



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

### Churchwide Updates: James K.A. Smith at Mountain Brook Baptist

Pastor's Blog | Dr. Wayne Splawn | January 15, 2026

On Sunday, February 1, we have the privilege of hosting James K.A. Smith at Mountain Brook Baptist Church thanks to the enduring generosity of Bill and Wylodine Hull and their family. James K.A. Smith is a professor in the philosophy department at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Smith is a world-class theologian who has written widely acclaimed books in recent years.

[Read the Blog](#)

### THIS SUNDAY

January 18, 2026 (Third Sunday of Epiphany)



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

Dr. Wayne Splawn | “Is it Helpful?” | 1 Corinthians 6:9-20

*Theme:* We have been set free from the demands of the Law. However, we are not our own. We belong to God and are called to glorify God with our bodies.

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## **NEWS & EVENTS**

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### **MBBC Ministries Upcoming Events**

There is so much life happening across our ministries at MBBC—from children and students to women and our ACTIVE members! Each ministry shares updates, events, and opportunities in different ways, and the best way to stay connected is to follow along where those updates are shared.

Staying in the know helps you show up, serve well, and be part of what God is doing in our church family! See some of the most recent enewsletters and updates by clicking below:

[Children's Ministry](#)

[Preteen Ministry](#)

[Women's Ministry](#)

[ACTIVE Christian Living](#)

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### **Spam Emails**

We've received reports that several members have received spam emails from staff members at MBBC. We apologize for any confusion. We encourage you to use a spam filter on your email, never to click on any suspicious links, and always to call the church office if you have any concerns.



## Wednesday Night Activities: January 21

View locations for Missions and Music for your child [here](#).

Learn more about growth groups for adults [here](#).

### *Wednesday Night Schedule:*

5-6 p.m. • Dinner in Heritage Hall

6-6:25 p.m. • Missions for Preschool and School Age Kids

6:30-7 p.m. • Music for Preschool and School Age Kids

6-7 p.m. • Adult Growth Groups for Men and Women

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### *Menu for Wednesday, January 21:*

Baked lasagna, buttered vegetables, salad bowl, roll, and dessert

*Kid's Menu:* Chicken fingers, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, cake

*Adult Salad (by reservation only):* Grilled chicken in lieu of lasagna

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 Wednesday Night Dinner](#)

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**JAMES K.A. SMITH**  
AT MOUNTAIN BROOK BAPTIST  
FEBRUARY 1, 2026



WORSHIP SERVICES  
9 + 11 A.M.



LECTURE + DINNER  
4 P.M.



**James K.A. Smith at Mountain Brook Baptist**

# **Sunday, February 1**

## **9 & 11 a.m. Worship Services | 4 p.m. Lecture & Dinner**

We are honored to welcome scholar and theologian James K.A. Smith to Mountain Brook Baptist Church! A professor of philosophy at Calvin University and a renowned author, Dr. Smith will preach in both worship services, teach a combined adult Sunday School class, and lead an afternoon lecture at 4 p.m.

Dr. Smith will explore how what we love shapes us in his morning preaching and teaching, and will turn in the afternoon to how those loves shape the way we understand and live our time as followers of Christ today. Dinner will follow in Heritage Hall.

This free event is sponsored by the Hull Foundation; view more [here](#). Please register at the link below if you plan to attend dinner so we can plan accordingly. We will offer childcare for preschool and school-age children with registrations. Please register your child at the link below.

[Register for Dinner & Childcare](#)



## **WINTER CHURCH FAMILY MEETING**



**Winter Church Family Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 4 at 6 p.m.**  
**Dinner Served Beginning at 5 p.m.**

Join us for dinner and discussion on Wednesday, February 4 as we reflect on the Lord's faithfulness to our church in 2025 and look forward to seeing how God will work in and through the ministries of our church in 2026. We'll hear reports from various committees and ministry teams as well as an update from Dr. Splawn. Dinner will be served beginning at 5 p.m., and children will go to missions and music at 6 p.m.

