



## Belonging Together

The church is at its best when all ages worship together. Modern life often separates us by age. Kids go to one place, and adults stay in another. Writer James K.A. Smith warns that this isolation hurts young people. He says children need to be part of the whole church family.

In his book **You Are What You Love**, Smith writes: “First, one of the best decisions we can make for the formation of our children is to enfold them in a congregation that is committed to historic Christian worship and multi-generational gathering.”

When we worship side by side, we build a stronger church. Children see that faith lasts a lifetime. Older members find new purpose in sharing their stories.

A healthy church is a family where every generation praises God together.

*James K.A. Smith, professor in philosophy, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Hull Endowment guest speaker February 1, 2026,*



(Ministry for Adults 55+)  
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## The Grand Burger Bingo Bash!

*By Joel Burks, Minister to Students*

In the Fall of 2024, I sat down with Ed Wells to talk about something that had been on my mind, namely, the starting of a new ministry team for our students. I told him that I wanted to call this team the Care Team and that I wanted them to connect, specifically, with other people within our church. We batted around some different ideas and then took the next year to put some of them into motion.

Ed and our students delivered care packages to church members. He attempted to set up and serve breakfast to a few select Sunday school classes, and they even wrote notes to people in the church. After that year Ed went off to seminary, and Joe Daniel took the reins for 2025/2026. At that point I decided that I wanted this team to just focus on one thing for the year: delivering ACTIVE Christian Living (ACL) visitation bags. Joe and his team of students mobilized more than 5 times during the school year to visit some of our dear members. It honestly has been such a sweet year.

I offered the team a chance to come up with something to do this Summer that would be fun and would be an opportunity to connect with more people. And so, with that in mind... we invite you to a cooperative MBBC Student Care Team and ACL Luncheon on June 30th from 11:30 a.m. till 1 p.m. We will meet in Heritage Hall. There'll be summer BINGO, hot dogs, hamburgers, and prizes for all.

Please register on Realm or call the church office (205)871-0331, and to come spend time with our students.



# Choir Brings Joy to Natchez



The Mellow Brook Singers enjoyed a wonderful spring tour to Natchez, Mississippi from May 4-8, 2026. They also enjoyed the rich history and warm hospitality of the historic river town. The trip combined meaningful music ministry with fun fellowship. It was an unforgettable week for everyone on the journey.

## Sharing Music and Smiles

The primary mission of the choir is to share the love of God by singing to others outside the walls of our church. During the tour, the group performed at local senior adult centers, retirement facilities and nursing homes. The choir sang uplifting 60's tunes, patriotic and Christian music. Members spent time talking with the Natchez residents after the concerts. The concerts brought bright smiles, happy tears, and clapping hands to the local seniors.

## Historic Tours and Delicious Meals

After we sang, the choir members ate lunch and then explored the beautiful sights of Natchez. The town is famous for its grand historic homes and Southern charm. The group toured stunning historic properties like Rosalie, Stanton Hall and the unique, unfinished Longwood. The singers walked along the high river bluff next to our hotel to see the sun set over the giant Mississippi River. The group enjoyed down-home Southern food and experienced several versions of bread pudding, a local dessert. Each night, the tired but happy singers returned to The Natchez Grand hotel above the Mississippi River to rest and relax.

## Come Sing With Us!

Did you miss out on the fun this time? You can be part of the next big adventure! The Mellow Brook Singers welcome anyone age 55 and up. You do not need any previous choir experience to join the group. We practice on Thursdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Hudson Hall from September through May.

In September join Mellow Brook Singers. Make new friends, lift your voice, and travel with us to spread God's love thru music!



# Upcoming Monthly Day Trips

**Friday, June 19**

## Bye Bye Birdie!

**Location:** Virginia Samford Theatre

2000 Rev. Abraham Woods, Jr. Blvd, Birmingham, AL 35203

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$50 per person

**Depart Church at 6:30 p.m.**



Put on your favorite blue suede shoes! We are heading to the wonderful Virginia Samford Theatre. We will see the hit musical play, **Bye Bye Birdie!** This show will take you right back to the fabulous 1950s. It is packed with lots of laughs, teenage drama, and great memories. You will hear catchy, famous songs that will have you tapping your toes in your seat. Get ready to sing along to favorites like *Put on a Happy Face* and *A Lot of Livin' to Do!* Seats are limited. Register using Realm or call the church (205)871-0331.

