

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 18, 2026
Ten O'Clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

I am glad to think	I will trust in God
I am not bound to make the world go right,	That God can hold his own; and I will take
But only to discover and to do	God's will, above the work God sends to me,
With cheerful heart the work that God appoints.	To be my chiefest good.

~ Jean Inglow, British poet and author, 1820-1897

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Let All Things Now Living* arr. Marvin Gospard
Susan Simpson, organ

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE 42 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* ELLACOMBE (alt. tune)

CALL TO PRAYER (*responsively*) Psalm 19: 1-4, 7-14 Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
And the firmament shows forth God's handiwork.
 One day to the next pours forth speech,
And night after night declares knowledge.
 There is no speech, nor any words; no audible voice is heard,
**Yet their praise goes out through all the earth,
 and their words to the end of the world.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;
The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;
The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;
The ordinances of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.
 Moreover, by them is your servant warned: In keeping them there is great reward.
But who can detect their own errors? Lord, clear me from hidden faults.
Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.
 Let the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts,
 be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our Rock, and our Redeemer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE Mr. Beddingfield

PROCLAIMING

OLD TESTAMENT	Exodus 20: 1-20 The Ten Commandments.	Mr. Beddingfield and Mrs. Craddock
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† TESTIMONY IN SONG *Thy Word* Amy Grant/Michael W. Smith
Gracie Jonas, Leader
Congregation please join on the chorus:

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
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GOSPEL	Matthew 22: 34-40 The Great Commandment.	Mrs. Craddock
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EPISTLE Romans 13: 8-10 Talmage Williams, *Reader*
 "Love is the fulfilling of the law."

** Following the Epistle 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 10 - 2 - 1 Mr. Beddingfield
(Eighth in a Lectionary series from the Book of Exodus.)

RESPONDING

ANTHEM *Like a River Glorious* Lloyd Larson

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,
over all victorious in its bright increase:
perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day,
perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.

Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,
finding as he promised, perfect peace and rest.

Hidden in the hollow of his blessed hand,
never foe can follow, never traitor stand;
not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,
not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there.

Every joy or trial falleth from above,
traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love;
we may trust him fully, all for us to do;
they who trust him wholly find him wholly true.

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>Give Me Jesus</i>	arr. Douglas Wagner
Mrs. Simpson	

SENDING

INVITATION TO FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF INVITATION AND SENDING 293 GALILEE
Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* arr. Douglas Wagner
Mrs. Simpson

We welcome Susan Simpson as our guest organist today.

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

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

Family and Friends: Sylvia McLean (*cook for Stokes Childcare Center*); Donna Keiningham (*sister of Sue Johnson*); Jack Key (*brother of Alice Thomas*); Judy Fisher (*friend of Ed Beddingfield*); Skylar Barefoot (*nephew of Linda Lunney*); David Hessemeyer (*Buies Creek Firefighter*); International teachers & families

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

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

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 October 2026: Anne McClain and Tom Spainhour
Deacons for November 2026: Derek Hogan and Carrie Royal

Ushers Today: Steve DeVane, Ron McLamb, Alice Thomas and Ian Ward
Ushers October 25: Cherry DeVane, Chad Godwin, Derek Hogan and Jeff Pope

Kids' Church Today: Meredith Craddock
Kids' Church October 25: Meredith Craddock

Nursery Today: Carrie Royal
Nursery October 25: (need volunteer)

† *Worshippers are invited to stand.*



The rose in the sanctuary this morning is placed to welcome

Virginia Warner Powell

born to Ben and Savannah Powell
on October 9, 2026.

She weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz.

Granddaughter of Lisa Lanier and Jon Powell

TODAY, October 18th
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, October 21st
Children’s Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
Simple Supper - Deli 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)

OCTOBER 2026
25 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)

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Children’s Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
Simple Supper - Hot Dogs and Chips: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Trunk ‘R Treat: 6:00 p.m.
Let Meredith know if you would be willing to decorate your trunk.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

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.



Trunk ‘R Treat

Wednesday, October 28
Starting at 6:00pm

Everyone is welcome!

Please come and decorate your trunks
and wear costumes or festive attire.
Come to enjoy a Fall fellowship
with one another.

Memorial Baptist Church



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).



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