TODAY, November 8th

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 Today

MONDAY, November 9th

Deacons' Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, November 11th

Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
Simple Supper – *Spaghetti 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: 6:45 p.m. (Sanctuary)

NOVEMBER 2026

15 **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)

18 **Children's Choir**: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
Simple Supper – *Roast Pork and Veggies:* 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)
Church Business Meeting: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

19 ***Phi Delta Chi Taco Dinner Fundraiser***: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

— 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) or the church office.

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 November 2026: Derek Hogan and Carrie Royal
Deacons for December 2026: Steve DeVane and Olivia Scarborough

Ushers Today: Jim Cannady, Bob Cisneros, Phil Scarboro and Miles West
Ushers November 15: Steve DeVane, Ron McLamb, Alice Thomas and Ian Ward

No Kids' Church Today
Kids' Church November 15: Meredith Craddock

Nursery Today: *(need volunteer)*
Nursery November 15: Charlotte Riewestahl

MBC Advent Dinners

December 6, 2026
5:00 pm

Advent Dinners have always been a special way to enjoy fellowship with church family during the Advent season.

If your family would like to participate, please scan the QR code above to complete the form by November 16th.

Hosts are needed! Please complete the form and indicate that you would like to host in the last two questions.

If you are unable to complete the form online, please call the church office to sign up. If you have questions, please see Lisa Lanier, Trisha Scarboro, Dayna Scarborough or Laura Rich.

CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

- **Harnett Food Pantry**: collecting **non-perishable foods**
  - - Needed for November - -
  Macaroni & Cheese and Peanut Butter
  *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

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 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

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 2026
Ten O'Clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame,
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!

Where is the blessedness I knew
When first I saw the Lord?
Where is the soul-refreshing view
Of Jesus and His word?

What peaceful hours I once enjoyed!
How sweet their memory still;
But now is left an aching void
The world can never fill.

The dearest idol I have known,
Whate'er that idol be,
Help me to tear it from Thy throne
And worship only Thee.

~ By William Cowper (1731-1800), English poet and hymnwriter (including "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood," no. 142 in our hymnal, and "God Moves in a Mysterious Way," no. 73).

GATHERING

PRELUDE — *Trompette Brillante* — arr. Mark L. Williams
Anne McClain, *organ*

WELCOME and † INVOCATION — Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*

† HYMN OF PRAISE 32 — *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* — LAUDA ANIMA

PROCLAIMING

PSALTER *(responsively)* — Psalm 115: 1-13 — Sonya Godwin, *Deacon*

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 their God?"
Our God is in the heavens; God does whatever God 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 throats.
Those who make them are like them; so are all who trust in them.
O Israel, trust in the Lord!
God is their help and their shield.
O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord!
God is their help and their shield.
You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord!
God is their help and their shield.
The Lord has been mindful of us; the Lord will bless us.
God will bless the house of Israel; God will bless the house of Aaron;
God will bless those who fear the Lord, both small and great.

† SONG OF TESTIMONY — *Come Now is the Time to Worship* — Brian Doerksen
Spencer Powell Phillps, *Leader*

Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God, Come

One day every tongue will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
who gladly choose You now

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives
Willingly our knees will bow
With all our heart soul mind and strength
We gladly choose You now

OLD TESTAMENT — Exodus 31: 18 and 32: 1-6, 15-24 — Mr. Beddingfield
They said to me, "Make us gods" . . .
So I said to them, "Whoever has gold, take it off":
so they gave it to me, and I threw it into the fire,
and out came this calf.

SERMON — *Bowing Down* — Mr. Beddingfield
(Tenth in a Lectionary series from the Book of Exodus.)

RESPONDING

ANTHEM — *Mercy on Me* — Joel Raney

Mercy on me! Whoa, mercy on me! My God poured mercy on me!
I've been washed in the fountain, and now I'm clean since my God poured mercy on me!
Hallelujah! My God poured mercy on me.

Wading in a pool of forgiveness, Jesus washed my shame away.
Now I have a reason for living.
Now I have a hope for today since God poured his mercy on me!

Drowning in my sin, I was rescued.
Jesus came to give me life. Once, my weary soul was so thirsty.
Now, the living water is mine.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and The Lord's Prayer *(unison)* — Meredith Lanier Craddock, *Associate Pastor*

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 and OFFERTORY — *You're Worthy of My Praise* — Mr. Beddingfield, arr. Carol Tornquist
Mrs. McClain

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table — Mrs. Craddock
Words of Institution — Mr. Beddingfield
Prayer of Consecration *(responsively)*

God of grace and mercy, thank you for meeting us at this table.
We are grateful that our hope does not rest in the things we make,
what we possess or what we accomplish, but in you alone.
You are the first and the last, apart from you there is no God.
We thank you for your steadfast love, even when we turn away.
We thank you for your mercy, even when we fail to trust you and we thank you
for Jesus Christ, who came to show us your love and save us from ourselves.
As we gather at this table, quiet the voices of the world that compete for our attention. Turn us away from the things that cannot satisfy and lead us toward the One who offers us everlasting life.
Lord, at this table set for all people, bless these elements and may they remind us of Christ's sacrifice and your gift of free grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Sharing of Elements

Bread — I Corinthians 10: 16b-17
The bread that we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.
Because there is one loaf of bread, we who are many are one body,
because we all share that one loaf.

Cup — I Corinthians 10: 16a
We give thanks for the cup of blessing,
which is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Promise — Isaiah 44: 22
I have swept away your offenses like a cloud,
your sins like the morning mist.
Return to me, for I have redeemed you.

SENDING

INVITATION TO FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP — Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF INVITATION AND SENDING 342 — TOPLADY
Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY — Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION — Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE — *Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above* — arr. Douglas E. Wagner
Mrs. McClain

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Randall Johnson, 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: Don & Vickie Garner *(friends of Ed Beddingfield);* 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);* 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

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.

† *Worshippers are invited to stand.*