

SEPTEMBER 17, 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

Be Thou My Vision
arr. Larry Visser

Call to Worship

Sanctuary Choir

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
arr. Thurlow T. Steffy

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation; O my soul, praise him, for he is my health and salvation; all ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him; all that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again. Gladly we ever adore him!

*Opening Responsive Invocation

Kely Hatley and Congregation

Leader: The Lord be with you,

People: and also with you.

Leader: Praise God from the heavens.

People: Praise him from the skies above!

Leader: Praise God, angels and all the host of heaven.

People: Praise him, sun and moon, and shining stars!

Leader: Praise God, all creatures great and small.

People: Praise him, animals and birds, reptiles and fish!

Leader: Praise God, kings of the earth and people everywhere.

People: Praise him, men and women, young and old!

Leader: Let all the earth bring praise to the Lord, at whose word creation came into being.

People: We gather to praise and worship our God!

(adapted from Psalm 148)

*Hymn of Praise No. 337

Congregation

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
LAUDA ANIMA (Andrews)

***Invocation and Welcome to Worshipers** **Ethan McVay**

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer **Wayne Splawn**

***Offertory Hymn No. 505** **Congregation**

Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone
MAITLAND

Offertory Reading **Ethan McVay**

Romans 8:32 (NIV)

³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

Mission Emphasis and Prayer **Mark Rector**

Fall Service Day

On Saturday, October 7 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m., we invite you to come to MBBC and serve alongside your church family as we prepare the building for the upcoming construction in January. We need your help cleaning and organizing various areas of the church, as well as hauling old and unused items to the trash. We will also be packing Christmas backpacks and stockings for children in need this upcoming Christmas season. Bring your family, enjoy Chick-Fil-A breakfast, and help get our church building ready for construction as we enter into this season of Renewal! You can register online via Realm or you can email Mark Rector(mark@mbbc.org).

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

The Doxology
Old 100th (altered)

(All children are invited to meet Mrs. Sharon at the front of the Sanctuary during The Doxology for the Children's Message. Children 3K-5K will go to Preschool Worship following the Children's Message.)

Children's Message **Sharon Howard**

The Reading of God's Word **Ethan McVay**

Matthew 16:24-27

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem **Sanctuary Choir**

Take Up Thy Cross
by Austin C. Lovelace

"Take up thy cross," the Savior said, "If thou wouldst my disciple be; deny thyself, the world forsake, and humbly follow after me."

Take up thy cross; let not its weight fill thy weak spirit with alarm; his strength shall bear thy spirit up, and brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.

Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame; nor let thy foolish pride rebel; thy Lord for thee the cross endured, to save thy soul from death and hell.

Take up thy cross and follow Christ; nor think till death to lay it down;
for only he who bears the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown!

***Affirmation of Faith**

Ethan McVay 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

"Count the Cost"

Luke 14:25-32
pg. 739 (pew Bible)

***Hymn of Response No. 491**

Congregation

Wherever He Leads I'll Go
FALLS CREEK

Closing Words

Wayne Splawn

***Choral Benediction**

Sanctuary Choir

God Be with You till We Meet Again
by William G. Tomer

God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again. Till
we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet; till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

Organ Postlude

Christopher Henley

Peaen
by Michael McCabe

*Congregation standing

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Prayer List

BIRTHS

Mary English Baumhauer (parents Joyce and John Daly Baumhauer, grandparents Sue and Jim Ratliff, great grandmother Joyce Ratliff)

IN LOVING MEMORY

Dr. Joe O. Lewis

Lamar White

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 22-24

Mary Splawn – (205) 834-3205

PROJECT 119 BIBLE READING PLAN

Sunday, September 17 - Saturday, September 23

Please visit mbbc.org/project119 for this week's readings.

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

For the full list of our church staff, please see mbbc.org/staff.

This Week

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship | Sanctuary
- 10 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study
- 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship | Sanctuary
- 5 p.m. Students | Chapel Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- 12 p.m. 3rd Monday Book Club | Conference Room
- 6 p.m. Deacons' Executive Committee Meeting | Conference Room
- 7 p.m. Deacons' Meeting | Heritage Hall

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- 6:30 a.m. Men | Sharpen Up Breakfast | Heritage Hall
- 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 20

- 3 p.m. Cooks On A Mission | Pick Up
- 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 21

- 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. Mellow Brook Singers | Lunch | Heritage Hall
- 5 p.m. ACTIVE Christian Living | Virginia Samford Theatre

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- 6 p.m. Parents' Night Out | MBBC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship | Sanctuary
- 10 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study
- 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship | Sanctuary
- 5 p.m. Students | Chapel Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room

Ways to Give



IN PERSON

Place your gift in the designated spot in the Narthex.



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