



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Churchwide Updates: A Love Divine

Pastor's Blog | Dr. Wayne Splawn | August 20, 2026

I recently came across a website that got me thinking about the value of things I've long taken for granted. The website is called "Ordinary Abundance." The website highlights how technological advancements such as electric light, recorded music, photographs, running indoor water, the washing machine, the airplane, and others transformed the world, such that our current experience of life is something past generations could never have imagined.

[Read the Blog](#)

THIS SUNDAY

August 23, 2026



LOVE GOD. LOVE ONE ANOTHER. LOVE THE WORLD.

Traditional Worship - 9 a.m.
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Contemporary Worship - 11 a.m.

Dr. Wayne Splawn | “A Love Divine” | Psalm 136:1-3

We’re looking forward to a special morning of worship this Sunday! A 22-member volunteer MBBC Orchestra will join our Sanctuary Choir in the 9 a.m. Traditional Worship service, performing two pieces and accompanying both the choir and congregation on the hymns.

*We will also have a **Called Church Conference** during both services for a congregational vote on a recommendation from the Nominating Committee concerning the [2026-2027 Educational Leadership](#).*

If you are in need of prayer or have a prayer request on Sunday, members of our Prayer Ministry Team will be available by the baptistry following the service to pray with you.

Watch Worship Livestreams

[Website](#) | [Facebook Live](#) | [YouTube](#)

Listen Ahead for Contemporary Worship

Each week, our Contemporary Worship team shares a playlist with the songs we’ll be singing on Sunday. Listen during the week and come ready to worship!

[Spotify](#) | [YouTube](#)



Chapel Choir Camp for Students
Sunday, August 23 | 12-4 p.m. | Student Ministry Area & Chapel Music Suite

Students in grades 7–12, come kick off the year with Chapel Choir Camp! We'll have lunch together after worship in the Student Ministry Area, then spend the afternoon in the Chapel Music Suite singing, playing games, hanging out and having plenty of fun as we get ready for a great year of Chapel Choir. Lunch is provided—bring a friend and join us!

NEWS & EVENTS



Men and Women's Growth Group Opportunities

Men and women's fall growth groups will begin soon! We have a variety of groups meeting at different times and on different days. This is a great way to grow in your relationship with the Lord and to cultivate relationships with others at our church. Get plugged in!

Growth Groups for Men:

To get connected to a growth group for men, [fill out an interest form](#) or email [Mark](#).

Growth Groups for Women:

To get connected to a growth group for women, [view groups and register online](#). You can also email [Mary](#) with any questions.



Marriage Enrichment Class

Tuesdays Beginning August 25 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | Rm. 354 on 2A Floor

Jason and Nikki Harkins will lead a 9-week Marriage Enrichment Class beginning Tuesday, August 25. Designed for couples who want to strengthen and enrich their marriage, the class is based on the “Love Bank” model from *His Needs, Her Needs* by Dr. Willard Harley.

The class includes approximately 2–3 hours of homework each week, and couples should plan to attend at least seven of the nine sessions. Please register both yourself and your spouse through Realm.

[Register for Marriage Enrichment Class](#)



