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55+ MINISTRY

ACTIVE Christian Living

Love in Action

There is a place for you to serve! Join your church family in showing God's love through these upcoming opportunities:

Friday, Feb 20 – The Leaf Food Pantry

Help Faith Baptist Church prepare for their weekend shoppers. Volunteers are needed at 8:30 am to stock pantry shelves. Afterward, the group will enjoy lunch together. To sign up, please contact Kely Hatley.

Saturday, March 14 – Spring Serve Day

Join us for a day of impact with our local mission partners! For those seeking a less strenuous way to help, we will be transitioning church records from the "Yellow Missionary House" to the new Archive Room in Heritage Hall. We need volunteers with a passion for preserving MBBC's history to help categorize these materials. This is an ongoing project—contact Pat Ferguson to get involved.



(Ministry for Adults 55+)

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A Night of Musical Magic!

Mark your calendars for a night of world-class harmony on Thursday, February 12, 2026. We are heading to the Cathedral of the Advent to witness the Grammy-nominated British sensation VOCES8.

Known globally for their breathtaking a cappella performances, VOCES8 brings an unparalleled level of musical expression to the stage. Whether you're a choral enthusiast or just love a good melody, their "joy of singing" is truly infectious.

Don't just take our word for it—critics and audiences alike have been mesmerized by their performances:

- "Flawless and Cultured:" Critics have praised their singing as "faultless," noting a "singular blend of musicianship and style" that makes every concert an entertaining evening.
- "Transcendently Beautiful:" One reviewer described their live performance as a sacred transcendence where the sound "pulled the listener completely into the music".
- "Setting the Bar High:" After a recent cathedral performance, reviewers noted they have set the bar very high for visiting ensembles, delivering a "superlative" and "fantastic" experience.
- "One Brain, Eight Voices:" Their precision is often described as performing as one unit, with a blend and intonation that is "absolutely splendid".

Those who register to ride the mini-bus will meet at the church at 6:15 pm for a group departure at 6:30 pm. The concert is at 7:00 pm at the Cathedral of the Advent. The cost is \$27.50 per person.

For those who prefer to drive separately, street parking might be available, but spaces can be limited. You will need to go early to find a spot.

Don't miss this chance to hear one of the world's most versatile vocal ensembles right here in Birmingham. Register in Realm or call the church to make your reservation. Reservations close Wednesday, February 11.



ACTIVE Monthly Luncheons



Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Dr. Sadie Goodman & Dr. Kely Hatley

Pianist: Anna Lu Hemphill

Lunch: 11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$35 per person

Birmingham Country Club

Reservations close Thursday, February 6

Fall in love with familiar romantic songs all over again this Valentine's Day! We are pulling out all the stops to create an enchanting celebration for 2026. Join us for an afternoon of delicious food, cherished company, and a spectacular musical encore designed to sweep you off your feet. Whether you're celebrating with a sweetheart or a group of dear friends, this luncheon is the perfect way to share the love. Mark your calendar and secure your place at the table—we can't wait to celebrate with you! Make your reservations today.



Thursday, March 12, 2026

Richard Compton

Lunch: 11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$10

Heritage Hall

Reservations close Monday, March 9

Get ready to embark on a thrilling voyage as we welcome Richard Compton this March. He will share a legendary, true-life tale from 1965—a “Huck Finn” style escape that defines the spirit of youth. Imagine the scene: Richard and three daring friends building their own raft and drifting into an unforgettable journey that has remained a vivid part of his life for decades. This isn't just a story; it's a real-life escapade waiting to be told! Don't miss this chance to hear Dick recount his amazing adventure firsthand.



Thursday, April 9, 2026

Josh Reeves, Ph.D.

Lunch: 11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$10

Heritage Hall

Reservations close Monday, April 6

Josh Reeves, Ph.D., serves as the Director of the Samford Center for Science and Religion and is a faculty member in the Department of Biblical and Religious Studies at Samford University. A distinguished scholar in the intersection of faith and technology, he holds an M.Phil. from the University of Cambridge and a Ph.D. from Boston University. His expertise makes him a leading voice on the ethical and theological implications of Artificial Intelligence, as he explores how emerging technologies challenge and inform traditional understandings of human nature and divine providence. Come to learn and to ask your questions. This topic is and will continue to impact our world.

