

July 5, 2026
Ten O'clock in the Morning

~ *Ad. fr. Thomas Tiplady (1882-1967), English Methodist minister, chaplain with British forces in France during World War I, and director of the Lambeth Mission in South London.*

PRELUDE *Prelude on* Jason Payne
Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him
Anne McClain, organist

† HYMN OF PRAISE 323 *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* RESTORATION

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE	Matthew 23: 1-4 and Galatians 5: 1	Mrs. Craddock
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† MUSICAL WITNESS	<i>Who You Say I Am</i> Mariamarta Conrad, <i>leader</i>	Fielding/Morgan
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In my Father's house there's a place for me
I'm a child of God, yes I am

GOSPEL READING Matthew 11: 25-30 Dr. David Vess

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

SERMON *The Yoke of Freedom* Dr. Vess

ANTHEM *How Can I Keep From Singing?* arr. Jeffrey Honoré

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing;
All things are mine since I am his; how can I keep from singing?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and The Lord's Prayer (*unison*) Dr. Vess

INVITATION TO GIVE		Mrs. Craddock
and OFFERTORY	<i>'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus</i>	arr. David Berry
	Mrs. McClain	

HOLY COMMUNION Mrs. Craddock and Dr. Vess

Words of Institution I Corinthians 11: 23-25
For I received from the Lord what I also delivered unto you . . .

Prayer of Consecration

Passing of the Elements with
Song of Reflection *Easy and Light* Riddle/Gayle
Ms. Conrad, vocalist

The Bread Ephesians 5: 1-2 (NIV)
Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children;
and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and
gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
ALL: I, [name], am a sinner.

The Cup Romans 5: 8 (NCV)
But God shows his great love for us in this way:
Christ died for us while we were still sinners.
ALL: I, [name] am a sinner.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Mrs. Craddock

† HYMNS OF SENDING FORTH		
317	<i>Only Trust Him</i>	STOCKTON
	Stanza 1 only. Repeat refrain	

This Is My Song

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This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

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† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mrs. Craddock

† BENEDICTION Mrs. Craddock

POSTLUDE *God of Our Fathers* Mary McDonald
Mrs. McClain

We are pleased to welcome David Vess to our pulpit today.
David was born in Black Mountain, has ministerial degrees from Southeastern Seminary and Drew University, and has been pastor of several churches in our state and active in the NC Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. He and his wife, Angie, live in Lillington and joined our church in January, 2026.

Deacons for July 2026: Carrie Royal and Joe Turlington
Deacons for August 2026: Lisa Lanier and Dave Steegar

Ushers Today: Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson, Linda Lunney and Siu-Ki Wong
Ushers July 12: Bob Cisneros, Adam English and Miles West

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Nursery Today: Carrie Royal
Nursery July 12: Charlotte Riewestahl

† *Worshippers are invited to stand.*

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Jerry Wallace, Earl Savage, Melanie Joyner, Kay Hedgepeth, Marshall & Jeanie Kornegay, Charlie & Jeanne Lewis, Trula Gray, Betty Wallace, Doris Eller

Family and Friends: Family of Jennie Hix (*cousin of Beverley Howard*); Shirley Pope (*mother of Jeff Pope*); Jeff Smith (*cousin of Al Hardison*); Murray Downs (*father of William Downs*); Carol Hoeg (*sister of Susan Cannady, in New Jersey*); Mary Morgan; Bob Saunders; Marcia Dickens (*sister of Lisa Spainhour*); Linda W. Smith (*cousin of Donna Haynes*); Harriet Whiteman; International teachers & families

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

The Springs of Ballentine (Fuquay-Varina, NC): Linda Smith

TODAY, July 5th

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)

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WEDNESDAY, July 8th

No Wednesday Night Activities

JULY 2026

12 Sunday School

Friends Class: 9:00 a.m.

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Children: 9:00 a.m. (Library)

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

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13 Deacon’s Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

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

19 Sunday School

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

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.



Members of Memorial Baptist Church,

We wish to extend another round of thanks to our anonymous donor and their matched gift towards the cleanup costs of the Lanier Property. We also wish to thank those that helped us reach our \$1,000 goal (*and more!*) over the last few weeks. It is a great privilege to have such a giving and driven church body; without your generosity, MBC could not operate. Thank you again!

Yours in Faith,
MBC Finance Committee



APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS

For July, we will collect:
Socks

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 July - - **Canned Fruit**
Monetary donations to MBC are also welcome; designate as ‘Food Pantry.’
- **Buddy Backpack:** collecting **sandwich crackers “nabs”**
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MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Sunday After Independence Day
July 5, 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