

Ascension Sunday

Memorial Baptist Church
Buies Creek, North Carolina

Be now our present joy, O Lord,
Who ever will be our reward;
And, as the countless ages flee,
May all our glory be in Thee!

~ “Ascension Hymn,” by
The Venerable Bede, 673-735;
adapted from a translation
by Elizabeth Charles

PRELUDE *Alleluia, Alleluia* arr. Lani Smith
Anne McClain, *Organist*

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy!
For the Lord Most High is an awesome God, a great ruler over all the earth.
 God subdues the nations under his feet;
God chose us for a heritage, the people whom God loves.
 God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God; sing praises!
 God is the ruler of all the earth;
Sing praises with a psalm!
 God rules over the nations, and sits on the holy throne.
**The princes of the people gather before the Lord;
 the shields of the earth belong to God.**
 Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy!
For God is highly exalted. Praise the Lord!

† INVOCATION	<i>Ad. fr. The Book of Common Prayer, Collect for Ascension Day</i>	Mr. Beddingfield
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CORONATION

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† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

Meredith Lanier Craddock,
Associate Pastor

EPISTLE Ephesians 1: 15-23 Joyce Sills and Nancy Sills Harrell,
 And God has put all things under his feet *Readers*
 and has made him head over all things for the church.

† ADORATION IN SONG	<i>Lord I Lift Your Name On High</i> Spencer Powell Phillips, <i>Leader</i>	Rick Founds
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You came from Heaven to Earth to show the way.
From the Earth to the cross, my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

SERMON *Wait For It . . .* Mr. Beddingfield

VOCAL WITNESS *Untitled Hymn (Come to Jesus)* Chris Rice
Lauren Poe, *Mezzo-soprano*

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	<i>Thank You/The Anchor Holds</i>	Ray Boltz
	Mrs. McClain	

HOLY COMMUNION

Mr. Beddingfield and Mrs. Craddock

Invitation to the Lord's Table

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered unto you ...

I Corinthians 11: 23-25

Prayer of Dedication
 Music for Meditation *The Old Rugged Cross/Near the Cross* arr. Rumi Oh
 Mrs. McClain

The Bread

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit
has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses.
Acts 1: 8a

This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven,
will come again in the same way as you saw him go.
Acts 1: 11b

For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death till he comes again.
I Corinthians 11: 26

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 572 HANKEY

I Love to Tell the Story
Refrain after stanzas 1 and 3 only

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE *How Majestic Is Your Name* arr. Glenda Austin
Mrs. McClain

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Jim Sills by
his wife, Joyce Sills and daughter, Nancy Sills Harrell.
Today is Jim's birthday and June 4th is the
first anniversary of his death.*

The flowers on the table in the foyer are given by Jamie Reed to the glory of God and in honor of an incredible mother, Darla, with humble appreciation for her patience and protection, love and nurture, and for all her guidance over the years. The offertory and communion meditation are among Darla's favorite songs. Darla is moving to Florida this week.

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

Family and Friends: Barry Helms (*son of Colleen and the late Rev. Floyd Helms*); Leo James (*church member at First Baptist in Sylva*); Rickey Taylor (*father of Carrie Royal*); Al Moore (*son of Mila Johnson Moore; grandson of John T & Glynn Johnson*); Amanda Alexander (*cousin of Gracie Jonas*); John Barker (*son of Jeanne Barker*); Charles Davis (*brother of Debbie Appel*); 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

Prayers of Comfort are extended to the family of Joe Rockholt in the death of his sister, Wanda Sims, on Friday, May 23rd.

Please be in prayer for our
newly elected deacons:

Sonya Godwin
Olivia Scarborough
Scotty Scarborough
David Steegar



Deacons for June 2025: Charlotte Riewestahl and Dayna Scarborough
Deacons for July 2025: Olivia Scarborough and Tom Spainhour

Ushers Today: Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson, Linda Lunney and
Siu-Ki Wong

Ushers June 8: Brandon Brown, Bob Cisneros, Adam English and
Miles West

NO Kids' Church Today

Kids' Church June 8: (need volunteer)

Nursery today: Michele Phelps

Nursery June 8: (need volunteer)

TODAY, June 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**

WEDNESDAY, June 4th

*** No Wednesday Night Activities**

JUNE 2025

8 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)

9 Deacon's Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

11 Summer Choir Rehearsal I: 7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)

*** No Other Wednesday Night Activities**

14-21 Puerto Rico Mission Trip

15 Father's Day

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"**
Monetary donations to MBC are also welcome; designate as 'Buddy Backpack.'

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Other Staff: By Appointment



*"The Ascension" window in the balcony of
First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, NC.*

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

*Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday*

June 1, 2025

*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