Monthly Day Trips

Thursday, February 12

VOCES8

Location: Cathedral of the Advent
2017 6th Ave N, Birmingham, AL 35203

Concert: 7:00 pm

Cost: \$27.50 per person

Reservations close Monday, February 11.

Grammy-nominated British vocal ensemble VOCES8 tours globally, inspiring people through music and the joy of singing. They perform diverse repertory, both a cappella and with leading collaborators, promoting versatility and musical expression through performance and education.



Tuesday, March 10

Tour Earthborn Pottery

Location: 7575 Parkway Dr, Leeds, AL 35094

Tour: 10:00 am

Cost: \$5 per person plus lunch money

Depart Church at 9:30 am

Reservations will close Monday, March 9.

Earthborn Pottery is a family-owned, certified woman-owned business in Leeds, Alabama, renowned for producing durable, organic-inspired stoneware. Founded by master potter Tena Payne, the studio is famous for its "restaurant-tough" pieces featured in over 100 properties worldwide. The business remains family-driven; Payne works alongside her husband, children, and grandchildren.



Monday, April 20

Tour Southeastern Conference Office

Location: 2201 Richard Arrington Jr Blvd N

Tour: 10:00 am

Cost: Bring lunch money.

Depart Church at 9:30 am

Reservations will close Sunday, April 19.

While the Southeastern Conference (SEC) headquarters in Birmingham is primarily a professional office building rather than a public museum, fans often visit to view its lobby and commemorative displays. The office serves as the central administrative hub for the conference's 16 member institutions. We will be allowed to see the Command Center, where officials monitor live football games, and the Commissioner's office.



NBC 13 Tour - 1/20/2026



"I had a wonderful experience visiting the NBC TV station with our senior group. Learned a lot about the process of getting a program on air and got to watch a reporter doing the eleven o'clock news and weather. Thanks for our leader for planning these monthly trips."

Ina Faye Anderson





**Make Your
Reservations
TODAY!**

ACTIVITY SCALE

Level	Definition
	Easy: minimal walking
	Moderate: walk up to a mile
	Active: walk as much as two miles
	Challenging: spend most of the day on the go

Calendar At A Glance

- Mellow Brook Singers** - Rehearsals occurs each Thursday, Music Suite/Chapel, 10:30 a.m., Lunch follows in Heritage Hall, Spring Tour: May 4 - 8, Natchez, MS
- February Luncheon** - Tuesday, February 10, Birmingham Country Club, 11:30 a.m., Concert: Sadie Goodman, Kely Hatley and Anna Lu Hemphill, Cost: \$35, Valet Parking Available
- February Evening Trip** - Thursday, February 12, Cathedral of the Advent, 6:15 p.m., Concert: VOCES8, Cost: \$27.50
- February Love in Action** - Friday, February 20, Faith Baptist Church, Leaf Pantry, 910 9th St, Midfield, AL 35228; 8:30 a.m., Bring lunch money
- March Day Trip** - Tuesday, March 10; Tour Earthborn Pottery, 7575 Parkway Dr, Leeds, AL; Depart church at 9:30 a.m., Tour: 10:00 a.m.; Cost: \$5.00; Lunch - TBD
- March Luncheon** - Thursday, March 12, Heritage Hall, 11:30 a.m., Speaker: Richard Compton, Cost: \$10 per person
- March Love in Action** - Saturday, March 14, 8:30 a.m., Gather in Heritage Hall for light breakfast before getting your assignments.
- April Luncheon** - Thursday, April 9, Heritage Hall, 11:30 a.m., Speaker: Josh Reeves, Ph.D., Cost: \$10 per person
- April Day Trip** - Monday, April 20; Tour Southeastern Conference Office, 2201 Richard Arrington Jr Blvd N; Depart church at 9:30 a.m., Tour: 10:00 a.m.; Lunch - TBD

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Monthly Luncheons

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