

SEPTEMBER 10, 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.

Organ Prelude

Christopher Henley

Shall We Gather at the River?
arr. Sam Batt Owens

Call to Worship

Sanctuary Choir

O Be Joyful
by Joseph Haydn

O be joyful! Sing and rejoice before the Lord, sing and rejoice before the Lord: give thanks, give thanks unto him that reigneth forever. For his mercy reacheth unto the heav'n's and his faithfulness unto the clouds.

It is thou, Lord, that commandest the waters, that commandest the waters, and that rulest, that rulest the sea. Oh, let not my foes triumph over me.

Blessed forever; blessed be God the Lord in all places of his dominion. He is good and gracious, showing mercy unto them that call, that call on his holy name. His excellent majesty shall last forever and ever.

*Opening Sentences of Worship

Kely Hatley and Congregation

Leader: The Lord be with you,

People: and also with you.

Leader: People of God, open your eyes!

People: Surely the Lord is in this place! For this is none other than the house of God, a meeting place for God and His people.
Let's worship God together. *(based on Genesis 28:16-17)*

*Hymn of Praise No. 366

Congregation

O God Beyond All Praising
THAXTED

*Invocation and Welcome to Worshipers

Joel Burks

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Wayne Splawn

***Offertory Hymn No. 667**

Congregation

As Saints of Old Their First Fruits Brought
FOREST GREEN

Offertory Reading

Joel Burks

Romans 6:23 (NIV)

²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Mission Update and Prayer

Joel Burks

Backpack Buddies

Backpack Buddies provides weekend meals for students struggling with food insecurity at Grantswood Community School. Each year, Grantswood Community School has anywhere from 60–70 students that will not receive meals at their homes over the weekends. Volunteers and churches provide grocery bags with various foods that are then distributed to each student every Friday. The partnership between teachers, lunchroom staff, churches, and volunteers has helped students meet one of their most pressing needs. For more information about their ministry, contact Maria Bellot (bellotmaria@yahoo.com).

***We Present Our Offerings to God No. 706**

Congregation

The Doxology
Old 100th (altered)

(Children 3K–5K can meet Mrs. Sharon in the back of the Sanctuary to go to Preschool Worship following the Doxology.)

The Reading of God's Word

Joel Burks

Jeremiah 9:23–24

²³ This is what the Lord says: “Let not the wise boast of their wisdom, or the strong boast of their strength, or the rich boast of their riches, ²⁴ but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight,” declares the Lord.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending
by Lloyd Larson

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store: nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door, gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one. Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone; born with talents make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred; ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the Gospel Word. Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call, healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all. Amen!

***Affirmation of Faith**

Joel Burks and Congregation

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius

Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. The third day he rose from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and now sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whom he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and everlasting life. Amen.

Message

Wayne Splawn

“Don’t Be Foolish”

Luke 12:13-21
pg. 737 (pew Bible)

***Hymn of Response No. 499**

Congregation

I Surrender All
SURRENDER

The Communion of Christ With His Church

(If you have gluten allergies, a tray of gluten-free wafers has been placed in the Narthex on the credenza. Please take one to your seat so you may participate.)

We Receive the Bread and Cup

***The Exchange of the Peace of Christ**

Wayne Splawn

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(Please greet one another saying: “The peace of Christ to you.” / “And also with you.”)

Closing Words

Wayne Splawn

***Choral Benediction**

Sanctuary Choir

A Gaelic Blessing
by John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you. Deep peace of the flowing air to you. Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Deep peace of the shining stars to you. Deep peace of the gentle night to you, moon and stars pour their healing light on you. Deep peace of Christ, of Christ, the Light of the world to you. Deep peace of Christ to you.

Organ Postlude

Christopher Henley

Toccata
by John Weaver

*Congregation standing

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

Prayer List

BIRTHS

Mary English Baumhauer (parents Joyce and John Daly Baumhauer, grandparents Sue and Jim Ratliff, great grandmother Joyce Ratliff)
Josephine "Josie" Keahey Kaczmarek (parents Anna Beth and Jimmy Kaczmarek, grandparents Betsy and Stan Hewlett)
Isabel "Izzy" Anne Rich (parents Leslie and Josh Rich)

IN LOVING MEMORY

Dr. John Richard "Dick" Bruhn (grandfather of Mitchell Bruhn)
Dr. Joe O. Lewis
Lamar White
Elouise Williams

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 15-17

Ethan McVay – (251) 214-3592

PROJECT 119 BIBLE READING PLAN

Sunday, September 10 - Saturday, September 16

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

To give online, visit mbbc.org/give.



TEXT

Text STOREHOUSE to 73256.

This Week

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship | Sanctuary
- 10 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study
- 10 a.m. Discover MBBC Welcome Breakfast
- 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship | Sanctuary

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 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 13

- 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 14

- 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. ACTIVE Christian Living | Program & Luncheon | Heritage Hall

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17


- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship | Sanctuary
- 10 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study
- 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship | Sanctuary


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


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