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## Churchwide Updates: The Second Half

Pastor's Blog | Dr. Wayne Splawn | December 4, 2025

Every sports fan recognizes the importance of the second half. In a recent football game, my favorite college team was leading by a large margin at halftime, only to see the lead evaporate in the second half. Ultimately, teams are not judged by the numbers on the scoreboard at halftime. What matters is what the scoreboard reads when the clock strikes zero.

[Read More](#)

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## THIS SUNDAY

December 14, 2025 • Third Sunday of Advent



## **Traditional Worship - 9 a.m. Sunday School - 10 a.m.**

Dr. Wayne Splawn | “God’s Will for Us in our Waiting” | 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

*Theme:* We don’t have to wonder about the Lord’s will for us while we wait for Jesus to return. He calls us to rejoice, pray, and give thanks at all times.

*There will be a Parent/Child dedication in the Traditional Service this Sunday:*

*Lucille Faye Britton*

*Parents: Colee and Scott Britton*

*There will be two baptisms in the Traditional Service this Sunday:*

*Mary Helen Frazier*

*Baylor James Frazier*

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## **Contemporary Worship - 11 a.m.**

Join us for *Glorious: A Contemporary Worship Experience* during our Contemporary Worship Service on Sunday, December 14 as we walk through the story of Christ's birth through Bible readings and special music. Don't miss this special worship service!

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**Watch Worship Livestreams**

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## **NEWS & EVENTS**

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## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

### Bell Ringers Needed on December 13 and 20

On the Saturdays of December 13 and 20, come to the Crestline Piggly Wiggly and serve as a Bell Ringer for the Salvation Army! This is a great way for you and your family to bless our community and support one of our church's mission partners. Use the link below to register for an hour-long slot! If you have any questions, reach out to [Mark Rector](#).

[Sign Up to Serve](#)



### Wednesday Night Activities: December 17

*Wednesday Night Schedule:*

5-6 p.m. • Dinner in Heritage Hall

6-7 p.m. • Mellow Brook Singers Christmas Concert

*Menu for Wednesday, December 17:*

Adults: Turkey and dressing

Children: Chicken fingers, mashed potatoes, rolls

Cost is \$8 adults, \$5 kids age 3 and up, \$25 family max. Kids age 2 and under eat for free. Register through Realm below.

[Register for Dinner](#)

### Faith Church Christmas Concert

## **This Saturday, December 13 | 5 p.m. | Faith Church**

Faith Church will be performing its Christmas Concert in the Faith Church Sanctuary on December 13 at 5 p.m. Admission is free. All Mountain Brook Baptist Church members, their families, and their friends are invited to attend.

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### **Gingerbread House Decorating and a Santa visit!**

MBBC  
KIDS

### **Pancakes with Santa & Gingerbread Houses December 20 | 8:30 a.m. | Heritage Hall**

Don't miss the fun—a pancake breakfast will be served and gingerbread houses will be decorated! Costs are \$5 per person for breakfast and \$15 per gingerbread house. Of course, Santa will be there!

[Sign Up](#)

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### **MBBC's Annual Living Nativity December 20, 21, & 22 | Shows at 6:30 & 7:30 p.m.**

This year's Living Nativity will be a hybrid event, where viewers can drive up and watch the show from their vehicles or get out of their cars and watch in the lower

parking lot.

If you would like to participate in this year's Living Nativity by playing one of the roles, helping direct traffic, or serving in the hospitality tent, visit [this link](#).

We need cookies each night of Living Nativity! Please sign up to bring nut free cookies to our hospitality tent for the Living Nativity [here](#).

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**Join us on Wednesday, December 24!**

**3 p.m. | Band-Led Service**

This year's 3 p.m. service will be band-led. It will be shorter in the length than the 5 & 7 p.m. services to accommodate families with young children.

**5 & 7 p.m. | Candlelight Services**

This year's 5 & 7 p.m. services will be led by our Sanctuary Choir and timpani.

*We will celebrate the Lord's Supper in all services.  
Childcare available for ages 2 and under in all services.*

***A special note about Christmas Eve services:*** Due to anticipating a large crowd, we are asking everyone to register for the service they plan to attend, so we can plan ahead. Register below on Realm or call the church office (205-871-0331).

[Register for the 3 p.m. Service](#)

[Register for the 5 p.m. Service](#)

[Register for the 7 p.m. Service](#)

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## 2025 Advent Devotional Guide

Looking for a devotional resource during the upcoming Advent season? This year's Advent devotional guide, *Threads of Promise*, is now available! Pick up a copy for your family in the Narthex or by the receptionist's desk.

**Listen to the daily podcast:**

[Project 119 Website](#) | [Apple Podcasts](#) | [Spotify](#)

**2025 Advent Devotional Guide Resources**

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## Growing: Our 2026 Ministry Plan

We are continuing to receive commitments for our 2026 Ministry Plan. So far, we have received 125 commitments totaling \$1,945,308. Our 2026 Budget is \$4,096,277.

Read more and complete your commitment card by clicking the link below.

**Make Your Commitment Online**

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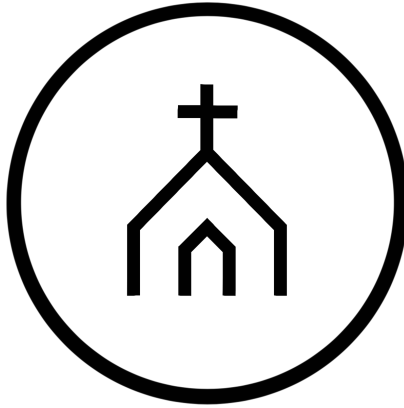
## Minister On Call

December 12-14

Mary Splawn - 205.834.3205

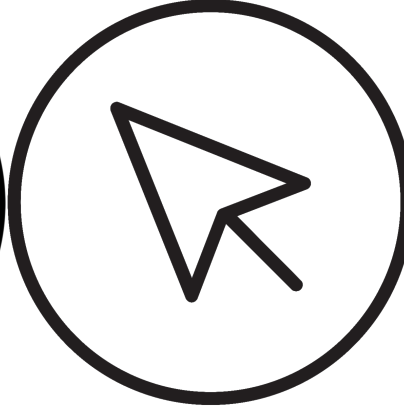
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## Ways to Give



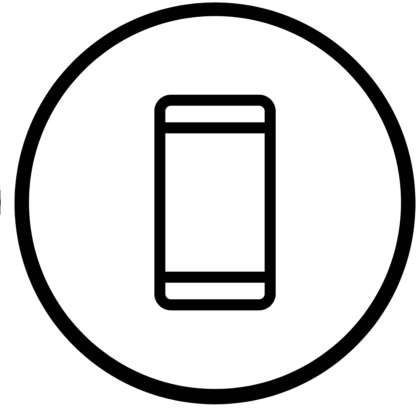
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Drop your gift off to the church receptionist or mail your gift to  
Attn: Debbie Hix  
3631 Montevallo Rd S,  
35213.



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