**Thursday, July 9, 2026**

## Alabama Holocaust Education Center

**Location:** 2100 Highland Avenue South

Suite 101, Birmingham, AL 352005-4002

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Cost:** \$10 per person (Donation)

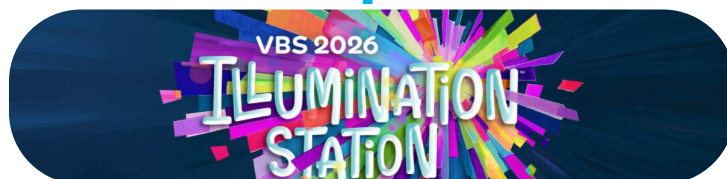
**Depart Church at 9:30 a.m.** Bring lunch money.



ALABAMA  
**HOLOCAUST  
EDUCATION  
CENTER**

The Alabama Holocaust Education Center (AHEC) in Birmingham, Alabama, is a place where history comes alive through the powerful stories of local Holocaust survivors. The AHEC offers a deeply moving and educational experience, serving as a reminder of the resilience of the human spirit and the importance of standing up against hatred. The center features engaging exhibits, a vast library, and educational programs that teach the lessons of the Holocaust to people of all ages. By exploring the personal accounts and historical artifacts preserved here, you will gain a deeper understanding of the past and be inspired to create a more just and compassionate world today. Register on Realm or call (205)871-0331.

# VBS 2026: Help Us Shine!



Get ready for the brightest week of the summer at Mountain Brook Baptist Church's VBS 2026! From June 8 to June 12, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., kids will dive into the theme of **Illumination Station**. They will discover how light shines, reflects, and reveals that Jesus is the light who brings hope to a dark world. The camp is open to children who have completed 3K (age 4 by 9/1/26) through completed 5th grade. Register your grandchildren or neighbors' children online today!

We also need your help to make this week shine. If you are available to assist in classes, treats, crafts, etc., contact Sharon Howard (sharon@mbbc.org).



**RESERVATIONS**  
Make Your  
Reservations  
TODAY!

**ACTIVITY SCALE**

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

**Calendar At A Glance**

- SPECIAL Summer Evening:**  
**June 19:** Friday, **Bye Bye Birdie**, Virginia Samford Theatre, 2000 Rev. Abraham Woods, Jr. Blvd, Birmingham, AL 35203, Depart Church at 6:30 p.m, Starts: 7:30 p.m., \$50 per person
- June 30: Tuesday, Youth & ACL Luncheon**, Heritage Hall, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., BINGO, hot dogs, hamburgers, and prizes
- July 9: Thursday, Alabama Holocaust Education Center**, 2100 Highland Avenue South Suite 101 Birmingham, AL 35205-4002, Depart church at 9:30 a.m., Tour at 10:00 a.m., \$10 per person donation
- July 15-25, Canadian Rockies by Train**, ACTIVE group traveling with Collette

**Always REGISTER for EVENTS!** Use REALM or call the church, 205.871.0331.

**Opportunities for Prayer:**

- June 6-13: Builders for Christ Trip, Ebenezer Baptist Church in Logan, Ohio
- June 8-12: Vacation Bible School - Illumination Station
- June 20-27: Family Mission Trip to Orlando
- July 2-13: Youth Mission Trip to South Africa



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**FOUNDATION**

The Mountain Brook Baptist Church / James D. Moebes Foundation is delighted to provide financial support for the ministries, events, and activities of ACTIVE Christian Living.

If you would like to learn more about the foundation and how you can give to it, contact Baker Crow or Debbie Hix.

**ACTIVE Christian Living Service Teams**

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Larry & Claudette Bearden, Lowell & Redonda Broom, John & Sale Calhoun, Louise Gore, Jane Green, Clyde & Shirley McCain, Carol Perez

At-Home Visitation

Cecil Avery, Kathy Benton, Lowell & Redonda Broom, Alan & Retta Dean, Pat Ferguson, Jane Green, Anna Lu Hemphill, Edna Israel, Sandra Nesmith, Jean Vaughan

Day Trips

Sale Calhoun, John Calhoun, Louise Gore, Carol Perez, Charles Stover

Mailings/Birthdays

Cathy Benton, Charlene Chestang, Lisa Elliot, Pat Ferguson, Jane Green, Tallulah Hargrove, Lawson Hubert, Linda & Larry Moon, Barbara Patton, Mary Scott, Luanne Wall

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Monthly Luncheons

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