

TODAY, October 25th
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 28th
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)

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No Kids’ Church This Week

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

— VOLUNTEERS NEEDED —

BUDGET DIRECTOR & FINANCIAL SECRETARY

We are seeking volunteers to fill these two important church positions. If you have relevant skills and a willingness to serve, please prayerfully consider helping.

For more information, contact Carrie Royal ([910.591.9850](tel:910.591.9850)) or the church office.

Financial Position as of 9/30/2026	
» Total support	\$ 309,566
» Total expenditures	\$ (316,636)
» Total expenditures exceed support	\$ (7,070)
» Total 2026 Budget Proposal	\$ 418,220
» Percent of year passed	75%
» Undesignated support needed to meet budget	\$ 312,806
» Undesignated support received as of 9/30/2026	\$ 274,741
» Operating expenses offset received from Stokes Child Care	\$ 5,100
» Air conditioner replacement offset from MBC Growth Endowment	\$ 3,200
» Shortfall undesignated giving compared to budget	\$ (29,765)

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 next to the bulletin board. 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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Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 9am – 5pm
Other Staff: By Appointment



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 25, 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

October 25, 2026
Ten O'Clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

The offering of our gifts of money in the collection plate is no less an act of worship than are the hymns and prayers. It is the offering of our substance, the symbols of our toil and God's blessing, as a recognition that all we have comes from God. It has also a still deeper significance: it is the token and symbol of another offering which Christians make – the offering of ourselves.

~ Raymond Abba, Principles of Christian Worship (New York and London: Oxford University Press, 1966), p. 4; cited in Williams, The Worshipper, p. 21.

PRELUDE *We Are Called to Be God's People* arr. Robert J. Hughes
 Anne McClain, organ

WELCOME and + INVOCATION Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*
Based on an Offertory Prayer by Talmage Williams in The Worshipgiver: One Who Gives as an Expression of Worship (Nashville: The Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1991), p. 100.

O God of Abraham and Sarah, of Isaac and Rebekah, of Jacob and Rachel;
God of Moses and Aaron and Miriam and the Israelites in the wilderness;
and God and Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ:
We acknowledge that you are our God, and that all we are and have
is the result of your gracious giving to us.
You give us life and all the people and things that make life joyful and meaningful,
and you give us energy and resources and abilities and opportunities.
We gratefully and humbly acknowledge that you are our sovereign God,
the One on whom we depend for all things.
May we be wise and faithful in our use and enjoyment of all you have given us,
and may our gifts to you of prayers and praise, of thoughts and words,
of resources and service and devotion, bring glory to your name,
Good News to persons searching for salvation and joy,
and healing and peace to a lost and hurting world; in Jesus' name, **Amen.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE 3 *Worthy of Worship* JUDSON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE Meredith Lanier Craddock,
Associate Pastor

OLD TESTAMENT	Exodus 25: 1-9	Mrs. Craddock
	Tell the Israelites to take for me an offering; from all whose hearts prompt them to give, you shall receive the offering for me.	

† *Worshippers are invited to stand.*

† EXPRESSIONS OF FAITH

256 *Father, I Adore You* MARANATHA

The Heart of Worship Matt Redman
Mariamarta Conrad, *leader*

When the music fades, all is stripped away and I simply come
Longing just to bring something that's of worth that will bless Your heart

I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself is not what You have required
You search much deeper within through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

Chorus I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus

King of endless worth no one could express how much you deserve
Though I'm weak and poor all I have is Yours, every single breath

I'll bring You more than a song for a song in itself is not what You have required
You search much deeper within through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart, yeah *Chorus*

EPISTLE	II Corinthians 8: 1-5	Mr. Beddingfield
	They voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means . . . but first they gave themselves to the Lord.	

** 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 *From Heart to Hand* Mr. Beddingfield
(*Ninth in a Lectionary series from the Book of Exodus.*)

ANTHEM *Christ Be the Way* Dudley-Smith/Raney

Christ be the Way in whom we walk this pilgrim path we tread;
companion, teacher, guide and goal, the guardian of the ransomed soul,
the first born from the dead.

Christ be the Truth in whom we trust when all seems shifting sand;
to strengthen faith and comfort grief, to calm the storm of unbelief,
Christ be the Rock on which we stand.

Christ be the Life in whom we live, in whom all journeys end;
the Way, the Truth, the Life indeed, the living Savior sinners need,
and our unfailing friend.

Christ be the Way, Christ be the Truth, Christ be the Life!

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.**

INVITATION TO GIVE (*responsively*) Psalm 76: 11 Mr. Beddingfield

Now make your vows to the Lord and fulfill them;
Let all who are close to God bring gifts to the One who is to be worshipped.

OFFERTORY *More Love to Thee/More Love, More Power* arr. Carol Tornquist
Mrs. McClain

INVITATION TO FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF INVITATION AND SENDING 640 ASH GROVE
Let All Things Now Living

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION	Mr. Beddingfield
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POSTLUDE *Rise Up and Serve the Lord* Patricia Lou Harris
Mrs. McClain

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

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

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

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

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
by Jeanne Barker
in memory of Bob Barker on what would have been their
76th wedding anniversary on November 3rd.*

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

Ushers Today: Cherry DeVane, Chad Godwin, Derek Hogan, and Jeff Pope
Ushers November 1: Mel Brierley, Lisa Lanier, Linda Lunney and Siu-Ki Wong

Kids' Church Today: Meredith Craddock
No Kids' Church November 1

Nursery Today: (need volunteer)
Nursery November 1: (need volunteer)