

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2026
Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

When a deed is done for Freedom,
Through the broad earth's aching breast
Runs a thrill of joy prophetic,
Trembling on from east to west.

~ James Russell Lowell, "The Present Crisis" (1844), a poem protesting the Mexican-American War and the institution of slavery in the United States. Selected verses comprise Hymn 420, "Once to Every Man and Nation."

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above* arr. Douglas E. Wagner
Anne McClain, organ

WELCOME and † INVOCATION Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*

† HYMN OF PRAISE 19 *We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator* KREMSER

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE Mrs. Craddock

PROCLAIMING

PSALTER READING (*responsively*) from Psalm 115 Mrs. Craddock
(A *Hallel* Psalm, to be read or sung at Passover)

Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory –
For the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness.
 Why should the nations say, “Where is your God?”
Our God is in the heavens, and does whatever he pleases.
 Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands.
 They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see.
 They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell.
 They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk;
 they make no sound in their throat.
Those who make them are like them; so are all who trust in them.

O Israel, trust in the Lord!
God is our help and our shield.

O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord!
God is our help and our shield.

All you who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord!
God is our help and our shield.

The Lord has been mindful of us, and will bless us;
the Lord will bless the house of Israel;
the Lord will bless the house of Aaron;
The Lord will bless those who fear the Lord, both small and great.

May you be blessed by the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
We will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore.

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!
***Hallelujah!* Praise the Lord!**

† *Worshippers are invited to stand.*

ANTHEM	<i>I Will Give Jubilant Thanks</i>	Williams/Barrett
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I will give jubilant thanks to the Lord. I will be glad in the things He has done.
I will give jubilant thanks to the Lord, to God the ever glorious One.
All glory and honor belong to Him, I will rejoice and rejoice again.
I will give jubilant thanks to the Lord. I will give jubilant thanks.

For the beauty of the earth, I will give jubilant thanks to the Lord.
For the glory of the skies, I will bring Him all my praise.
For the joy which from our birth, I will give jubilant thanks to the Lord.
Over and around us lies. Christ our God to Thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful, jubilant, jubilant praise.

I will bring jubilant praise to the Lord. I will give thanks to the Lord most high.
I will bring jubilant praise to the Lord. Rejoice and lift my voice to the sky.
For God is the giver of all good things, I will rejoice, let His praises ring.
I will give jubilant thanks to the Lord. I will give jubilant praise.
I will give honor and glory and blessings and jubilant thanks to the Lord.

GOSPEL	Luke 13: 1-5 and 6: 27, 35b-36 A merciful God.	Olivia Scarborough, <i>Deacon</i>
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OLD TESTAMENT	Exodus 12: 1-14 The Passover.	Edward Beddingfield, <i>Pastor</i>
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** Following the Old Testament 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 *A Ball Bat and a Prayer* Mr. Beddingfield
(Fourth in a Lectionary series from the Book of Exodus.)

RESPONDING

† SONG OF RESPONSE *He Is Exalted* Twila Paris
Charissa English, *Leader*

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high, I will praise him
He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise his name.

He is the Lord, forever his truth shall reign
Heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

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	Mr. Beddingfield
<i>I Am a Poor, Wayfaring Stranger</i>	Anna Laura Page
Mrs. McClain	

SENDING

INVITATION TO FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH *Go Down, Moses* TUBMAN

<i>Solo:</i>	<i>People:</i>
When Israel was in Egypt's land	Let my people go
Oppressed so hard they could not stand	Let my people go.

Chorus (all):
Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land
Tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.

“Thus saith the Lord,” bold Moses said *Let my people go*
 “If not, I’ll smite your first-born dead *Let my people go.* Chorus.

We need not always weep and mourn
And wear those slavery chains forlorn

Let my people go
Let my people go. Chorus.

All: O let us all from bondage flee Let my people go
And let us all in Christ be free Let my people go Chorus.

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

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE	<i>Variants on "St. Anne"</i> Mrs. McClain	Richard A. Williams
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*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Katie Morgan's birthday
which is September 22nd
with love from by Mary Morgan,
Margaret Holmes and Rupert Tart.*

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

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

Family and Friends: Skylar Barefoot (*nephew of Linda Lunney*); Melody McGee (*friend of Linda Lunney*); David Hesselmeyer (*Buies Creek Firefighter*); Scarlett Ann Scarborough (*granddaughter of Rusty & Dayna Scarborough*); John Wiggins (*friend of Joe Turlington*); 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

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.



Deacons for September 2026: Charlotte Riewestahl and Scotty Scarborough
Deacons for October 2026: Anne McClain and Tom Spainhour
Ushers Today: Steve DeVane, Ron McLamb, Alice Thomas and Ian Ward
Ushers September 27: Cherry DeVane, Chad Godwin, Derek Hogan and Jeff Pope
Kids' Church Today: Meredith Craddock
Kids' Church September 27: Meredith Craddock
Nursery Today: Michele Phelps
Nursery September 27: (need volunteer)

TODAY, September 20th

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 23rd

Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)

Simple Supper - Breakfast for Supper: 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)

SATURDAY, September 26th

RISE AGAINST HUNGER Event: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

(Fellowship Hall)



TOGETHER, WE CAN END HUNGER

Join us as we package nutritious meals for families in need around the world.

BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION

NOURISH LIVES

IMPACT THE WORLD

LOVE IN ACTION



SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 26, 2026



Set Up Time: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Event Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



We need **60** volunteers for this event.
All ages are welcome. To sign up,
scan the QR code or use the link below:
<https://act.riseagainsthunger.org/event/e826428>



CHURCH SECURITY TEAM

In response to recent events around churches and campuses, including locally, the deacons recommend that MBC increase our security awareness and procedures. Specifically, the deacons seek volunteers to form a security team for Sunday morning and Wednesday evening services.

The team will:

- * rotate watch duties in the narthex & halls during services;
- * on Sunday morning, lock external doors to the building 15 minutes after the worship service begins;
- * alert church members and/or call law enforcement as necessary; but
- * WILL NOT provide active physical intervention; and
- * will report to the deacons evaluating on-going security needs.

As the team's duties are to observe and report but not intervene, any adult is invited to help. If you're interested, please contact Ashley in the church office.



Items and amounts still needed
to fill backpacks:

Toothpaste: 25
Shampoo: 18
Deodorant: 19
Washcloths: 15
Hair Brushes: 26

*Canned Foods: 70 pop-top cans
*Candy (no chocolate or
peanut butter candy)
(* MAKE SURE EXPIRATION DATES
ARE AFTER DEC. 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 September - -

Canned Sweet Peas & Macaroni & Cheese

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