TODAY, November 15th

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

WEDNESDAY, November 18th

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

THURSDAY, November 19th

Phi Delta Chi Taco Dinner Fundraiser: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
(Fellowship Hall) – *See flyer on bulletin board for more info.*

NOVEMBER 2026

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Kids' Church: during worship (Library)
Decorating for Advent: immediately following worship service
All are welcome to stay and help get the church ready for the Advent season!

25 ***No Wednesday Night Activities***

26 Happy Thanksgiving! – *Church Office Closed for Holiday*
Keith Hills Turkey Trot: 8:30 a.m. *(See insert for more details)*

27 *Church Office Closed for Holiday*

— 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.



Missions Mailbox

MBC Mission Kids are hosting their annual Missions Mailbox beginning Sunday, Nov. 29th through Sunday, Dec. 20th.

Missions Mailbox is offered for you to *"mail"* a Christmas card to someone in our congregation. The mailbox will be set up in the narthex.

The cost to *"mail"* a card will remain at the pre-inflation rate of just $0.25 per card.

(All money raised will go to support a mission project.)

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 **tomorrow, 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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 15, 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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 15, 2026 — Memorial Baptist Church
Ten O'Clock in the Morning — Buies Creek, North Carolina

When in the dim beginnings of the years
God mixed in us the rapture and the tears
And scattered through our brains the starry stuff,
God said, "Behold! yet this is not enough:
For I must test their spirit to make sure
That they can dare the Vision and endure.

"I will withdraw my Face,
Veil Me in shadow for a certain space,
Leaving behind Me only a broken clue –
A crevice where the glory glimmers through,
Some whisper from the sky,
Some footprint in the road to track Me by.

"I will leave them to make the fateful guess,
Will leave them torn between the No and Yes,
Leave them unresting till they rest in Me,
Drawn upward by the choice that makes them free –
Leave them in tragic loneliness to choose,
With all in life to win, or all to lose."

~ "The Testing" (ad.), by Edwin Markham (1852-1940):
American poet, educator, lecturer and essayist;
Poet Laureate of Oregon from 1923-1931.

GATHERING

PRELUDE — *God Is Our Refuge and Strength* — arr. Robert Powell
Anne McClain, *organ*

WELCOME and † INVOCATION *(responsively)* — Edward Beddingfield, *Pastor*
Great Are You, O Lord, by St. Augustine (354-430)

Great are You, O Lord, and greatly to be praised;
Great is Your power, and of Your wisdom there is no end.
And we, being a part of Your creation, desire to praise You:
We, who bear about with us our mortality, the witness of our sin –
Yet we, this part of Your creation, desire to praise You.
You move us to delight in praising You;
For You have formed us for Yourself,
And our hearts are restless till they rest in You. Amen.

† HYMN OF PRAISE 6 — *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* — ST. DENIO

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

PROCLAMATION

OLD TESTAMENT I — Exodus 33: 7-11a — Mrs. Craddock

When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend
and stand at the entrance of the tent . . . Thus the Lord used to
speak to Moses face to face, as to a friend.

† *Worshippers are invited to stand.*

OLD TESTAMENT II — Exodus 33: 17-23 — Mr. Beddingfield

And the Lord continued, "I will put you in a cleft of the rock,
and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by;
then I will take away my hand, and you will see my back,
but my face shall not be seen."

NEW TESTAMENT *(responsively)* — Mrs. Craddock
John 1: 1, 14, 18, and I Timothy 1: 17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth;
and we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.
No one has ever seen God; but the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart –
he has made God known.
Therefore to the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only wise God,
be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

† WITNESS IN SONG — *Cornerstone* — Mote/Liljero/Myrin/Morgan
Spencer Powell Phillips, *Leader*

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

When darkness seems to hide his face I rest on his unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus: Christ alone, Cornerstone, weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm he is Lord, Lord of all.

When Christ shall come with trumpet sound, O may I still in him be found
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *Chorus*

SERMON — *A Glimmer of Glory* — Mr. Beddingfield
(Eleventh in a Lectionary series from the Book of Exodus.)

MUSICAL PROCLAMATION — *Moses* — Ken Medema
Mrs. McClain, *piano*
David Johnson, *tenor*

RESPONDING

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 and — Mr. Beddingfield
OFFERTORY — *He Hideth My Soul (In the Cleft of the Rock)* — arr. Sharon Wilson
Mrs. McClain

SENDING

INVITATION TO FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP — Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF INVITATION AND SENDING 340 — KIRKPATRICK
He Hideth My Soul
Stanzas 1, 2 and 4

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY — Mr. Beddingfield
Missions Moment — Mrs. Craddock

† BENEDICTION — Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE — *Thine Be the Glory* — arr. Jason W. Krug
Mrs. McClain

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Jen Preston, David Avrette, 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: Sara Buckles *(friend of Meredith Craddock);* Doug Hill *(great uncle of Elizabeth Herring);* 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);* 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

Prayers of Comfort are extended to Mary Joe Howard in the death of her sister, Dorothy Howard McDaniel, on Monday, November 9. Mrs. McDaniel was also the sister-in-law of Beverley Howard.

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

Ushers Today: Steve DeVane, Ron McLamb, Alice Thomas and Ian Ward
Ushers November 22: Cherry DeVane, Chad Godwin, Derek Hogan and Jeff Pope

No Kids' Church Today
Kids' Church November 22: Meredith Craddock

Nursery Today: Charlotte Riewestahl
Nursery November 22: *(need volunteer)*