

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

Welcome to Mountain Brook Baptist Church

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 to let us know of your attendance. We're thankful you have chosen to worship the Lord with us this morning.

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAISE BAND

WELCOME

MARK RECTOR

WORSHIP THROUGH SONG

CONGREGATION

God Is for Us

Ferguson | Tealy | Robinson | Thompson | Kleyn | Farren | Reeves

We won't fear the battle. We won't fear the night. We will walk the valley with you by our side. You will go before us. You will lead the way. We have found a refuge. Only you can save.

Chorus: Sing with joy now. Our God is for us. The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress. Raise your voice now. No love is greater. Who can stand against us if our God is for us?

Even when I stumble, even when I fall, even when I turn back, still your love is sure. You will not abandon. You will not forsake. You will cheer me onward with never-ending grace.

Neither height nor depth can separate us. Hell and death will not defeat us. He who gave his son to free us holds me in his love.

CCLI Song #7121853

OFFERTORY READING

MARK RECTOR

Romans 12:6-9 (NIV)

⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith;

⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to

encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

MISSION EMPHASIS OF THE WEEK

MARK RECTOR

Serving You Ministries

The mission of Serving You Ministries is to provide hope to families in the greater Birmingham area by providing sustainable solutions to challenges they face. They assist in education, child care, job readiness, safe and affordable housing, health and nutrition, and crisis relief through their hub partnerships. For more information about their ministry, contact Drew Smith (adsmith4@gmail.com).

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SHARON HOWARD

(All children are invited to meet Mrs. Sharon at the front of the Sanctuary for the Children's Message after the Mission Partner of the Week. Children 3K-5K will go to Preschool Worship following the Children's Message.)

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WAYNE SPLAWN

WORSHIP THROUGH SONG

CONGREGATION

A Thousand Hallelujahs

Brooke Ligertwood | Scott Ligertwood | Phil Wickham

Who else would rocks cry out to worship? Whose glory taught the stars to shine? Perhaps creation longs to have the words to sing, but this joy is mine.

Chorus: With a thousand hallelujahs we magnify your name. You alone deserve the glory, the honor, and the praise. Lord, Jesus, this song is forever yours. A thousand hallelujahs and a thousand more.

Who else would die for our redemption? Whose resurrection means I'll rise? There isn't time enough to sing of all you've done, but I have eternity to try.

Praise to the Lord, to the Lamb, to the King of heaven. Praise, for he rose, now he reigns. We will sing forever.

CCLI Song # 7190270

Sovereign Over Us

Aaron Keyes | Jack Mooring | Bryan Brown

There is strength within the sorrow. There is beauty in our tears. And you meet us in our mourning with a love that casts out fear. You are working in our waiting. You're sanctifying us. When beyond our understanding, you're teaching us to trust

Chorus: Your plans are still to prosper. You have not forgotten us. You're with us in the fire and in the flood. You're faithful forever, perfect in love. You are sovereign over us.

You are wisdom unimagined. Who could understand your ways? Reigning high above the heavens, reaching down in endless grace. You're the lifter of the lowly, compassionate and kind. You surround and you uphold me, and your promises are my delight.

MESSAGE	<div>“More Joy” Luke 15:1-7 pg. 740 (pew Bible)</div>	WAYNE SPLAWN
TIME OF RESPONSE		CONGREGATION
BENEDICTION		WAYNE SPLAWN

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

Prayer List

IN LOVING MEMORY

Lory Bolen Whitaker (sister of Sandy Ballard)

MBBC MEMBERS

Anne Peyton Baker, 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, 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, Winford Yarbrough, Marcella Zeigler

HEALTH CARE CENTERS

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

Weekly Information

MINISTER ON CALL: SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 1

Joel Burks – (256) 347-5761

PROJECT 119 BIBLE READING PLAN

Sunday, September 24 - Saturday, September 30

Please visit mbbc.org/project119 for this week's readings.

Ways to Give



IN PERSON

Place your gift in the designated spot in the Narthex.

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



ONLINE


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This Week

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship | Sanctuary
- 10 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study
- 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship | Sanctuary
- 5 p.m. Students | Chapel Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room
- 6 p.m. Students | The Brook | Heritage Hall

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 6:45 a.m. Students | Junior High Bible Study | Student Ministry Area
- 9:30 a.m. ACTIVE Christian Living | Stretch and Fitness | Room 321

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 5 p.m. Wednesday Night Family Dinner | Heritage Hall
- 5:30 p.m. Children's Missions Activities
- 6:15 p.m. Children's Music Activities
- 7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 9 a.m. Cooks On A Mission | Cook Day
- 9:30 a.m. ACTIVE Christian Living | Stretch and Fitness | Room 321
- 10:30 a.m. Mellow Brook Singers | Rehearsal | Hudson Hall
- 11:30 a.m. Mellow Brook Singers | Lunch | Heritage Hall

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 9 a.m. Cooks On A Mission | Cook Day

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship | Sanctuary
- 10 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study
- 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship | Sanctuary
- 3:30 p.m. New Member Social | Hudson Hall
- 5 p.m. Students | Chapel Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room

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

For the full list of our church staff, please see mbbc.org/staff.