

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Observing the Ordinance of Holy Communion

May 3, 2026
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

These are your glorious works, Parent of good,
Almighty! Yours is this universal frame,
Thus wondrous fair: yourself how wondrous, then!
Unspeakable! Who sits above these Heavens
To us invisible, or dimly seen
In these your lowest works; yet these declare
Your goodness beyond thought and ower divine.

~ John Milton (1608-1674), "These Are Your
Glorious Works," *Paradise Lost*, Book V.

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Thine Be the Glory* Handel, arr. Jason Krug
Anne McClain, organist

WELCOME and † INVOCATION Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor

† HYMN OF PRAISE 15 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

PROCLAMATION

PSALTER READING (*unison*) Psalm 23 Mrs. Craddock

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul:
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for thou art with me:
Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

GOSPEL John 10: 7-10 Edward Beddingfield, Pastor
I have come that they may have life,
and have it more abundantly.

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

† Worshippers are invited to stand.

RESPONDING

† SONG OF RESPONSE *Good, Good Father* Brown/Barrett
Gracie Jonas, Leader

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone

Chorus You're a good, good Father,
It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are
And I'm loved by you,
It's who I am, It's who I am, it's who I am

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide
Because You know just what we need before we say a word *Chorus*

You are perfect in all of Your ways, You are perfect in all of Your ways,
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak, peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still, as You call me deeper still,
As You call me deeper still into love, love, love *Chorus*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and The Lord's Prayer (*unison*) Mrs. Craddock

**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 Mrs. Craddock
and OFFERTORY *I Need Thee Every Hour* arr. Anna Laura Page
Mrs. McClain

HOLY COMMUNION Mr. Beddingfield
Invitation to the Table and Prayer of Dedication
I Corinthians 11: 23-25
Do this in remembrance of me.

Anthem *We Will Remember You* Lloyd Larson

For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
By the promise that you love us, by the gift of peace restored,
by your call to heav'n above us, consecrate our lives, O Lord.

We will remember you, Lord Jesus, in the taking of the bread.
And we will remember you, when we drink from the cup and in the words you've said.
Grant us strength to serve this world, and we will remember you.

In our service, Lord, protect us; in our hearts keep watch and guard;
in a world to which you call us, let your kingdom come, O Lord.
For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken, we give you thanks, O Lord.

Bread and Cup Mrs. Craddock

The Promise I Corinthians 11: 26 Mr. Beddingfield
For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death till he comes again.

SENDING

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 61 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* BRADBURY

ELECTION OF DEACONS Joe Turlington, Chair of Deacons

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *Jesus Shall Reign* arr. Dorothy Wells
Mrs. McClain

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given
to the glory of God and in memory of
Charlotte Mix.*

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

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

Family and Friends: Jason Lee (*friend of Cornbread West*); Kenny Upchurch (*friend of Cornbread West*); Linda Bass (*friend of Susan Johnson*); 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 May 2026: Charlotte Riewestahl and Scotty Scarborough
Deacons for June 2026: Dayna Scarborough and Tom Spainhour

Ushers Today: Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson, Linda Lunney and Siu-Ki Wong
Ushers May 10: Bob Cisneros, Adam English and Miles West

No Kids' Church Today
Kids' Church May 10: Meredith Craddock

Nursery Today: Charlotte Riewestahl
Nursery May 10: (need volunteer)

TODAY, May 3rd

DEACON NOMINATION DAY

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, May 6th

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

Simple Supper - Nacho Bar: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Elementary and Middle School Students: 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Dormy's Mini Golf and Pelican's SnoBalls

See Cherry or Adam for more information.

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

10 *Happy Mother's Day*

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

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

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

Simple Supper - Menu 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)

Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

17 **DEACON ELECTION DAY**

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)

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.



Congratulations to Mary-Mitchell Campbell, who is slated to receive this year's Isabelle Stevenson Tony Award. Mary-Mitchell is a conductor, musical director, supervisor and arranger with multiple Broadway musicals to her credit. The award honors a theatre community member for significant volunteer work supporting humanitarian, social service or charitable causes. Mary-Mitchell is the daughter of Johnnie Jackson.



For May, we will collect:

Shampoo, Deodorant and Brushes

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 May -- **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