

AUGUST 20, 2023

## Welcome to Mountain Brook Baptist Church

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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 Narthex on your way out. If this is your first time to worship with us via livestream, visit [mbbc.org/guests](http://mbbc.org/guests) to let us know of your attendance. We're thankful you have chosen to worship the Lord with us this morning.*

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**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**PRAISE BAND**

**WELCOME**

**ETHAN MCVAY**

**WORSHIP THROUGH SONG**

**CONGREGATION**

### Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Papa | Boswell | Getty | Merker

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone. What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong. Who holds our days within his hand? What comes, apart from his command? And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*Chorus:* O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal. O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess, Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good. Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood. Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial? Who sends the waves that bring us nigh, unto the shore? The rock of Christ.

### *Repeat Chorus*

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!" And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with him. Then we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed. And we will feast in endless joy when Christ is ours forevermore.

CCLI Song #7147502

**Graves Into Gardens**  
Lake | Brown | Furtick | Hammer

I searched the world, but it couldn't fill me. Man's empty praise and treasures that fade are never enough. Then you came along and put me back together. And every desire is now satisfied here in your love.

*Chorus:* Oh, there's nothing better than you. There's nothing better than you. Lord, there's nothing, nothing is better than you!

I'm not afraid to show you my weakness. My failures and flaws, Lord, you've seen 'em all and you still call me friend. 'Cause the God of the mountain is the God of the valley. There's not a place your mercy and grace won't find me again.

You turn mourning to dancing! You give beauty for ashes! You turn shame into glory! You're the only one who can! You turn graves into gardens! You turn bones into armies! You turn seas into highways! You're the only one who can!

CCLI Song # 7138219

**OFFERTORY READING**

**ETHAN MCVAY**

Acts 10:4 (NIV)

<sup>4</sup> Cornelius stared at him in fear. "What is it, Lord?" he asked. The angel answered, "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God."

**MBBC RENEWAL CAMPAIGN EMPHASIS**

**WAYNE SPLAWN**

**DOXOLOGY**

**CONGREGATION**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*(Children 3K-5K will meet Mrs. Sharon in the back of the Sanctuary during The Doxology to go to Preschool Worship.)*

**PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**WAYNE SPLAWN**

**WORSHIP THROUGH SONG**

**CONGREGATION**

**Way Maker**  
Sinach

You are here, moving in our midst. I worship you, I worship you. You are here, working in this place. I worship you, I worship you.

*Chorus:* You are way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in the darkness, my God, that is who you are.

You are here, touching every heart. I worship you, I worship you. You are here, healing every heart. I worship you, I worship you. You are here turning lives around. I worship you, I worship you. You are here, mending every heart. I worship you, I worship you.

That is who you are! (That is who you are!)

Even when I don't see it, you're working. Even when I don't feel it, you're working. You never stop, you never stop working.

CCLI Song #7115744

“Soil Suited For Growth”

Luke 8:4-15  
pg. 731 (pew Bible)

THE COMMUNION OF CHRIST WITH HIS CHURCH

We Receive the Bread and Cup

*(If you need a gluten-free option, there are prepackaged marked gluten-free elements on the altar table.)*

SONG OF DISTRIBUTION

MBBC PRAISE BAND

Here Again

Corbett | Brown | Furtick

Can't go back to the beginning. Can't control what tomorrow will bring.  
But I know here in the middle is the place where you promise to be.

*Chorus:* I'm not enough unless you come. Will you meet me here again?  
Cause all I want is all you are. Will you meet me here again?

As I walk now through the valley, let your love rise above every fear.  
Like the sun shaping the shadow, in my weakness your glory appears.

Not for a minute was I forsaken. The Lord is in this place! Come Holy Spirit. Dry bones awaken. The Lord is in this place!

CCLI Song #7111925

\*THE EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

WAYNE SPLAWN

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*(Please greet one another saying: “The peace of Christ to you.” / “And also with you.”)*

BENEDICTION

WAYNE SPLAWN

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

# Prayer List

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## BIRTH

Salter Willoughby Hails (parents Kelley & Barrett Hails, grandparents Beth & Andy Joiner)

## MBBC MEMBERS

Anne Peyton Baker, Janie Barnes, Sally & Bob Berryhill, Dona Boone, Buck Brock, Chris Burch, Dot Burnett, Diane Burns, Amy Carr, Dot Carroll, Kay Davidson, Taylor Davis, Greg Dobbins, Will Dobbins, Sandy Eichelberger, Judy Ellis, Chad Fooshee, Cal Frey, Anne Gibbons, Wayne Gowens, Mirian Habshey, Anna Lu Hemphill, Martha Isom, Karen Johnson, Jo & Furnie Johnston, Nancye Lawrence, Nancy Lewis, Billy McDonald, Ann & Mike McGuire, Caroline Mears, Martha Miklic, John Montgomery, Larry Moon, Walter Pittman, Marjorie Randleman, Missy Roper, Ken Sanders, Beverly McGill Shaffer, Holli Simon, Anita Skelton, Irene Stutts, Mark Tucker Jr., Harryette Turner, Rachel Walton, Tom Walton, Jim Watkins, Doris Wayman, Lamar White, Winford Yarbrough, Marcella Zeigler

## HEALTH CARE CENTERS

Peggy Abbott, Eugenia Anderson, Betty Bowen, Bob Compber, Jerry Edwards, Bill Johnson, Neal Moore, Sarah Moler, Glaydell Pinson, Roger Pugh, Gailya Sargent, Nancy Stephens, Juanelle Strain

# Weekly Information

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## MINISTER ON CALL: AUGUST 25-27

Mark Rector – (205) 568-2743

## PROJECT 119 BIBLE READING PLAN

### Sunday, August 20 - Saturday, August 26

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

## Ways to Give



### IN PERSON

Place your gift in the designated spot in the Narthex.



### ONLINE

To give online, visit [mbbc.org/give](http://mbbc.org/give).



### TEXT

Text STOREHOUSE to 73256.

To access our Wi-Fi network, choose MBBC Guest (password 803-3452).

# This Week

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

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

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- 9 a.m. Traditional Service | Sanctuary
- 10 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study
- 11 a.m. Contemporary Service | Sanctuary

## MONDAY, AUGUST 21

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- 12 p.m. Third Monday Book Club | Conference Room

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

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- 9:30 a.m. ACTIVE Christian Living | Stretch and Fitness | Room 321
- 10 a.m. American Red Cross Blood Drive at MBBC | Heritage Hall

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

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- 7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

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- 9:30 a.m. ACTIVE Christian Living | Stretch and Fitness | Room 321

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

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
- 9 a.m. Traditional Service | Sanctuary
- 10 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study
- 11 a.m. Contemporary Service | Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. Fall Ministry Kickoff Events for Women, Men, & Children

## MINISTERIAL STAFF

- Dr. Wayne Splawn, Senior Minister
- Mr. Larry Bearden, Deacon Chair
- Mr. Vince Blackerby, Director of Operations
- Miss Micaiah Bolton, Associate Minister of Music
- 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
- Mr. Ethan McVay, Minister for Preteen and Junior High Students
- Mr. Mark Rector, Associate Minister
- Mrs. Mary Splawn, Minister of Connections

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