

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

It matters not, when I am dead, where this dull clay shall lie,
Nor what the dogmas, creeds and rites decree to us who die.
I only know that I shall tread the paths my dead have trod,
And where the hearts I love have gone, there I shall find my God.

~ "Heart's Haven," by Kendall Banning (1879-1944),
American poet, author and editor.

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Crown Him with Many Crowns* arr. Anna Laura Page
Anne McClain, *organist*

WELCOME and † INVOCATION Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*

† HYMNS OF PRAISE
535 *I Will Sing the Wondrous Story* HYFRYDOL
Stanzas 1 and 3

249 *Glorify Thy Name* GLORIFY THY NAME

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*
I Timothy 1: 15-16

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance:
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners,
of whom I am the chief. But for that very reason
I received mercy, so that in me, as the chief of sinners,
Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making of me
an example to those who would come to believe in him
for eternal life.

PROCLAMATION

PSALTER (*responsively*) Psalm 139: 1-6, 17-18, 7-12, 23-34 Mrs. Craddock

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
**You know when I sit down and when I stand up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**
You search out my path and my lying down;
you are acquainted with all my ways.
**Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord,
you already know it.**

You hem me in, front and back, and lay your hand upon me.
**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**
How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them all!
**I try to count them and they are more than the sand;
I come to the end, and I am still with you.**

† *Worshippers are invited to stand.*

Where can I go from your Spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

**If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in the grave, you are there.**

If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the farthest part of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

**If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,"
even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day, for darkness to you is as light.**

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me, and know my thoughts;
**And see if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

EPISTLE Romans 6: 20-23 Quino Mills
For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God
Is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ANTHEM *Find in Me* Henry Hinnant

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small,
Precious child, watch and pray, find in me thine all in all.

Find in me redemption, find in me repose.
Find in me the strength you need to defeat life's fiercest foes.
Find in me a shelter, find in me your highest call.
Find in me your everything, find in me your all in all."

Lord, now indeed I find thy pow'r, and thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone,
and when before the throne, I stand in him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat.

GOSPEL From the Gospel of John Mrs. Craddock
For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life (3: 16).

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples . . .
But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ,
and that believing, you may have life in his name (20: 30-31).

And this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God,
and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent (17: 3).

** 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 *Eternal Life* Mr. Beddingfield
(Second in a series for the Easter season: *Life*)

RESPONDING

SONG OF RESPONSE *Living Hope* Wickham/Johnson
Mariamarta Conrad, *Leader*
Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope

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 *Fairest Lord Jesus* Mr. Beddingfield
Mrs. McClain arr. Mark Schinske

SENDING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 329 *Grace Greater Than Our Sin* MOODY
Stanzas 1 and 3

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield
Deacon Nomination Sample Ballots Joe Turlington, *Chair of Deacons*

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* arr. Lani Smith
Mrs. McClain

*Please join us in the fellowship hall at 11:30 after the service
for a presentation by Mama Moses concerning
the Underground Railroad and responding to needs
focused on homelessness and poverty in our community.
Lunch will follow.*

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: Heather Livesay (*friend of Charlotte Riewestahl*); 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: Randall Johnson, Ron McLamb, Scotty Scarborough and Joe Turlington
Ushers April 26: Cherry DeVane, Chad Godwin, Derek Hogan and Jeff Pope

Kids' Church Today: Meredith Craddock
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Nursery Today: Carrie Royal
Nursery April 26: (need volunteer)

TODAY, April 19th

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*

WEDNESDAY, April 22nd

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)

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Kids' Church: during worship (Library)

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

MEMORIAL IN ACTION COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER DINNER -

Meal TBD: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

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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 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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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