

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Now if a man tried to live his life on earth
And prove before he died what one man's life could be worth
Well I wonder what would happen to this world.

~ Harry Chapin, "Well I Wonder," Cotton Patch Gospel: The Greatest Story Ever Retold!, 1981.

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Prelude on "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"* Phil Lehenbauer
Anne McClain, organist

WELCOME and † INVOCATION Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*
Ad. fr. The Book of Common Prayer, p. 222,
Collect for Monday in Easter Week,

Almighty God, as we worship together in the continuing radiance of Easter,
grant that we who celebrate with awe and reverence this holy season
may be found worthy – both by the righteousness of Christ which he has put on us,
and by our own feeble but heartfelt desires to follow in his footsteps –
of the everlasting joys which he has prepared for us;
and that finding ourselves worthy, we may live up to the life to which we are called,
both in this world and in the world to come.
This we pray in Jesus' name and for his sake, **Amen.**

† GATHERING HYMN 360 *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* REGENT SQUARE

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE
Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*

PROCLAIMING

EPISTLE (*responsively*) Colossians 1: 3-6, 9-14 Mrs. Craddock

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
**For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus,
and of the love that you have for all the saints,
because of the hope laid up for you in heaven.**

You heard of this hope in the word of truth, the gospel that has come to you,
which is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world;

**So also it has been bearing fruit among you from the day you heard it
and truly comprehended the grace of God.**

For this reason, since the day we heard about you,
we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with
the knowledge of God's will, in all spiritual wisdom and understanding;

**So that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to God,
as you bear fruit in every good work and grow in the knowledge of God.**

May you be made strong with the strength that comes from God's glorious power,
and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience;

**All the while joyfully giving thanks to the Father,
who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.**
For God has rescued us all from the power of darkness,
and transferred us into the kingdom of God's beloved Son;
And in him we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

† TESTIMONY IN SONG *My Life Is in You, Lord* Daniel Gardner
Spencer Powell Phillips, *Leader*

My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord
my hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You.

I will praise You with all of my life.
I will praise You with all of my strength:
With all of my life, with all of my strength,
all of my hope is in You.

* *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.*

NEW TESTAMENT Acts 20: 17-24 Mr. Beddingfield
But I do not count my life of any value to myself,
if only I may finish my course and the ministry
that I received from the Lord Jesus,
to testify to the good news of God's grace.

SERMON *Life Worth Living* Mr. Beddingfield
(First in a series for the Easter season: *Life*)

RESPONDING

ANTHEM *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* Townend/Larson
How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns his face away,
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many unto glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death bought my redemption.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart; his wounds have paid my ransom.

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

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 *Fantasy on "When Morning Guilds the Skies"* Dan Edwards
Mrs. McClain

SENDING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 533 *He Lives* ACKLEY

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *Partita on "Blessed Name"* Mary McDonald
Mrs. McClain

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Melanie Yoder Joyner, Kay Hedgepeth, Linda Lunney, Joe Rockholt,
Will & Christine Roberts, Marshall & Jeanie Kornegay, Charlie & Jeanne Lewis,
David & Trula Gray, Betty Wallace, Doris Eller, Linda Smith

Family and Friends: Linda W. Smith (*cousin of Donna Haynes*); Paul Bass (*friend of
Susan Johnson*); Shirley Grimm (*mother of Duwayne Grimm*); 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 April 2026: Sonya Godwin and Randall Johnson
Deacons for May 2026: Charlotte Riewestahl and Scotty Scarborough

Ushers Today: Bob Cisneros, Adam English and Miles West
Ushers April 19: Randall Johnson, Ron McLamb, Scotty Scarborough and
Joe Turlington

Kids' Church Today: Meredith Craddock
Kids' Church April 19: Meredith Craddock

Nursery Today: Charlotte Riewestahl
Nursery April 19: (*need volunteer*)

TODAY, April 12th

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)

College Student Lunch: after worship (Chopsticks Restaurant, Lillington)

MONDAY, April 13th

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

TUESDAY, April 14th

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

(Fellowship Hall) *See flyer on bulletin board for more details!

WEDNESDAY, April 15th

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

Simple Supper - Chicken Pastry: 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)

APRIL 2026

19 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)

Informational Meeting with Mama Moses: 11:30 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

*Sponsored by Memorial In Action Committee

*See bulletin insert for more information.

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

Simple Supper - BBQ Sandwiches: 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)

26 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)

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.



For April, we will collect:
Shampoo and Body Wash (or Bar Soap)

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 April -- **Canned Fruit**
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