

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

~ Anonymous, in Masterpieces of Religious Verse,
James Dalton Morrison, ed., Harper & Bros., 1948.

PRELUDE	<i>Prelude on MILES LANE</i> Mrs. McClain, <i>organ</i>	Will Stockton
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Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:
We acknowledge and celebrate before you this day all who labor and work among us.
Thank you for minds to think, for schools that teach and skills that we can learn,
for hands to labor and jobs to do, for the just rewards of our labor,
and for the confidence that our daily work, however great or small,
and above all financial gain, is infused with purpose and meaning in your sight.
May we apply ourselves not only to this work, but to all good works.
Inspire in our hearts gratitude and love for you; nourish us in kindness and goodness;
and increase in us religion that is true and honorable and godly.
Grant us not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love those that are heavenly;
and even now, though we are placed among things that are passing away,
help us to hold fast to those that shall endure.
These things we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

PSALTER (<i>responsively</i>)	Psalm 15	Mr. Beddingfield
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SILENT CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE Mr. Beddingfield

EPISTLE James 1: 17-27 Alisha Das, *Lay Reader*

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this:
to care for widows and orphans in their distress,
and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

† SONG OF TESTIMONY *In Christ Alone* Getty/Townend
Spencer Phillips, *leader*

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the love of God was magnified
For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

SERMON *Real Religion* Mr. Beddingfield

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and The Lord's Prayer (*unison*) Mr. Beddingfield

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 September 2024: Trinity Kelly and Dave Steegar
Deacons for October 2024: Steve DeVane and Tammy Scarborough

Ushers Today: Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson, Linda Lunney and Siu-Ki Wong
Ushers Sept. 8: Brandon Brown, Bob Cisneros, Adam English and Miles West

No Kids' Church Today
Kids' Church Sept. 8: Meredith Craddock

Nursery today: Charlotte Riewestahl
Nursery Sept. 8: Michele Phelps

TODAY, September 1st

Friends Class - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Sarah's Open Door Class - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Children - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. (Library)
Youth - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. (Family Life Center)
Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)
*** No Kids' Church Today**

MONDAY, September 2nd
Church Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday

WEDNESDAY, September 4th
WEDNESDAY NIGHT KICK-OFF
Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
Supper - Hamburgers & Hotdogs: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Itty Bitty Church Band Concert: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Featuring Ed Beddingfield, Curtis Freeman, Glenn Jonas,
Spencer Phillips, Will Roberts and Ran Whitley
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

SEPTEMBER 2024

8 **Friends Class - Sunday School:** 9:00 a.m.
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Children - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. (Library)
Youth - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. (Family Life Center)
Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Kids' Church: during worship (Library)

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Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 9am - 5pm
Other Staff: By Appointment

Financial Position as of 7/31/24	
» Total support, 1/1/2024 - 7/31/2024	\$ 242,998
» Total expenditures	\$ (267,749)
» Expenditures exceed Support	\$ (24,751)
» Total 2024 Budget Proposal	\$ 418,220
» Percent of year passed	58%
» Support needed to meet budget	\$ 244,057
» Undesignated support received as of 7/31/24	\$ 206,689
» Budget support shortfall as of 7/31/24	\$ (37,368)

Ways to Donate to MBC:

- **Offering plates** during the Offertory portion of our service.
- Our website at www.memorialbcnc.org by clicking the *Donate* tab.
- Mailing a **check** payable to: *Memorial Baptist Church*
P.O. Box 485
Buies Creek, NC 27506
- Scanning the **QR Code** shown here on your mobile device.
(If you want 100% of your donation to benefit MBC, please increase your gift by 3% to help cover the transaction expenses.)



APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS For September, we are collecting:
POP-TOP CANNED FOOD Items
(no plastic containers)
such as ravioli, tuna, beef stew, Vienna sausages, vegetables, fruit, etc.
and
FRESH, WRAPPED CANDY *(no chocolate or peanut butter)*

Place items in the plastic tote in the hallway or basket in the narthex.

We also welcome monetary donations to go toward the purchase of backpacks and Bibles. Designate your donation as *'Backpacks.'*

CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

- **Clothes Closet:** Next date: TBD
- **Harnett Food Pantry:** collecting **non-perishable foods and egg cartons**
Needed for September - - **Peanut Butter**
Monetary donations to MBC are also welcome. Designate contribution as 'Food Pantry.'
- **Buddy Backpack:** collecting **"nab crackers"**
[cheese with cheese or cheese with peanut butter]
Monetary donations to MBC are also welcome. Designate contribution as 'Buddy Backpack.'
- **Belts for HCMS:** *Donations of used men's or boys belts that can be used for students.*

 **FALL AFTERNOON TEA**

Saturday, October 12, 2024
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
MBC Fellowship Hall

There are four tables remaining requiring four hosts. The fee will be \$20.00 per table to include refreshments and tea for hosts and five guests.

For more information, please contact Debbie Appel at debappel@aol.com or 910-514-1246.



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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
Wayne Smith, Custodian