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## Churchwide Updates: A Different Approach to Deacon Selection

Pastor's Blog | Dr. Wayne Splawn | March 4, 2026

Deacons have been an important part of the ministry of Mountain Brook Baptist Church from its inception. As is the case with all Baptist churches, we believe deacons have an important role to play in providing service and leadership in our church.

During my time on staff at our church, I have been grateful for the faithful men and women God has called to serve as deacons. I am especially grateful to everyone who has answered the call to serve as a deacon during my time as your Senior Minister. I regularly leave our monthly Deacon meetings thanking God that such faithful and capable men and women surround other staff members and me.

[Read More](#)

[Deacon Nominations](#)

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## THIS SUNDAY

March 15, 2026 (Fourth Sunday in Lent)

# WHAT CHRIST HAS ACCOMPLISHED

A LENTEN MINISERIES

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

Dr. Wayne Splawn | “From Death to Life” | Ephesians 2:1-10

*Theme:* We were dead in our sin. But, God has made us alive together with Christ.

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

*Charles Carpenter Pitts III*

*Parents: Rachel and Charlie Pitts*

*There will be a Baptism in the Contemporary Service this Sunday:*

*Payton Michael Ahlemeyer*

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## NEWS & EVENTS

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### Spring Serve Day Update

Our Spring Serve Day, originally scheduled for March 14, has been canceled and will be rescheduled for a later date. We look forward to sharing the new date soon and hope you will plan to join us when it is announced.

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## Wednesday Night Activities: March 18

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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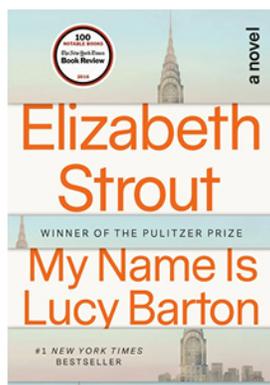
### *Menu for Wednesday, March 18:*

*Adults & Children:* Breakfast for dinner (eggs, bacon, grits, biscuits, gravy, cinnamon rolls)

*\*Adult Salad:* No special salad this week

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](#)



**Third Monday Book Club**  
**March 16 | 12 p.m. | Conference Room**

Join us as we discuss our March selection, *My Name Is Lucy Barton* by Elizabeth Strout—a moving novel about a writer who reflects on her complicated childhood during a hospital visit, exploring themes of family, memory, and forgiveness.

*If you'd like to read ahead, plan to join us this spring:*

April: *Buckeye* by Patrick Ryan

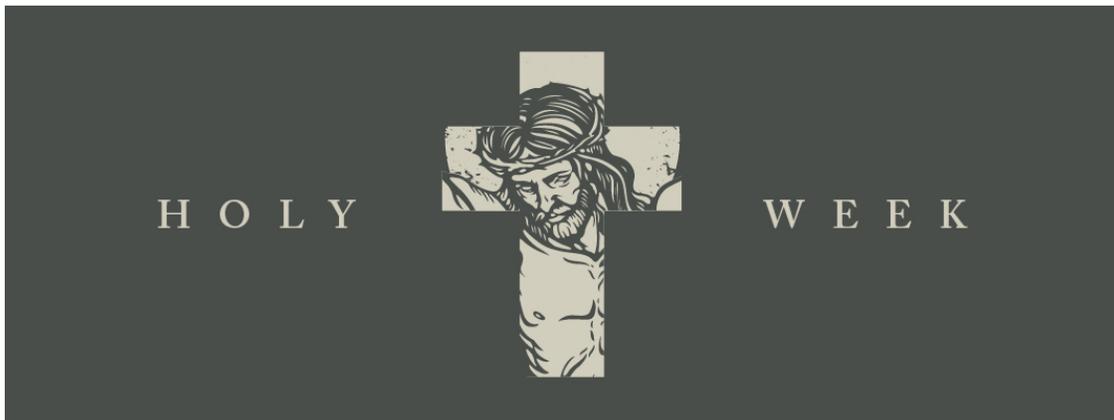
May: *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan

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## 2026 Easter Lilies

We decorate our Sanctuary with Easter lilies each Easter. To give an Easter lily in someone's honor or memory, email [Barbara Morgan](mailto:Barbara.Morgan). Cost is \$25 each and deadline to order is Friday, March 20.

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## Holy Week Services

**March 30-April 1 | 7-7:30 a.m. | Chapel Music Suite**

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, March 29. In addition to our Maundy Thursday service on April 2 and Easter Sunday services on April 5, we also invite you to attend our weekday services.

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (March 30-April 1) of Holy Week we will gather in the Chapel Music Suite for a short morning service. **Aubrey Miller, pastor of Faith Church**, will be our guest preacher. Following the service, we'll have breakfast options available for you to grab as you leave for work or school. Registrations are encouraged so we can make plans for food.

