

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

So toils an undiscouraged God,
Who covers barren fields with sod;
And so will hate and sin surrender
To faith still strong and love still tender –
And I know nothing that the true,
The good, the gentle cannot do.

~ Anon., "The Undiscouraged God," in James Dalton Morrison, Masterpieces of Religious Verse, Baker, Grand Rapids, 1948, no. 1482.

PRELUDE *Thine Be the Glory* Jason W. Krug
Anne McClain, *organist*

† HYMN OF PRAISE *O God Beyond All Praising* THAXTED

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.

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

† *Worshippers are invited to stand.*

† SONG OF TESTIMONY *Chain Breaker* Smith/Fieldes/Williams
Spencer Powell Phillips, *Leader*

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. (repeat)

Chorus

OLD TESTAMENT
Moses in the bulrushes. Exodus 2: 1-10 Mrs. Craddock

Moses kills an Egyptian. Exodus 2: 11-15a Phillip Morrow,
Minister of Music

Moses flees to Midian. Exodus 2: 15b-22 Mr. Beddingfield

** Following the Old Testament readings, 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 *What's Past Is Prologue* Mr. Beddingfield
(Second in a Lectionary series on Moses and the Exodus)

... And by that destiny to perform an act
Whereof what's past is prologue, what to come
In your and my discharge.

~ Antonio to Sebastian, plotting to kill the king.
William Shakespeare, The Tempest, Act II, sc. 1.

ANTHEM	<i>10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)</i>	Redman/arr. Larson
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Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul: worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger. Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing; ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come; still my soul will sing your praise unending; ten thousand years and then forevermore!

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.

CALL TO GIVE and OFFERTORY

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
Mrs. McClain

Mr. Beddingfield
arr. David Berry

INVITATION TO FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 590 *God, Our Author and Creator* NALL AVENUE

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY	Mr. Beddingfield
Reception of New Members	

† BENEDICTION	Mr. Beddingfield
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POSTLUDE *Trumpet Voluntary in G* David Lasky
Mrs. McClain

Members: Brenda Edwards, Jerry Wallace, Teresa Roberts, Jeanne Barker, Joe Rockholt, Earl Savage, Jim Roberts, Melanie Joyner, Kay Hedgepeth, Marshall & Jeanie Kornegay, Charlie & Jeanne Lewis, Trula Gray, Betty Wallace, Doris Eller

Family and Friends: Scarlett Ann Scarborough (*granddaughter of Rusty & Dayna Scarborough*); Betty Alford (*friend of Donna Haynes*); James Blackwell & Mission Team (*brother of Anne McClain*); Kim Downs; John Wiggins (*friend of Joe Turlington*); Kay Brennan (*friend of Tricia Scarboro*); Mike Hodgin (*brother-in-law of Tricia Scarboro*); Carol Hoeg (*sister of Susan Cannady*); International teachers & families

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

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

Deacons for August 2026: Lisa Lanier and Dave Steegar

Deacons for September 2026: Charlotte Riewestahl and Scotty Scarborough

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

Ushers September 6: Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson, Linda Lunney and
Siu-Ki Wong

Kids' Church Today: Meredith Craddock

No Kids' Church September 6

Nursery Today: Chloe Clayton

Nursery September 6: (need volunteer)

TODAY, August 30th
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)

WEDNESDAY, September 2nd
* No Children’s Choir
Simple Supper - Pizza and Salad: 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)
Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

SEPTEMBER 2026

6 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

7 Church Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday

9 Children’s Choir Resumes: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
Simple Supper - Nacho Bar: 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)
Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)



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WE CAN END
HUNGER**

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IMPACT THE WORLD
LOVE IN ACTION



**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 26, 2026**



10:00 AM – 12:00 PM



MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
271 Leslie Campbell Ave.
Buies Creek, NC 27506

Financial Position as of 7/31/2026	
» Total support	\$ 238,919
» Total expenditures	\$ (248,155)
» Total expenditures exceed support	\$ (9,236)
» Total 2026 Budget Proposal	\$ 418,220
» Percent of year passed	58%
» Undesignated support needed to meet budget	\$ 242,911
» Undesignated support received as of 7/31/2026	\$ 208,311
» Operating expenses offset received from Stokes Child Care	\$ 5,100
» Air conditioner replacement offset from MBC Growth Endow.	\$ 3,200
» Shortfall undesignated giving compared to budget	\$ (26,300)

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.





For August, we are collecting
POP-TOP Canned Food Items *
such as Vienna sausage, ravioli, beef stew, tuna, vegetables, fruit, etc. *(no plastic containers)*

*** [3 canned food items are required for each backpack] ***

** Please make sure all expiration dates are after December 2026. **

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 August -- **Canned Vegetables**
Monetary donations to MBC are also welcome; designate as ‘Food Pantry.’
- **Buddy Backpack:** collecting **sandwich crackers “nabs”**
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Other Staff: By Appointment

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

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August 30, 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