knows no ending; Jesus died for me.

Lord, O Lord, we renew our commitment these forty nights and days.
And Lord, O Lord, by your grace help us change our sinful ways.

Hear me now, Lord Jesus: I will never stray.
I will never wander. Hear me, as I pray:
Free me now from darkness. Cleanse me now from sin.
Pardon my transgressions. Make me pure within.

GOSPEL John 9: 1-41 Mrs. Craddock and
The Man Born Blind. Mr. Beddingfield

** 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 *What If There’s Something Wrong with Us?* Mr. Beddingfield
(*Fourth in a Lenten Series, “What If?”*)

RESPONDING

† PRAISE SONG *Open My Eyes* Manibusan
Spencer Powell Phillips, *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.

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

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.

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

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 *Amazing Grace* Mr. Beddingfield
“Was blind but now I see.” arr. Wallace/Head
Mrs. McClain with David Johnson, *trumpet*

SENDING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH (*insert*) BEECH SPRING
Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service
stanzas 1, 3 and 4

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENECTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *Recessionale* Edward Broughton
Mrs. McClain

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Will & Christine Roberts, Marshall & Jeanie Kornegay, 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: Shirley Grimm (*mother of Duwayne Grimm*); Xiomara Felix;
Nancy Metz (*friend of Jeanne Barker*); Reese Meiggs; Flor Felix (*mother of Xiomara
Felix*); 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 March 2026: Steve DeVane and Olivia Scarborough
Deacons for April 2026: Sonya Godwin and Randall Johnson

Ushers Today: Randall Johnson, Ron McLamb, Scotty Scarborough and Joe
Turlington

Ushers March 22: Cherry DeVane, Chad Godwin, Derek Hogan and Jeff Pope

Kids’ Church Today: Meredith Craddock

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Nursery Today: Charlotte Riewestahl

Nursery March 22: (*need volunteer*)

TODAY, March 15th

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)

St. Patrick's Day PotLUCK: 6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, March 17th

Committee Structure Assessment Team Meeting: 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, March 18th

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

Simple Supper - Nacho Bar: 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)

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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)

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

MEMORIAL IN ACTION COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER DINNER -

Meal TBD: 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)

29 PALM SUNDAY 🌴

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

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

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

*** No Kids' Church**

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.



APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS



For March, we will collect:

Toothbrushes and Toothpaste

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 March - - **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



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