

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 2026
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

PROCLAIMING

THE VOICES OF PENTECOST Acts 2: 1-21

A mighty wind, tongues of fire.

Meredith Craddock and Ed Beddingfield, *English*

Joseph Das, *Tamil* (India) Tendai Tshuma, *Ndebele* (Zimbabwe)

Quang Bui, *Vietnamese* Dorothy Maneca, *Shona* (Zimbabwe)

David Steegar, *French* Phillip Morrow, *German*

Meghan Beddingfield, *Xitsonga* (South Africa)

Our blest Redeemer, ere he breathed
His tender last farewell,
A Guide, a Comforter bequeathed,
With us to dwell.

And every virtue we possess,
And every vict'ry won,
And every thought of holiness
Are his alone.

He came in tongues of living flame
To teach, convince, subdue;
All-pow'rful as the wind he came,
As viewless, too.

Spirit of purity and grace,
Our weakness pitying see;
O make our hearts Thy dwelling-place,
And worthy of Thee.

~ Harriet Auber (1775-1862), English poet and hymnist.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Susan Simpson, *organist*

Anna Laura Page

WELCOME and † CALL TO WORSHIP (*unison*)

Psalm 100

Meredith Lanier Craddock,

Associate Pastor

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all you lands.

Serve the Lord with gladness, come before God's presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God: the One who has made us, and not we ourselves;

we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,

and the courts of the Lord with praise;

Be thankful to the Lord, and bless God's name.

For the Lord is good, whose mercy is everlasting,

and whose truth endures to all generations.

† INVOCATION

Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*

Ad. fr. *The Book of Common Prayer*,
Collect for the Day of Pentecost

O God, Creator and Redeemer of all that is,
who on the Day of Pentecost opened the way of life and love
to every nation and people by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit:
Shed abroad this gift now throughout the world
by the preaching and the living of the Gospel,
that together we may learn right judgments and be blessed with holy comforts;
in the name of Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit we pray, **Amen.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE 247

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

† WITNESS IN SONG

Spirit Song

SPIRIT SONG

Susan Morrow, *Leader*

O let the Son of God enfold you

With his Spirit and his love

Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul

O let him have the things that hold you

And his Spirit, like a dove

Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Refrain

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

O come and sing this song with gladness

As your hearts are filled with love

Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name

O give him all your tears and sadness

Give him all your years of pain

And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

Refrain

EPISTLE

I Corinthians 12: 4-13

Mrs. Craddock

Many gifts, one body, one Spirit.

** Following the Epistle 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

Life in the Spirit

Mr. Beddingfield

(Seventh in a series for the Easter season: *Life*)

RESPONDING

ANTHEM

Whirlwind Spirit

Martin/Martin/Raney

Whirlwind Spirit, we are waking, waking. Whirlwind Spirit, we are praying, praying.

Whirlwind Spirit, we are waiting, waiting. Blow, Spirit, blow!

Blazing Spirit, we are yearning, yearning. Blazing Spirit, we are learning, learning.

Blazing Spirit, we are turning, turning. Burn, Spirit, burn!

Spirit, come and move in us; free us from our shame.

Burn in us Your light of grace; a sacred dancing flame.

Holy Spirit, we are seeking, seeking. Holy Spirit, we are needing, needing.

Holy Spirit, we are pleading, pleading. Come, Spirit, come!

Like the call of distant thunder, like a whirlwind on the plain,

like the roaring of the tempest, like a cool refreshing rain,

like the power of the eagle, like the promise of the dove,

the Spirit comes to teach us all the wonders of God's love.

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

O Holy Spirit, Root of Life

Mrs. Simpson

Mr. Beddingfield

Anna Laura Page

SENDING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 245

MORECAMBE

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY

Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION

Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE

We're Marching to Zion

Mrs. Simpson

arr. Don Phillips

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: Family of Rev. Donel Kelley (*father-in-law of Lynn Marshbanks*), Linda W. Smith (*cousin of Donna Haynes*); 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*); 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: Cherry DeVane, Chad Godwin, Derek Hogan and Jeff Pope

Ushers May 31: Cherry DeVane, Chad Godwin, Derek Hogan and Jeff Pope

Kids' Church Today: Meredith Craddock

Kids' Church May 31: (*need volunteer*)

Nursery Today: Trinity Kelly

Nursery May 31: (*need volunteer*)

† *Worshippers are invited to stand.*

Please be in prayer for our newly elected deacons:

Bob Cisneros
Cherry DeVane
Derek Hogan
Anne McClain



Members of Memorial Baptist Church,

An anonymous donor has offered to match up to \$1,000 towards the cleanup costs associated with the Lanier Property the church maintains. We deeply appreciate this generous offer and need your help to make it a reality. If you would like to contribute, please denote on your offerings today that they're for the 'Lanier Property Cleanup' so we can continually show our gratitude for the blessings we've been given.

Yours in Faith,
MBC Finance Committee

TODAY, May 24th

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)

MONDAY, May 25th

Church Office Closed for Memorial Day Holiday

WEDNESDAY, May 27th

Simple Supper - Turkey, Ham, Sweet Potatoes & Cabbage: 5:45 p.m.
(Fellowship Hall)

CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

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

MAY 2026

31 Sunday School

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Youth: 9:00 a.m. (Family Life Center)

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JUNE 2026

3 * No Wednesday Night Activities

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.'

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Other Staff: By Appointment



MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 2026

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