

THE WORSHIP OF GOD		
Fifth Sunday of Easter		
May 18, 2025 Ten O'clock in the Morning	Memorial Baptist Church Buies Creek, North Carolina	
<i>Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Christ." Mark 8: 27-38</i>		
GATHERING		
PRELUDE	<i>Prelude in C</i> Zollene Reissner, <i>Guest Organist</i>	David Johnson
WELCOME and INVOCATION Meredith Lanier Craddock, <i>Associate Pastor</i>		
† CALL TO WORSHIP 705 <i>(responsively)</i>	Mrs. Craddock	
† GATHERING HYMN 263 <i>Break Thou the Bread of Life</i>	BREAD OF LIFE	
CONFESSION and ASSURANCE	Mrs. Craddock	
fr. Romans 8: 38-39 (ESV) For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.		
PROCLAIMING		
PSALTER READING	Psalm 118: 1, 5-9, 22-29	Jeroen Stone
† HYMNS OF COMMITMENT		
502	<i>Open My Eyes, That I May See</i> stanzas 1 and 3	SCOTT
499	<i>Open Our Eyes, Lord</i>	OPEN OUR EYES
<i>* Following the Hymns of Commitment, children from age 3 through 3rd grade may meet Mrs. Carrie Royal at the back of the sanctuary to leave for Kids' Church. Parents may pick up their children in the church library after the service.</i>		
GOSPEL	Luke 24: 13-35	Don Garner and Mrs. Craddock
SERMON	<i>Expectations of Jesus</i>	Dr. Garner

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

RESPONDING		
ANTHEM	<i>There Is a Fountain</i>	arr. Patti Drennan
There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel’s veins, and sinners plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains: Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains; and sinners plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.		
Ever since by faith I saw, I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply, redeeming love has been my theme, and it shall be till I die: And shall be till I die, O Lord, and shall be till I die; His redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.		
PASTORAL PRAYER and The Lord’s Prayer (<i>unison</i>)	Mrs. Craddock	
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	<i>Aria</i> Zollene Reissner, <i>organ</i>	Craig Phillips
SENDING		
† INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP and HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 465	Mrs. Craddock SOJOURNER	
<i>I Want Jesus to Walk with Me</i>		
ELECTION OF DEACONS	Trinity Kelly, <i>Chair of the Diaconate</i>	
LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY	Mrs. Craddock	
† BENEDICTION	Dr. Garner	
POSTLUDE	<i>Largo</i> Zollene Reissner, <i>organ</i>	G.F. Handel
<i>The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving honor of Mary Josiah Howard on the occasion of her 90th Birthday from her sisters-in-law: June and Beverley Howard.</i>		

We welcome to our pulpit today Dr. Don Garner. Don graduated from Broughton High School in 1968 with Pastor Ed Beddingfield. He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1972, majoring in English. He attended the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and graduated with a Master of Divinity degree in 1975 and a Ph.D. in Biblical Studies in 1980. Don taught Old Testament and archaeology and served as department chair at Carson-Newman University in Jefferson City, TN for 40 years (1980-2020). He currently is the Professor of Religion, emeritus. Don is married Vickie Ringgold Garner of Raleigh, also a Broughton High School graduate, and now a retired 2nd grade public school teacher. They raised 3 sons, each of whom chose to attend Carson-Newman. Don & Vickie are moving back to NC. They will occupy their retirement home on Vickie's grandfather's farmland outside of Clayton later this year.
We also welcome our guest organist Zollene Reissner. Zollene has served churches in music ministry for 30 years, having held positions as organist and/or assistant choir master. She is also a published composer, with 45 titles in print. She currently worships at University Baptist Church in Chapel Hill.

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Jeanne Barker, Burgess Marshbanks, Pastor Ed Beddingfield, Tricia Carr, Doris Eller, Linda Smith, Betty Wallace

Family and Friends: John Barker *(son of Jeanne Barker)*; Brayden Naquin *(student at Dunn Middle)*; Lee & Margaret Lanier *(parents of Meredith Craddock)*; Charles Davis *(brother of Debbie Appel)*; Nathanne Sarita *(student at Coats Erwin Middle)*; Teresa Roberts; Rob Gilchrist; Debbie Johnson *(friend of Cindy Avrette)*; Kelly McLamb *(daughter of Jerry & Betty Wallace)*; International teachers & families

Aldersgate Senior Living Center (Charlotte, NC): Louise Taylor

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

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 May 2025: Randall Johnson and Carrie Royal Deacons for June 2025: Lisa Lanier and Charlotte Riewestahl
Ushers Today: Randall Johnson, Ron McLamb, Scotty Scarborough and Lee Turlington Ushers May 25: Cherry DeVane, Chad Godwin, Derek Hogan and Jeff Pope
Kids' Church Today: Carrie Royal Kids' Church May 25: <i>(need volunteer)</i>
Nursery today: Sarah Royal Nursery May 25: Charlotte Riewestahl

TODAY, May 18th
DEACON ELECTION DAY
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)
Kids’ Church: during worship (Library)

WEDNESDAY, May 21st
Last Regular Wednesday Night Activities (until Fall 2025)
Children’s Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
End of Year Celebration & Cookout: 5:45 p.m.
 **Burgers & Ice Cream Bar** 
Music by Children's Choir
 **Games**
Fellowship 
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

MAY 2025
25 Friends Class - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
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JUNE 2025
1 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

4 * No Wednesday Night Activities

8 Friends Class - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
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Financial Position as of 4/30/25	
» Total support	\$ 183,554
» Total expenditures	\$ (167,552)
» Support exceeds expenditures	\$ 16,002
» Total 2025 Budget Proposal	\$ 418,220
» Percent of year passed	33%
» Support needed to meet budget	\$ 137,497
» Undesignated support received as of 4/30/25	\$ 136,716
» Operating expenses offset received from Stokes Day Care	\$ 2,550
» Support exceeds budgeted needs as of 4/30/25	\$ 1,769

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.

*(If you want 100% of your donation to benefit MBC, please increase your gift by 3% to help cover the transaction expenses.)





For May, we are collecting:
Brushes and Deodorant
(for both men & women)

Place items in the plastic tote in the hallway.

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

CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

- **Clothes Closet:** Date TBA
- **Harnett Food Pantry:** collecting **non-perishable foods**
(Egg cartons are not needed at this time.)
Needed for May - - **Fruit Cocktail**
Monetary donations to MBC are also welcome; designate as ‘Food Pantry.’
- **Buddy Backpack:** collecting **sandwich crackers “nabs”**
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- **Belts for HCMS:** *Donations of used men's or boys’ belts that can be used for students at the school.*

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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
Wayne Smith, Custodian