

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

~ Fr. "Honey in the Rock," by Frederick Arthur Graves (1856-1927):
born in Massachusetts, orphaned age 12, then raised by a family who
required of him hard on their farm, also suffered from epilepsy; as an
adult he worked with the American Sunday School Union as an organizer,
evangelist and hymn writer.

PRELUDE *Sing Praise to God* Edward Broughton
Anne McClain, organ

† HYMN OF PRAISE 398 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* AUSTRIAN HYMN

The Lord's own portion was his people.
The Lord sustained them in a desert land, in a howling wilderness waste.
The Lord shielded them, cared for them, guarded them as the apple of his eye.

The Lord set them on the heights of the land, fed them with crops from the field, nursed them with honey from the rock, curds from the herd and milk from the flock; the Lord fed them with fat from lambs and rams, with meat from bulls and goats, together with the choicest wheat; you drank fine wine from the blood of grapes.

You made God jealous with strange gods, with abhorrent things that provoked him;
you sacrificed to gods you had never known, whom your ancestors had not worshipped.

I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.
I relieved your shoulders of the burden; your hands were freed from the basket.
In distress you called, and I rescued you.
Then I tested you at the waters of Meribah, but you did not listen to my voice.
O that my people would listen to me, that they would walk in my ways!
For I would feed you with the finest of the wheat,
and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.

** Following the Witness In Song, 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.*

OLD TESTAMENT	Exodus 17: 1-7 Water from the rock.	Mrs. McClain, <i>Deacon</i>
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SERMON *Who's Testing Whom?* Mr. Beddingfield
(Seventh in a Lectionary series from the Book of Exodus.)

Reflections on Faith
(Medley of *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*,
Have Faith in God, and *Faith Is the Victory*)
Mrs. McClain

POSTLUDE *Ye Servants of God* Douglas E. Wagner
Mrs. McClain

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Robert Morgan with love from his
daughters, Mary Morgan and Margaret Morgan Holmes;
his son, Rupert Tart; and his niece, Nancy Morgan Brady.*

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

Nursery Today: Chloe Clayton
Nursery October 18: Carrie Royal

† *Worshippers are invited to stand.*

TODAY, October 11th
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)

MONDAY, October 12th
Deacons’ Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, October 13th
BC (Buies Creek) Big Band “Open Rehearsal”: 7:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
See David Johnson for tickets to this FREE event.

WEDNESDAY, October 14th
Children’s Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
Simple Supper - Home Cooking Night: Roast Pork and Vegetables:
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)

OCTOBER 2026
18 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)
21 Children’s Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
Simple Supper - Tex-Mex Night: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Churchwide Mission Project: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Appalachian Christmas Backpacks Assembly night
All ages are welcome to participate!
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)



APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS

Time to Pack the Packs!

We will be packing the backpacks for the Appalachian Christmas Backpacks ministry on Wednesday, October 21.

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.



FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Memorial Baptist Church wants to be a place where members can plug in & serve. Each committee in the operating structure of the church is a ministry & needs your heart & gifts.

Nominating Committee has developed a tool to help inform members of places where gifts & interests can be best utilized to the mutual benefit of the church body.

There are surveys on yellow paper available in the narthex. Please take time to review & complete the “Places to Serve” survey.

Your completed survey can be placed in the offering plate or turned into the church office. Someone will contact you to confirm your interest(s).





2026 BUIES CREEK CHRISTMAS PARADE- SUNDAY, DEC. 13 AT 4 P.M.

Volunteers are needed for this year's Christmas parade to wear character costumes and distribute candy along the parade route, assist with publicity, and help with parade line-up. You are also invited to be in the parade! How about a float or a group singing Christmas carols?! Be creative! There is no entry fee, but an application is required.

For more information or an application, email buiescreekchristmasparade@gmail.com.



APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS

For October, we are collecting:
INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDY
(no chocolate or candy with nuts)

(MAKE SURE EXPIRATION/BEST BY DATES ARE AFTER DEC. 2026.)

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 October - -
Macaroni & Cheese and Peanut Butter
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



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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