

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Observing the Ordinance of Baptism

April 26, 2026
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

GATHERING

PRELUDE *All Creatures of Our God and King/* arr. Anna Laura Page
All Things Bright and Beautiful
Anne McClain, *organist*

WELCOME and † INVOCATION Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*
Ad. fr. The Book of Common Prayer, "The Baptismal Covenant"

Almighty God, on this day when we celebrate the ordinance of Christian baptism, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and death and broken their power over us, and by the sealing of the Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Confirm in us the promise of new life as we follow Christ on this Earth, and the hope of eternal life as we rise with him in the world to come; This we pray in his blessed and holy name, **Amen.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE 197 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* DARWALL

PROCLAMATION

BAPTISMAL SCRIPTURE Romans 10: 9 Mr. Beddingfield
If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

RESPONSIVE READING Romans 6: 3-11 Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the sinful body might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin.

For the one who has died is freed from sin.

But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.

For we know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

The death he died he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives he lives to God.

So we must consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

WITNESS IN SONG *The Goodness of God* J. Johnson/Cash/Ingram
Mariamarta Conrad, *Leader* Fielding/B. Johnson

Chorus:
All my life you have been faithful
All my life you have been so, so good
With ev'ry breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God.

SERMON *New Life* Mr. Beddingfield
(Third in a series for the Easter season: *Life*)

RESPONDING

† HYMN OF INVITATION AND RESPONSE 134 *Jesus Paid It All* ALL TO CHRIST
Stanzas 1, 3 and 4

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS Mr. Beddingfield

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and The Lord's Prayer (*unison*) Alisha Das

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 Joseph Das
and OFFERTORY *They'll Know We Are Christians* arr. Lyndell Leatherman
Mrs. McClain

ANTHEM *God Leads Us Along* arr. James M. Stevens

In shady, green pastures, so rich and so sweet,
God leads His dear children along;
Where the water's cool flow bathes the weary one's feet,
God leads His dear children along.

Sometimes on the mount where the sun shines so bright,
God leads His dear children along;
Sometimes in the valley, in the darkest of night,
God leads His dear children along.

Some through the waters, some through the flood,
Some through the fire, but all through the blood;
Some through great sorrow, but God gives a song,
In the night season and all the day long.

Though sorrows befall us and Satan oppose,
God leads His dear children along;
Through grace we can conquer, defeat all our foes,
God leads His dear children along.

THE ORDINANCE OF BAPTISM
Welcome to the Waters and Baptismal Scripture Mr. Beddingfield
Romans 10: 9

Prayer of Dedication Mrs. Craddock

Candidates:
Palmer Cannady: *Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans* (Proverbs 17: 3).

Sean Cunningham: *For every house is builded by some man, but he that has built all things is God* (Hebrews 3: 4).

Chloe Clayton: *Cast all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you* (1 Peter 5: 7).

Charge to the Candidates: *Do you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead?* Response: **I do.**
What is your confession of faith? **Jesus is Lord.**

Charge to the Church: *Do you welcome these candidates into our fellowship, and do you promise to encourage them in their faith, to minister to them in Christian love, and to nurture their growth as disciples of Christ?* Response: **We do.**

The Baptism

SENDING

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 411 *'Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus* TRUST IN JESUS
Stanzas 1, 3 and 4

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Phillip Morrow, *Minister of Music*
Deacon Nomination Sample Ballots Joe Turlington, *Chair of Deacons*

† BENEDICTION Dr. Morrow

POSTLUDE *Thine is the Glory* arr. Jason Krug
Mrs. McClain

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Melanie 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: Arlo Yates (*great-nephew of David and Angie Vess*); Ann Warren (*sister-in-law of Donna Haynes*); Betty Alford (*friend of Donna Haynes*); Linda W. Smith (*cousin of Donna Haynes*); Heather Livesay (*friend of Charlotte Riewestahl*); Harriet Whiteman; International teachers & families

Emerald Health and Rehab Center (Lillington, NC): Pat Stiller

Deacons for April 2026: Sonya Godwin and Randall Johnson
Deacons for May 2026: Charlotte Riewestahl and Scotty Scarborough

Ushers Today: Cherry DeVane, Chad Godwin, Derek Hogan and Jeff Pope
Ushers May 3: Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson, Linda Lunney and Siu-Ki Wong

No Kids' Church Today
No Kids' Church May 3

Nursery Today: Carrie Royal
Nursery May 3: (*need volunteer*)

† *Worshippers are invited to stand.*

The roses in the sanctuary this morning are placed to welcome



Melody Isabelle Zalimeni

Granddaughter of Cheri and Kevin O'Mara
Born to Emily and Michael Zalimeni
on March 20, 2026

Reagan Whitley Downs

Granddaughter of Kim and Bill Downs
Born to Gabriella and Bradley Downs
on December 20, 2025



Holden James Oglesby

Grandson of Kim and Bill Downs
Born to Rachel and Sam Oglesby
on April 3, 2026



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.



TODAY, April 26th

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

WEDNESDAY, April 29th

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

MEMORIAL IN ACTION COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER DINNER -

Baked Potato Bar and Salad: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Funds will be will designated for Mama Moses and Underground Railroad

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)

MAY 2026

3 DEACON NOMINATION DAY

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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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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