

SEPTEMBER 24, 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

Andante from *Organ Sonata No. 4*
arr. Alexandre Guilmant

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 Sentences of Worship

Kely Hatley and Congregation

Leader: The Lord be with you,

People: and also with you.

Leader: Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt God's name together.

People: We will bless the Lord at all times; God's praise will always be on our lips.

Leader: When we wander afar, God welcomes us back.

People: When we cry out in despair, God hears and delivers us from all our troubles.

Leader: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

People: Happy are we when we take refuge in God's care.

(based on Psalm 34)

*Hymn of Praise No. 354

Congregation

Praise Him! Praise Him!
JOYFUL SONG

*Invocation and Welcome to Worshipers

Mark Rector

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Wayne Splawn

Offertory Hymn*Congregation**

Ring the Bells of Heaven
RING THE BELLS

Ring the bells of heaven! There is joy today, for a soul, returning from the wild! See, the father meets him out upon the way, welcoming his weary, wand'ring child.

Refrain: Glory! Glory! How the angels sing; Glory! Glory! How the loud harps ring! 'Tis the ransomed army, like a mighty sea, pealing forth the anthem of the free.

Ring the bells of heaven! There is joy today, for the wand'rer now is reconciled. Yes, a soul is rescued from his sinful way, and is born anew a ransomed child. **Refrain**

Ring the bells of heaven! Spread the feast today! Angels, swell the glad triumphant strain! Tell the joyful tidings, bear it far away! For a precious soul is born again! **Refrain**

Offertory Reading**Mark Rector**

Romans 12:6-9 (NIV)

⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. ⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

Mission Update and Prayer**Mark Rector****Serving You Ministries**

The mission of Serving You Ministries is to provide hope to families in the greater Birmingham area by providing sustainable solutions to challenges they face. They assist in education, child care, job readiness, safe and affordable housing, health and nutrition, and crisis relief through their hub partnerships. For more information, email Drew Smith (adsmith4@gmail.com).

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****Mark Rector**

Luke 19:1-10 (NIV)

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ² A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³ He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

⁵ When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today."

⁶ So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

⁷ All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."⁸ But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

⁹ Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

Rescue the Perishing
arr. David Schwoebel

Sanctuary Choir

Rescue the perishing, care for the dying, snatch them in pity from sin and the grave: weep o’er the erring one, lift up the fallen, tell them of Jesus the mighty to save.

Though they are slighting him, still he is waiting, waiting the penitent child to receive. Plead with them earnestly, plead with them gently, he will forgive if they only believe,

Refrain: Rescue the perishing, care for the dying; Jesus is merciful, Jesus will save!

Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter, feelings lie buried that grace can restore; touched by a loving heart, wakened by kindness, chords that are broken will vibrate once more! ***Refrain***

Rescue the perishing, duty demands it; strength for thy labor the Lord will provide; back to the narrow way patiently win them, tell the poor wanderer a Savior has died. ***Refrain***

*Affirmation of Faith

Mark Rector 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

“More Joy”
Luke 15:1-7
pg. 740 (pew Bible)

Wayne Splawn

*Hymn of Response No. 614

Since Jesus Came Into My Heart
McDANIEL

Congregation

Closing Words

Wayne Splawn

*Choral Benediction

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

Sanctuary Choir

Organ Postlude

Preludium Festivum from *Organ Sonata No. 1*
by René-Louis Becker

Christopher Henley

*Congregation standing

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

Prayer List

IN LOVING MEMORY

Lory Bolen Whitaker (sister of Sandy Ballard)

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 29-OCTOBER 1

Joel Burks – (256) 347-5761

PROJECT 119 BIBLE READING PLAN

Sunday, September 24 - Saturday, September 30

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.

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This Week

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

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
- 6 p.m. Students | The Brook | Heritage Hall

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 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 27

- 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 28

- 9 a.m. Cooks On A Mission | Cook Day
- 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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 9 a.m. Cooks On A Mission | Cook Day

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship | Sanctuary
- 10 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study
- 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship | Sanctuary
- 3:30 p.m. New Member Social | Hudson Hall
- 5 p.m. Students | Chapel Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room

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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