[Register for Breakfasts](#)

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## Journey to the Cross for Families Wednesday, April 1 | 5-7 p.m. | Heritage Hall

Join us for an interactive family experience to reflect on the life of Jesus and the events that led up to his crucifixion and resurrection. We will enjoy crafts, dinner, prayer stations, music, and more. Registrations are encouraged so we can make plans for food.

[Register for Journey to the Cross](#)

Want to be a part of Journey to the Cross? As families walk through the story of Holy Week—visiting the Marketplace, sharing a meal, and participating in prayer and worship—your help allows parents to fully experience this meaningful time alongside their children. Your presence helps make this special evening possible for our families.

[Sign Up to Volunteer](#)



## Maundy Thursday April 2 | 6:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

**Ethan McVay** will preach at MBBC's Maundy Thursday service and we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. the Sanctuary Choir will present composer K. Lee Scott's four-movement

work, “*The Suffering Servant*,” and will be accompanied by a string quintet. **Childcare for 2K and under will be provided.**

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## **Good Friday Service & Lunch** **April 3 | 12 p.m. | Sanctuary & Heritage Hall**

**Dr. Wayne Splawn** will preach at this year's Good Friday Service. Following the service, lunch will be served in Heritage Hall. Registrations are encouraged so we can make plans for food. Childcare for 2K and under will be provided.

***Good Friday Lunch Menu Catered by Eugene's Hot Chicken:***  
Fried catfish or fried chicken tenders (gluten-free chicken option available),  
macaroni & cheese, slaw, baked beans, cookies

[Register for Good Friday Lunch & Childcare](#)

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## **Easter Sunday Services** **Sunday, April 5**

Join us for Easter at Mountain Brook Baptist Church! Please note a special schedule to accommodate larger crowds. Sunday School will not meet.

### **6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Hope Community Church (no registration required)**

A brief service with Easter hymns, Scripture, and a short reflection from Jacob Simmons, in partnership with St. Peter's Anglican Church and Hope Community Church

### ***Sanctuary Services (registration requested)***

**8 a.m. Contemporary Worship**

**9:30 & 11 a.m. Traditional Worship**

*Please register for Sanctuary services (praise band, choir, and orchestra do not need to register). Register online or call the church office at 205-871-0331. Be sure to register children if childcare is needed.*

[Register for 8 a.m. Contemporary Service](#)

[Register for 9:30 a.m. Traditional Service](#)

[Register for 11 a.m. Traditional Service](#)

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## **Mission Partner of the Week**

Zsolt Novak planted and now pastors B18 Church in Budapest, Hungary after previously pastoring in Romania for several years. B18 is an intergenerational and diverse church that seeks to reach all people for the sake of the gospel of Jesus. B18 has grown to 250 people on an average Sunday and is seeing more people consider and come to church who previously had no faith or religious background. Most recently, B18 has seen an increased engagement and growth with college students and young adults from across the city. For more information about their ministry, contact [Sara Newell](#).



## **The Holy Smokes at The Exeptional Foundation's Chili Cook-Off**

Thank you for cheering on MBBC's Holy Smokes as they competed in the The Exceptional Foundation's annual Chili Cook-Off last Saturday, March 7. They claimed a spot in the coveted "Top 16" Finals! Go Holy Smokes!

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## Minister On Call

March 13-15

Kely Hatley - 205.249.7437

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## 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 Project 119 Reading Plan](#)

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## Generosity Scorecard

3/11/26

2026 Ministries Budget: \$4,096,274

Weekly Receipts	\$63,887
Average Weekly Budget	<u>\$78,775</u>
Weekly Net	-\$14,888
YTD Receipts, includes prepays	\$1,006,409
YTD Budget	<u>\$787,745</u>
YTD Net	\$218,664

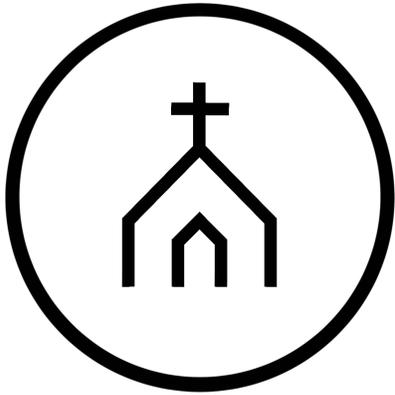
Remaining receipts required to achieve annual budget: \$3,089,865

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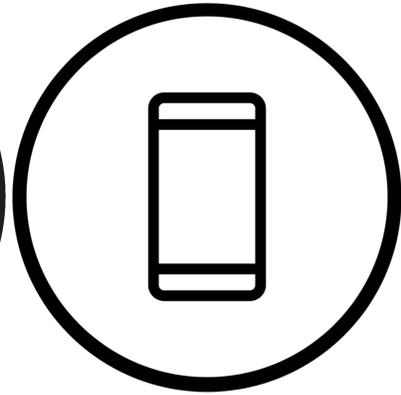
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Attn: Debbie Hix  
3631 Montevallo Rd S, 35213.



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