# G R W T H

G R O U P S

## 2026 Winter/Spring Growth Groups

Winter/Spring Growth Groups are resuming this month! Growth Groups are a place where meaningful discipleship and real spiritual growth happen in the life of a believer. These groups are designed to help you connect, grow, and walk alongside others as you deepen your faith. With a wide variety of men's and women's groups meeting throughout the week and covering many different topics, there's truly something for everyone in this season. We'd love for you to find a group that fits your schedule and your season of life.

Learn more about our Women's Growth Group offerings [here](#).

Learn more about our Men's Growth Group offerings [here](#).

For more information, contact [Mary Splawn](#) or [Mark Rector](#).



### Meet Our New Member: Noah Piede

Have you met Noah Piede? Noah joined our church on August 31. We hope you'll get to know him a little better through this latest "Meet Our New Member" blog, and that you'll have the chance to connect with him one Sunday in worship.

[Read More](#)



## Meet Our New Members: The Pettell Family

Have you met Annie and Collin Pettell? They joined our church on December 14. We hope you'll get to know them a little better through this latest "Meet Our New Member" blog, and that you'll have the chance to connect with them one Sunday in worship.

[Read More](#)

A graphic with a blue background. On the left, the text "MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT" is at the top, followed by "ATHAR Ministries" in a large serif font, and "THE MIDDLE EAST" at the bottom. On the right, there is a large photo of a group of people sitting in rows, and a smaller inset photo in the bottom right corner showing a woman in a purple shirt.

## Mission Partner of the Week

Formerly known as Arab Women Today (AWT) and the Arab Center for Cultural Training and Service, ATHAR stands for **A**cts of love, **T**ransforming lives, **H**ealed by grace, **A**nchored in Christ, and **R**eaching communities. Under the leadership and guidance of Ruba and Nabeeh Abassi, ATHAR will continue to equip church leaders, support church planting work, and foster discipleship particularly among young people in the Arabic-speaking world. For more information on ATHAR, please contact **Sarah Rich**.

## Minister On Call

January 16-18

## NEW Project 119 Bible Reading Plan

This winter and spring, we'll be walking through Romans and selections from the Psalms and will memorize two sets of verses from Romans. On Sundays, we will take a break to read and reflect on Sunday's sermon text, and during the weeks of Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, and Easter Week, we will take a break for specially selected readings following along with the church season.

**Listen to the daily podcast:**

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

[Download the NEW Project 119 Reading Plan](#)

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## Generosity Scorecard

**1/12/26**

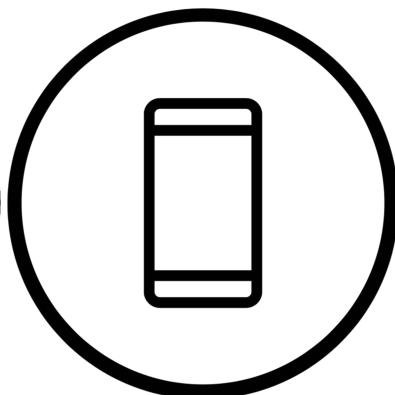
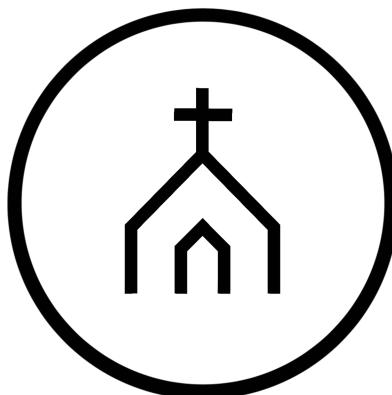
2026 Ministries Budget: \$4,096,274

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| Weekly Receipts               | \$46,919         |
| Average Weekly Budget         | <u>\$78,775</u>  |
| Weekly Net                    | -\$31,856        |
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| YTD Receipts, includes prepay | \$264,393        |
| YTD Budget                    | <u>\$311,312</u> |
| YTD Net                       | -\$46,919        |

Remaining receipts required to achieve annual budget: \$3,831,881

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## Ways to Give



**CASH/CHECK**

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

**ONLINE**

[Give online now.](#)

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