

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 14, 2026  
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church  
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Oh, I believe there are angels among us  
Sent down to us from somewhere up above  
They come to you and me in our darkest hours  
To show us how to live, to teach us how to give,  
To guide us with the light of love.

~ "Angels Among Us," song by Alabama, *Cheap Seats*  
(1993), written by Don Goodman and Becky Hobbs.

### GATHERING

PRELUDE *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* arr. Douglas Wagner  
Anne McClain, organist

WELCOME and † INVOCATION Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor

† HYMN OF PRAISE *O God Beyond All Praising* THAXTED, alt.

O God beyond all praising, we worship You today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at every gift You send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end;  
we lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your Word,  
we honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know Your favor may serve You as our King;  
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still:  
to marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE Romans 8: 1-2 Edward Beddingfield, Pastor  
There is therefore now no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus;  
for the law of the Spirit of life in Christ  
has set us free from the law of sin and death.

### PROCLAIMING

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 18: 1-15 Mrs. Craddock  
The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre,  
as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day.  
He looked up and saw three men standing near him.

EPISTLE (*responsively*) Hebrews 13: 1-4a, 5-6 Tom Spainhour, Deacon

Let mutual love continue.

**Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers,  
for by doing so some have entertained angels without knowing it.**

Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them;

**And those being tortured, as though you yourself were being tortured.**

Let marriage be held in honor by all.

**Keep your lives free from the love of money,  
and be content with what you have.**

For it is God who has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."

**Therefore we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper;  
I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"**

ANTHEM *Show Me Thy Ways* Walter L. Pelz  
Kathy Sutter, guitar

Show me thy ways O Lord, teach me thy paths; lead me in thy truth and teach me:  
For thou art the God of my salvation. And on thee do I wait all the day.  
(fr. Psalm 25)

\* Following the Anthem, 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 *Angels Unawares* Mr. Beddingfield  
(Second in a Lectionary-based series taken from the  
Genesis stories of the Patriarchs of Israel)

### RESPONDING

TESTIMONY IN SONG *Chain Breaker* Smith/Fieldes/Williams  
Mariamarta Conrad, leader

If you've been walking the same old road for miles and miles  
If you've been hearing the same old voice tell the same old lies  
If you're trying to fill the same old holes inside  
There's a better life, there's a better life

*Chorus* If you've got pain, He's a pain taker  
If you feel lost, He's a way maker  
If you need freedom or saving, He's a prison shaking Savior  
If you got chains, He's a chain breaker

We've all searched for the light of day in the dead of night  
We've all found ourselves worn out from the same old fight  
We've all run to things we know just ain't right  
When there's a better life, there's a better life *Chorus*

If you believe it, if you receive it  
If you can feel it, somebody testify *Chorus*

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 *He Leadeth Me* Mr. Beddingfield  
Mrs. McClain Larry Shackley

### SENDING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 292 ST. MARGARET  
*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *Fanfare* Douglas Wagner  
Mrs. McClain

### PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

**Members:** Earl Savage, Linda Lunney, Melanie Joyner, Kay Hedgepeth, Marshall & Jeanie Kornegay, Charlie & Jeanne Lewis, David & Trula Gray, Betty Wallace, Doris Eller, Linda Smith

**Family and Friends:** Marcia Dickens (*sister of Lisa Spainhour*); 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

Margaret Morgan Holmes has requested prayers for Mary Morgan as she recovers from hospitalization due to a heart issue and Bob Saunders as he recovers from hip surgery this week.

*In order to keep our prayer list current, we will place names on the list for one month. After one month we will remove names from the list. If there is a need for a name to be on the list for a longer period, please notify us and we will be happy to comply.*

**Deacons for June 2026:** Dayna Scarborough and Tom Spainhour  
**Deacons for July 2026:** Carrie Royal and Joe Turlington

**Ushers Today:** Bob Cisneros, Adam English and Miles West  
**Ushers June 21:** Randall Johnson, Ron McLamb, Scotty Scarborough and Joe Turlington

**Kids' Church Today:** Meredith Craddock  
**Kids' Church June 21:** Meredith Craddock

**Nursery Today:** Carrie Royal  
**Nursery June 21:** Charlotte Riewestahl

TODAY, June 14<sup>th</sup>

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)

SUMMER SUNSET AT MBC: 6:30 p.m. — See insert for more details

CHURCH COOKOUT (HOT DOGS, FRUIT AND ICE CREAM)

ITTY BITTY CHURCH BAND (AKA A WING AND A PRAYER BAND) CONCERT

WEDNESDAY, June 17<sup>th</sup>

No Wednesday Night Activities

JUNE 2026

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24 CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING: 6:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

There will be a called business meeting of the church in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evening, June 24, 2026 at 6:00 pm. At the meeting a presentation will be made regarding proposed modifications to the church by-laws & copies of the proposals will be provided. This is an informational session & no voting on the proposals will take place at this meeting.

Modifications to be presented include proposals from the Committee Structure Assessment Team, the Constitution & Bylaws Committee, & the deacons concerning the organization of church committees, deacon terms of office, frequency of church business meetings, denominational affiliations, & other administrative updates to the bylaws.

Summer Choir Rehearsal II: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)



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. **We are around \$300 short for our part.**

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](http://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"  
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Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 9am - 5pm

Other Staff: By Appointment



"Angels Unawares": Sculpture by Timothy Schmaly, installed in the Vatican on September 29, 2019, the 105th World Migrant and Refugee Day. Art print by Soraya D'Apuzzo, FineArtAmerica.

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