

MAY 4, 2025

Third Sunday of Eastertide  
at Mountain Brook Baptist Church  
*Graduate Recognition Sunday*

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*If this is your first time at MBBC, please take a moment to fill out the "For Guests" card on the opposite page and drop it in the offering box in the Narthex on your way out. We're thankful you have chosen to worship the Lord with us this morning.*

**Organ Prelude**

**Christopher Henley**

*Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery*  
arr. Christopher Henley

**Call to Worship**

**Micaiah Kelly, Praise Band,  
and Sanctuary Choir**

*Rejoice*  
arr. Grant Wall

Rejoice in the Lord now and always. Sing it again, we rejoice. Delight in the love he has shown us; gratefully lift up your voice. His gentleness among us will join our hearts with praise. We gather in his goodness, a family of grace.

With each breath he's given, praise the Lord. In these times we live in, we will praise the Lord. Throughout every season, I am sure we have every reason to praise the Lord.

**\*Opening Sentences of Worship**

**Kely Hatley and Congregation**

**Leader:** The Lord be with you,

**People:** and also with you.

**Leader:** God has made this day.

**People:** Let us rejoice and be glad!

**Leader:** The God who raised Jesus Christ from the dead raises us to new life daily.

**People:** Thanks be to God! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end, Amen!

**\*Hymn of the Resurrection No. 223**

**Congregation**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*  
DIADEMATA

**\*Invocation and Welcome to Worshipers**

**Mark Rector**

**Graduate Recognition**

**Joel Burks**

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**Mark Rector**

**\*Offertory Hymn****Congregation**

*There Is One Gospel*  
by Rich Thompson and Jonathan Robinson

There is one gospel on which I stand for all eternity. It is my story, my Father's plan; the Son has rescued me. Oh, what a gospel! Oh, what a peace, my highest joy and my deepest need. Now and forever he is my light. I stand in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

There is one gospel to which I cling, all else I count as loss; for there where justice and mercy meet, he saved me on the cross. No more I boast in what I can bring, no more I carry the weight of sin; for he has brought me from death to life. I stand in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

There is one gospel where hope is found. The empty tomb still speaks, for death could not keep my Savior down. He lives and I am free. Now on my Savior I fix my eyes. My life is his and his hope is mine; for he has promised I too will rise. I stand in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

And in this gospel the church is one; we do not walk alone. We have his Spirit as we press on to lead us safely home. And when in glory still I will sing of this old story that rescued me. Praise to my Savior, the King of life. I stand in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Offertory Reading and Prayer****Joel Burks**

Acts 11:29-30 (NIV)

<sup>29</sup> The disciples, as each one was able, decided to provide help for the brothers and sisters living in Judea. <sup>30</sup> This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

**\*We Present Our Offerings to God No. 706****Congregation**

*The Doxology*  
Old 100th (altered)

*(There is no Children's Message today. Children 3K-5K may meet Mrs. Sharon in the Narthex to go to Preschool Worship as the congregation sings the Doxology. If you are a guest and would like for your preschooler to go to Preschool Worship, please meet Mrs. Sharon in the Narthex to be sure your child has a check-in label for security purposes.)*

**The Reading of God's Word****Amy Hirsch**

Luke 24:13-35 (NIV)  
pg. 749 (pew Bible)

**Choral Anthem****Sanctuary Choir**

*On Emmaus' Journey*  
arr. John Ferguson

Who are you who walk in sorrow down Emmaus' barren road, hearts distraught and hope defeated, bent beneath grief's crushing load? Nameless mourners, we will join you, we who also mourn our dead. We have stood by graves unyielding, eaten death's bare, bitter bread.

Who is this who joins our journey, walking with us stride by stride? Unknown stranger, can you fathom depths of grief for one who died? Then the wonder! When we told you how our dreams to dust have turned, then you opened wide the Scriptures till our hearts within us burned!

Who are you? Our hearts are opened in the breaking of the bread. Christ, the victim, now the victor, living, risen from the dead! Great companion on our journey, still surprise us with your grace! Make each day a new Emmaus; on our hearts your image trace.

Who are we who travel with you on our way through life to death?  
Women, men, the young, the aging, wakened by the Spirit's breath! At  
the font you claim and name us, born of water and the Word. At the table  
still you feed us, host us as our Risen Lord!

"Alleluia! Alleluia!" is the Easter hymn we sing! Take our life, our joy, our  
worship as the gift of love we bring. You have formed us all one people  
called from every land and race. Make your church your servant body, sent  
to share your healing grace!

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**Joel Burks and Congregation**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and  
in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by  
the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried. The third day he rose from the dead. He  
ascended into heaven, and now sits on the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty, from whom he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I  
believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the Communion  
of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and  
everlasting life. Amen.

