

THE WORSHIP OF GOD		
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
July 13, 2025 Ten O'clock in the Morning		Memorial Baptist Church Buies Creek, North Carolina
It's a beautiful day in this neighborhood A beautiful day for a neighbor Would you be mine? Could you be mine?	So let's make the most of this beautiful day Since we're together, we might as well say Would you be mine? Could you be mine? Won't you be my neighbor?	
It's a neighborly day in this beautywood A neighborly day for a beauty Would you be mine? Could you be mine?	Won't you please, won't you please? Please, won't you be my neighbor?	
I have always wanted to Have a neighbor just like you I have always wanted to Live in a neighborhood with you.	~ "Won't You Be My Neighbor," lyrics by Fred Rogers, Fred M. Rogers, and Yosseta Even Shoshan	
GATHERING		
PRELUDE	How Firm a Foundation Anne McClain, Organ	arr. Douglas E. Wagner
WELCOME and † INVOCATION		Edward Beddingfield, Pastor
Ad. fr. "A Prayer for Our Neighbor," by Tiffany Thibault.		
Thank you, Lord, that you love us despite all of our faults and failures, our sidesteps and backsteps and false steps and missteps. And because this is how you love us, we ask you to help us love our neighbors the same way.. Teach us to put aside our agenda – what we can get out of them, and instead to show them your agenda – what you want us to do for them. Help us to meet them where they are and love them as they are, for that is exactly the way you have met and loved us. May the worship we know here prepare us to be your children and to do your will, we pray in Jesus' name; Amen.		
† GATHERING HYMN (insert)	Christ for the World We Sing Stanzas 1, 2 and 4	ITALIAN HYMN
CALL TO PRAYER (responsively)		Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor Psalm 82
God is seated in the divine council; in the midst of the gods the Lord holds judgment: "How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Give justice to the weak and the orphan; stand up for the lowly and the destitute; rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them all from the hand of the wicked." The people have neither knowledge nor understanding; they stumble around in darkness; the very foundations of the world are shaken and unstable. So the Lord says: "You are like gods, even children of the Most High, all of you; nevertheless you shall die like mortals, and fall like any other prince." Rise up, O God, and judge the earth; Rise up, O God, for all the nations belong to you!		
† The congregation is invited to stand.		

PRAYER OF CONFESSION		Mrs. Craddock
ASSURANCE OF GRACE <i>(responsively)</i> Colossians 1: 3-5a, 9-10, 12-14		Mrs. Craddock
In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. For this reason, since the day we first heard of it, we have not stopped praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God’s will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to God, as you bear fruit in every good work and grow in the knowledge of God. Therefore we give thanks to God the Father, who has enabled us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light, who has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of God’s beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Thanks be to God! Amen.		
PROCLAIMING		
WITNESS IN SONG	<i>I Will Sing With All My Soul</i> Jonathan Lazenby, <i>Vocalist</i>	Tom Trenney
GOSPEL	Luke 10: 25-37 The Parable of the Good Samaritan: “Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”	Tom Spainhour, <i>Deacon</i>
SERMON	<i>An Invitation, Not a Boundary</i>	Mr. Beddingfield
RESPONDING		
SONG OF RESPONSE	<i>Make Me a Servant</i> Make me a servant, humble and meek. Lord, let me lift up those who are weak. And may the prayer of my heart always be: make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.	Kelly Willard
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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>Standing on the Promises</i> Mrs. McClain	Mrs. Craddock Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

SENDING		
INVITATION TO FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP		
† HYMN OF SENDING FORTH <i>(insert)</i> <i>Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life</i> Stanzas 1, 2, 3 and 6	GERMANY	
† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY	Mr. Beddingfield	
† BENEDICTION	Mr. Beddingfield	
POSTLUDE	<i>Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing</i> Mrs. McClain	Todd Kendall
PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:		
Members: Greg McClain, Jeanne Barker, Pastor Ed Beddingfield, Randall Johnson, Michael Cogdill, Teresa Roberts, Earl Savage, Burgess Marshbanks, Becky Thompson, Doris Eller, Linda Smith, Betty Wallace		
Family and Friends: Family of Louise Taylor; Rosa Paquette <i>(friend of Susan Johnson)</i> ; J F DeVane <i>(father of Steve DeVane)</i> ; Rickey Taylor <i>(father of Carrie Royal)</i> ; Amanda Alexander <i>(cousin of Gracie Jonas)</i> ; Charles Davis <i>(brother of Debbie Appel)</i> ; Kelly McLamb <i>(daughter of Jerry & Betty Wallace)</i> ; International teachers & families		
<u>Emerald Health and Rehab Center (Lillington, NC):</u> Pat Stiller		
<i>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.</i>		
<u>Deacons for July 2025:</u> Olivia Scarborough and Tom Spainhour <u>Deacons for August 2025:</u> Lisa Lanier and Joe Turlington <u>Ushers Today:</u> Brandon Brown, Bob Cisneros, Adam English and Miles West <u>Ushers July 20:</u> Randall Johnson, Ron McLamb, Scotty Scarborough and Lee Turlington <u>No Kids’ Church in July</u> <u>Nursery today:</u> Carrie Royal <u>Nursery July 20:</u> Michele Phelps		

TODAY, July 13th
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 in July

WEDNESDAY, July 16th
Summer Choir Rehearsal III: 7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)
* No Other Wednesday Night Activities

SATURDAY, July 19th
Memorial Service for Louise Taylor: 2:00 p.m.

JULY 2025
20 Friends Class - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
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Children - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. (Library)
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Buies Creek CAMP OUT

Learning S'more About Paul



August 1-3

August 1: 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

August 2: 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

August 3: 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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Other Staff: By Appointment

Financial Position as of 5/31/25

» Total support	\$ 211,085
» Total expenditures	\$ (197,751)
» Total support exceeds expenditures	\$ 13,334
» Total 2025 Budget Proposal	\$ 418,220
» Percent of year passed	41%
» Undesignated support needed to meet budget	\$ 173,017
» Undesignated support received as of 5/31/25	\$ 164,072
» Operating expenses offset received from Stokes Day Care	\$ 2,550
» Shortfall undesignated giving compared to budget	\$ (6,395)

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.)



APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS



For July, we are collecting TOYS / FUN ITEMS

Examples of appropriate toys/fun items that fit in a backpack are:
For the younger age groups (less than 15 years old) non-breakable toys might include: small cars, balls, dolls, small stuffed animals, puzzles, jump rope, markers, crayons, sidewalk chalk, card games, legos, school supplies, etc.
For the older age groups (15-17 year olds) fun items might include:
FOR BOYS: flashlight, wallet, small thermos, light blanket, earbuds, small tool kit, fishing gear, books, hunting/fishing/sports magazines, school supplies, etc.
FOR GIRLS: jewelry, books, skin care products, hair accessories, earbuds, small travel-sized hair dryer, school supplies, etc.
(NO toy weapons please.)

We also welcome monetary donations to go toward the purchase of backpacks & 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 July - - Boxed Mac & Cheese
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.'



The Good Samaritan (After Delacroix), 1890
Painting by Vincent van Gogh

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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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