

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion

March 29, 2026
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay Join all and sing, his name declare
Are strewn this day in festal preparation Let every voice resound with acclamation
Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away Hosanna! Praise ye the Lord!
E'en now the throng to welcome him prepare! Bless him who cometh to bring us salvation.

~ Jean-Baptiste Faure, "The Palms" ("Les Rameaux"), 1864.

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Lift High the Cross* arr. Wallace/Head
Anne McClain, *organist*
David Johnson, *trumpet*

WELCOME Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*

† CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*) Psalm 118: 1, 19-23, 26-29 Mr. Beddingfield

O give thanks unto the Lord, for the Lord is good;
The steadfast love of the Lord endures forever.

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

Thank you, Lord, that you have answered me, and have become my salvation.

The very stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing;

It is marvelous in our eyes!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord;

We bless you from the house of the Lord!

The Lord is God, who has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

You are my God, and I will give you praise.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for the Lord is good;

The steadfast love of the Lord endures forever.

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN 126 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* ST. THEODULPH

PASSING OF THE PALMS
Hosanna to the Son of David David Lasky
Mrs. McClain

INVOCATION Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*

PROCLAIMING

GOSPEL Matthew 21: 1-11 Mrs. Craddock
The Triumphal Entry.

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 53: 1-6 Steve DeVane, *Deacon*
A man of sorrows.

ANTHEM *Antiphonal Hosanna* G. Alan Smith
with Memorial Children's Choir

SERMON *What If Everybody Thinks We're Great?* Mr. Beddingfield
(Sixth in a Lenten Series, "What If?")

RESPONDING

† SONG OF RESPONSE 174 *In the Name of the Lord* Patti/McHugh/Gaither
Mariamarta Conrad, *Leader*

Chorus:

There is strength in the name of the Lord
There is power in the name of the Lord
There is hope in the name of the Lord
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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 Mr. Beddingfield
and OFFERTORY *My Savior's Love* arr. Marty Parks
Mrs. McClain

SENDING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 280 NEAR THE CROSS
Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *Palm Sunday Recessional* Phil Lehenbauer
Mrs. McClain

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Melanie Yoder Joyner, Kay Hedgepeth, Linda Lunney, Joe Rockholt, 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: Scott Barber (*nephew of Jeanne Barker*); Linda W. Smith (*cousin of Donna Haynes*); Paul Bass (*friend of Susan Johnson*); Shirley Grimm (*mother of Duwayne Grimm*); Nancy Metz (*friend of Jeanne Barker*); Reese Meiggs; 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 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 April 5: Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson, Linda Lunney and Siu-Ki Wong

No Kids' Church Today

No Kids' Church April 5 (Easter Sunday)

Nursery Today: Michele Phelps

Nursery April 5: (*need volunteer*)

† *Worshippers are invited to stand.*

TODAY, March 29th **PALM SUNDAY** 

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**

Palm Sunday Concert: 4:00 p.m. (Butler Chapel)

This concert features a beloved choral work appropriate for Holy Week:

"Requiem" by John Rutter.

Performed by The Campbell University Choral Society.

MONDAY, March 30th

Memorial In Action Committee Meeting: 6:30 p.m. (Library)

WEDNESDAY, April 1st

Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 6:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)

*** No Other Wednesday Night Activities**

THURSDAY, April 2nd

Maundy Thursday Service : 6:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

APRIL 2026

5 **Easter Sunday** 

Easter Sunrise Service: 7:00 a.m. (Buies Creek Cemetery)

Easter Sunrise Breakfast—immediately following Sunrise Service

(Fellowship Hall)

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

*** No Sunday School Today**

*** No Kids' Church Today**

6 **Church Office Closed for Easter Holiday**

8 *** No Wednesday Night Activities**

12 **Sunday School**

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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)

Kids' Church: during worship (Library)

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

14 **Phi Delta Chi Pasta Dinner Fundraiser:** 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

(Fellowship Hall)

Financial Position as of 2/28/2026

» Total support	\$ 65,876
» Total expenditures	\$ (62,835)
» Total support exceeds expenditures	\$ 3,041
» Total 2026 Budget Proposal	\$ 418,220
» Percent of year passed	16%
» Undesignated support needed to meet budget	\$ 66,915
» Undesignated support received as of 2/28/2026	\$ 59,891
» Operating expenses offset received from Stokes Day Care	\$ 2,550
» Shortfall undesignated giving compared to budget	\$ (4,474)

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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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