

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 7, 2026
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

We are travelers on a journey,
Fellow pilgrims on the road.

~ Richard Gillard, "The Servant Song," 1977.

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Festivity on COME, THOU FOUNT* Douglas E. Wagner
Anne McClain, *organist*

WELCOME and † INVOCATION (*unison*) Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*
Thomas Merton's Prayer
(American Trappist Monk, 1915-1968)

**My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain where it will end.
Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that
I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.
But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you.
And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.
And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road,
though I may know nothing about it.
Therefore will I trust you always,
though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.
I will not fear, for you are ever with me,
and you will never leave me to face my perils alone."**

† HYMN OF PRAISE 621 *Lead On, O King Eternal* LANCASHIRE

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate *Pastor*

PROCLAIMING

ANTHEM *Santo* Mark Burrows

Santo, santo, santo. Santo, santo, santo. Santo, santo, santo.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Hosanna. Sing, sing hosanna. Hosanna. Holy to the Lord.
Holy is God's name.

Santo, santo, santo. Holy is the Lord.

† *Worshippers are invited to stand.*

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 12: 1-9 Mrs. Craddock

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation . . . and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."
So Abram went, as the Lord had told him.

EPISTLE Hebrews 11: 8-16 David Steegar, *Deacon*

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going.

SERMON *On the Road Again* Mr. Beddingfield

(First in a Lectionary series based on the Genesis stories of the Patriarchs of Israel)

RESPONDING

† SONGS OF RESPONSE Spencer Powell Phillips, *Leader*

Hymn 479 *Children of God* CHILDREN OF GOD
Refrain, Stanza 1, Refrain, Stanza 4, Refrain.

Praise Chorus *Step By Step* Miso Praise Songs

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you
O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

I will seek you in the morning
And I will learn to walk in your way
And step by step you'll lead me
And I will follow you all of my days.

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 *Let Us Break Bread Together* traditional spiritual
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence 17th century French carol
Karen Martin, *piano*

HOLY COMMUNION Mr. Beddingfield and Mrs. Craddock

Invitation to the Lord's Table and Words of Institution
I Corinthians 11: 23-25
For I received from the Lord
what I also delivered unto you . . .

Prayer of Consecration

The Bread Genesis 12: 2-3
God said to Abram, "I will make of you a great nation,
and by you shall all the families of the earth be blessed."

The Cup Romans 4: 16

All this depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all Abraham's descendants – that is, to those who share the faith of Abraham.

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

SENDING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 454 *God, Our Father, You Have Led Us* CLAY

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENECTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *Mighty Are Thy Works, O Lord* Gary Davidson
Mrs. McClain

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given
to the glory of God and in memory of
Albert Harrelson (Papa) and Joyce Harrelson (Nanny)
by Olivia Scarborough.*

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: Robbie Southerland (*sister of Donna Haynes*); Linda W. Smith (*cousin of Donna Haynes*); Ann Warren (*sister-in-law of Donna Haynes*); Harriet Whiteman; International teachers & families

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

Deacons for June 2026: Dayna Scarborough and Tom Spainhour

Deacons for July 2026: Carrie Royal and Joe Turlington

Ushers Today: Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson, Linda Lunney and Siu-Ki Wong

Ushers June 14: Bob Cisneros, Adam English and Miles West

No Kids' Church Today

Kids' Church June 14: Meredith Craddock

Nursery Today: Michele Phelps

Nursery June 14: (*need volunteer*)

TODAY, June 7th

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

MONDAY, June 8th

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

WEDNESDAY, June 10th

Summer Choir Rehearsal I: 6:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

No Other Wednesday Night Activities

JUNE 2026

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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)

SUMMER SUNSET AT MBC: 6:30 p.m.



CHURCH COOKOUT (HOT DOGS, FRUIT AND ICE CREAM)

A WING AND A PRAYER PRAISE BAND CONCERT

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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

Financial Position as of 5/31/2026

» Total support	\$ 165,430
» Total expenditures	\$ (164,978)
» Total support exceeds expenditures	\$ 452
» Total 2026 Budget Proposal	\$ 418,220
» Percent of year passed	41%
» Undesignated support needed to meet budget	\$ 173,017
» Undesignated support received as of 5/31/2026	\$ 146,361
» Operating expenses offset received from Stokes Day Care	\$ 5,100
» Shortfall undesignated giving compared to budget	\$ (21,556)

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 June, we will collect:
Shampoo and Washcloths



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 June -- 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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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