**Message**

**Ethan McVay**

**"When God Speaks"**  
Luke 24:13-35  
pg. 749 (pew Bible)

**\*Hymn of Response No. 384**

**Congregation**

*Speak to My Heart*  
HOLCOMB

**Closing Words**

**Mark Rector**

**\*Choral Benediction**

**Sanctuary Choir**

*An Easter Benediction*  
by Edwin M. Willmington

Go ye and tell the world that Jesus Christ is risen! Alleluia!

**Organ Postlude**

**Christopher Henley**

*In Christ Alone*  
arr. Christopher Henley

\*Congregation standing

Amplified-hearing devices are available in the Narthex. Please see an usher for assistance.

*The flowers on the altar have been given in loving memory of Joyce Johnson,  
on the occasion of her birthday, by Pat Ferguson.*

Are you interested in attending one of our Sunday School Classes next week?  
Scan the QR code above or visit [mbbc.org/smbc](http://mbbc.org/smbc) to view class options and locations.



# Prayer List

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## BIRTHS

Anne Kathryn “Annie” Branch (parents Lauren & Christopher Branch, grandparents Elisabeth & Chuck Branch)

Felicity Helen Brown (parents Megan Amerson-Brown & Lucas Brown)

Margaret McKee “Kee” Brown (parents Katherine & Jack Brown III, grandparents Sandy & Jack Brown Jr.)

Margaret Josey Ehrhardt (parents Emily & Paul Ehrhardt, grandparents Jan & David Ehrhardt)

Mallie Grace Marco (parents Lacey & Joseph Marco, grandmother Carla Kent)

## DEATHS

Jane Brock

George McMillan Jr. (husband of Ann Dial McMillan)

## MBBC MEMBERS/REGULAR ATTENDERS

Bill Austin, Claudette Bearden, Charlene & Milton Berryhill, Chris Burch, Kay Davidson, Joyce Dawkins, Greg Dobbins, Sandy Eichelberger, Alta Faye Fenton, Chad Fooshee, Anne & Grady Gibbons, Betty Jo Gwin, Martha Isom, Karen Johnson, Judy Long, Eddie Mae McDanal, Billy McDonald, Caroline Mears, Martha Miklic, Phyllis Mitchell, Carolyn Nowlin, Jennie Pickett, Walter Pittman, Joyce Ratliff, Ann Sanders, Irene Stutts, Judy Taylor, Wayne Thorn, Mark Tucker Jr., Brooke Vinson, Doris Wayman, Laura Zaremba

## HEALTH CARE CENTERS/INDEPENDENT LIVING

Peggy Abbott, Eugenia Anderson, Betty Bowen, Bob Compher, Mary Kate Dyer, Bill Johnson, Louise Martin, Sarah Moler, Glaydell Pinson, Roger Pugh, Gailya Sargent, Juanelle Strain, Helen Thrasher-Long, Harryette Turner

# Weekly Information

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## MINISTER ON CALL: MAY 9-11

Sharon Howard – (205) 527-7641

## PROJECT 119 BIBLE READING PLAN

**Sunday, May 4- Saturday, May 10**

Please visit [mbbc.org/project119](http://mbbc.org/project119) for this week's readings.

## Ways to Give



### IN PERSON

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# This Week

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Offices are open Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

## SUNDAY, MAY 4 (THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE) • GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY \_\_\_\_\_

- 9 a.m. Sunday School
- 10 a.m. Combined Worship | Sanctuary
- 5 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal | Chapel Music Suite

## TUESDAY, MAY 6 \_\_\_\_\_

- 6:45 a.m. Students | Junior High Bible Study | Student Ministry Area
- 9:30 a.m. ACTIVE Christian Living | Stretch and Fitness | Rm. 324 2A

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 7 \_\_\_\_\_

- 11:30 a.m. Women's Ministry | Lunch Bunch | Crestline Otey's/Urban Cookhouse
- 5 p.m. Wednesday Night Family Dinner | Hudson Hall
- 6 p.m. Children's Missions and Music
- 6:30 p.m. Children's 2K and 3K Music Open House | Chapel Music Suite
- 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal | Chapel Music Suite

## THURSDAY, MAY 8 \_\_\_\_\_

- 9:30 a.m. ACTIVE Christian Living | Stretch and Fitness | Rm. 354 2A

## SUNDAY, MAY 11 (FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE) • MOTHER'S DAY \_\_\_\_\_

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship | Sanctuary
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship | Sanctuary
- 5 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal | Chapel Music Suite

## MINISTERIAL STAFF

- Dr. Wayne Splawn, Senior Minister
- Dr. John Piede, Deacon Chair
- Mr. Vince Blackerby, Director of Operations
- Mr. Joel Burks, Minister to Students
- Dr. Kely Hatley, Minister of Music and ACTIVE Christian Living
- Mrs. Amy Hirsch, Associate Minister for Membership and Pastoral Care
- Mrs. Sharon Howard, Minister to Children and Families
- Mrs. Micaiah Kelly, Associate Minister of Music
- Mr. Ethan McVay, Minister to Preteen and Junior High Students
- Mr. Mark Rector, Associate Minister
- Mrs. Mary Splawn, Minister of Connections

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