

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day and Child/Parent Dedication

May 10, 2026
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Lord, who ordains for humankind
Our daily toils and tender cares,
We thank you for the ties that bind
The mother to the child she bears.

All-Gracious! Grant to those who bear
A mother's charge, the strength and light
To guide the feet that own their care
In ways of Love and Truth and Right.

~ William Cullen Bryant, "The Mother's Hymn" (1864)

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Majesty, Worship His Majesty* arr. M.J. Montague
Anne McClain, *organist*

WELCOME Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*) Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*
Ad. fr. Lamentations 3: 22-23, Psalm 139: 14-16,
and Matthew 10: 30-31

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never comes to an end.

They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Today we gather with gratitude to celebrate the gift of new life.

We praise you, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works, O God, and we stand in awe of your creation.

You formed us in love and knew us before we were born.

All the days ordained for us were written in your book before we came to be.

Jesus reminds us that even the hairs of our heads are all numbered.

So we will not fear, for we are precious in the sight of God.

As parents, family and church, we commit ourselves to surround

these children with love, prayer and Godly example.

With God's help we will encourage them to grow in faith, wisdom and love.

Lord, your mercies are new every morning.

GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS FOREVER AND EVER. Amen.

† INVOCATION Mr. Beddingfield

*Inspired by a Collect for Mother's Day by the Rev. Bryan Owen,
St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Baton Rouge, LA, May 8, 2022.*

Most gracious and loving God, from your heart you gave birth to all creation;
like a mother you nurtured Israel in your lap, and taught them how to walk,
and led them with bonds of compassion; and through your Son, Jesus Christ,
you long to gather your children close as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings.
We thank you for those who have been as a mother to us:
birth mothers, foster mothers, adoptive mothers, stepmothers and grandmothers;
aunts and big sisters, teachers at church and at school, neighbors and friends who
stepped in when they were needed; even fathers who stood in a mother's place.
Through such maternal love we are given a foretaste of your own unconditional
and eternal love. May the love we have known become the love we give to others,
we pray in the name of Jesus Christ and for his sake; **Amen.**

† *Worshippers are invited to stand.*

† HYMN OF PRAISE 7 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

DEDICATION OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS (*insert*) Mr. Beddingfield and
Mrs. Craddock

Kinsley Sun Das, daughter of Laura and Isaac Das
Scotlyn Ray Scarborough, daughter of Olivia and Becca Scarborough
Ada Weslee Stone, daughter of Liz and Jeroen Stone

WITNESS IN SONG *Sweeter is Life: A Prayer for Babies* anonymous
Mrs. McClain, *solo*

Lullaby. Hush now and go to sleep.
Oh, what a gift from God. Now let me breathe.

Life from life, it's a sacred mystery. Sweeter is life with you.

Sun and moon and stars above, God created all in love.
All creation's there for us to see.

Head and shoulders knees and nose, from your head down to your toes.
All that I can see's divinity.

Lullaby. Heart beats and watch you sleep.
Oh, what a gift from God. And now I breathe.

May you always know God's love, God's peace and joy and gentleness,
God's patience, kindness, grace and mercy, know that you are always His.

May you always share God's love, God's peace and joy and gentleness,
God's patience, kindness, grace and mercy, to the world extend these gifts.

Lullaby. Sun will be rising soon.
You are a gift from God. I watch you breathe.

Sweeter than life are you.

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE I Corinthians 7: 17 Mr. Beddingfield
Let each of you live the life that the Lord has assigned,
to which God called you.

SERMON *It's My Life* Mr. Beddingfield
(Fifth in a series for the Easter season: *Life*)

RESPONDING

ANTHEM *Lord, I Give My Heart to You* Joseph M. Martin

Lord, I give my heart to you, heal me, fill me, make me wholly thine.
Lord, I give my heart to you, reach me, teach me, with your love divine.
In the breaking of the bread, break my heart of stone,
in the pouring of the wine, pour into me your grace alone.

I surrender all, I surrender all, all to thee my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

Lord, I give my heart to you, take me, make me, all I need to be.
Lord, I give my heart to you, mold me, show me, how to live for thee.
As we hold the sacred bread, we're held in your embrace.
As we raise the cup of life, we're raised upon your wings of grace.

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 *Jesus Loves the Little Children* arr. Marvin Gaspard
Mrs. McClain

SENDING

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 277 HENDON
Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENECTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *Fanfare Postlude on DIX* Douglas E. Wagner
Mrs. McClain

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: Bob Cisneros, Adam English and Miles West
Ushers May 17: Randall Johnson, Ron McLamb, Scotty Scarborough and Joe
Turlington

No Kids' Church Today
Kids' Church May 17: Meredith Craddock

Nursery Today: Charlotte Riewestahl
Nursery May 17: (*need volunteer*)

DEACON Nominations

The following people have been nominated as deacons and have agreed to serve if elected:

Theresa Batten	Derek Hogan
Bob Cisneros	David Johnson
Mariamarta Conrad	Anne McClain
Cherry DeVane	Ron McLamb

Deacon Election will be next Sunday, May 17th.

TODAY, May 10th - *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

WEDNESDAY, May 11th

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

WEDNESDAY, May 13th

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

Simple Supper - Breakfast for Dinner: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

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

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)

19 Committee Structure Assessment Team Meeting: 6:30 p.m.

20 Last Regular Wednesday Night Activities (until Fall 2026)

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)

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Financial Position as of 3/31/2026

» Total support	\$ 99,741
» Total expenditures	\$ (93,276)
» Total support exceeds expenditures	\$ 6,465
» Total 2026 Budget Proposal	\$ 418,220
» Percent of year passed	25%
» Undesignated support needed to meet budget	\$ 103,123
» Undesignated support received as of 3/31/2026	\$ 99,741
» Operating expenses offset received from Stokes Day Care	\$ 2,550
» Shortfall undesignated giving compared to budget	\$ (832)

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 May, we will collect:
**Shampoo, Brushes and
Deodorant (for both men & women)**



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