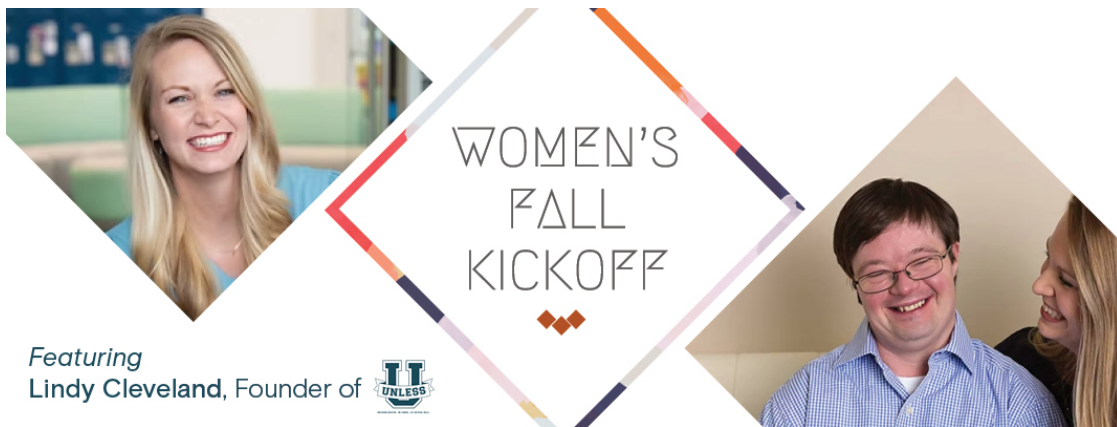
Fall Fiesta Family Meeting

Wednesday, August 26 | 5-7 p.m. | Heritage Hall

Join us for our Fall Fiesta Family Meeting! We'll kick off the evening with a fiesta dinner at 5 p.m., followed by a look at what's happening in the life of MBBC at 5:30 p.m. Hear updates from our Building and Finance Committees, Foundation, and Senior Minister as we look ahead together. Come hungry and come ready to hear what's next at MBBC! **If you need childcare, be sure to include that in your registration.**

[RSVP for Fiesta Dinner](#)

Can't join us in person? You may watch the meeting as an observer via Zoom at [this link](#).



Women's Ministry Fall Kickoff Sunday, August 30 | 5-7 p.m. | Heritage Hall

Come enjoy fellowship around the tables with a delicious meal, learn about Women's Ministry opportunities, and hear an inspiring message from **Lindy Cleveland**, *founder of UnlessU*. Cost \$10. Register at the link below.

[Register for Women's Fall Kickoff](#)



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Help Stock Serving You Ministries

One of our local mission partners, Serving You Ministries, is collecting toiletries and hygiene items for its two ministry centers. Donate soap, body wash, toothpaste, shampoo, lotion, and other personal care items in the collection box near the reception desk by **Thursday, September 3**. Thank you for helping Serving You Ministries care for our neighbors!

Rooted Ministries

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Mission Partner of the Week

Rooted Ministries equips churches and parents to disciple students toward lifelong faith in Jesus Christ. Through gospel-centered resources, Bible study curriculum, podcasts, conferences, and training, Rooted helps leaders and parents faithfully minister to the next generation. For more information about Rooted Ministries, contact [Mark Rector](#).

Minister On Call

August 21-23

Kely Hatley - (205) 249-7437

NEW Project 119 Bible Reading Plan

Beginning this Sunday through this fall, we'll be walking through the book of John, along with related readings from the Old Testament on Saturdays. On Sundays, we will take a break to read and reflect on Sunday's sermon text.

Listen to the daily podcast:[Project 119 Website](#) | [Apple Podcasts](#) | [Spotify](#)[Download the NEW Project 119 Reading Plan](#)

Generosity Scorecard

8/12/26

2026 Ministries Budget: \$4,096,274

Weekly Receipts	\$45,960
Average Weekly Budget	<u>\$78,775</u>
Weekly Net	-\$32,815

YTD Receipts, includes prepaids

\$2,536,853

YTD Budget

\$2,520,784

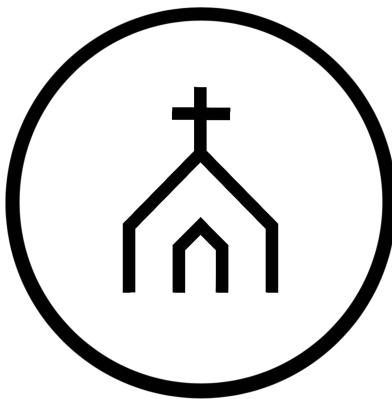
YTD Net

\$16,069

Remaining receipts required to achieve annual budget: \$1,559,421

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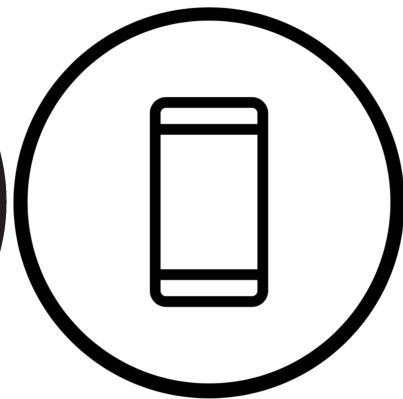
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