



November 8 Luncheon - Dr. Gary Furr Shades Mountain Air

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55+ MINISTRY

ACTIVE Christian Living

Dedicate

The act of officially saying that something (such as a piano) was created for a particular purpose (such as worship).

Merriam-Webster

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Christmas GALA 2018

It's time yet again for another Christmas Gala! In years past we have enjoyed such wonderful foods, delightful company of friends in a lovely setting, and fantastic entertainment from musical artists and an actor last year. This year we will again return to a musical guest for our entertainment. We will also be returning to our original location of Hudson Hall with its beautiful ambience providing a lush and elegant setting for our gathering at **6:00 PM, December 13. Tickets will be on sale before and after church services beginning November 11th for \$25 each.**

Back in April of this year, our 9 foot Steinway concert grand piano, graciously donated to the church by Harold and Elouise Williams, was shipped to Lindeblad Piano Restorations in New Jersey to undergo an extensive piano rebuilding project. The piano was in need of some major work and we trusted this company. The work is now finished, and the piano is to be returned this month for regular service in worship. Usually when doing extensive work like this on an instrument it is customary to offer a dedication recital once the instrument is returned. It was this custom which led us to ask and secure **Anna Williams**, daughter of Harold and Elouise, **to deliver a piano Christmas concert** as both our entertainment and rededication of our instrument to the Lord.

Anna is an accomplished pianist and arranger/composer of music who has served First Baptist Church, Montgomery for many years. She is currently the pianist of our sister church, Brookwood Baptist, here in Mountain Brook. Anna is preparing a delightful program of a few classical pieces as well as lush Christmas arrangements that we will know and love. She plans to bring a few guest instrumentalists to help her. The evening is going to be spectacular and is not to be missed! As always, our own **Cooks On a Mission** will be catering our meal and it proves to be very delicious! **We can seat 104 for dinner so hurry today** to purchase your tickets. In past years we have had around 125 to attend. Don't miss out!



Anna Williams



Because We Have Been Given Much

Each of you must consider how you will support our church through your service and financial gifts in 2019.

As the congregation celebrates 75 years of ministry and worship in Birmingham and around the world, you should prayerfully reflect and complete your commitment card and return it to the church office.

Make a decision to support your church and make a difference!

Sacred Space and Sacred Story



A beautiful picture book, *Sacred Space and Sacred Story*, was released in September to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Mountain Brook Baptist Church.

Each book costs \$20.00. Purchase one for yourself and consider purchasing copies as Christmas gifts for family members or friends. It will make a perfect gift.

Trips for ACTIVE Christian Living



Tuesday, November 13, 2018

ORBIX Hot Glass Ft. Payne, AL

Depart church - 8:45 am
Cost: \$38 per ornament plus lunch money

Since 2002, Orbix Hot Glass has distinguished itself by its refined handmade glassware and its connections with those who appreciate clean designs, dependable service, and excellent quality in a small studio and gallery business.

the owners, met and spent many days scaling the steep cliffs, or paddling the turbulent waters. Evidence of this landscape whispers through the Orbix collection, as it always remains a backdrop of the studio.

Orbix resides on 26 acres bordering Little River Canyon National Preserve, just a few miles from where Cal and Christy Bree,

Spend an afternoon learning from the masters at ORBIX and make your own glass blown ornament.



Sunday, December 9, 2018

Classic On Noble Anniston, AL

Depart church at 11:15 am
Lunch Buffet: 12:30 pm
Cost: \$32.00 plus taxes and tip

If you have never eaten at Classic On Noble in Anniston, you are in for a real treat. Several ACTIVE members experienced this wonderful restaurant after a day trip. We discovered that they have a wonderful Sunday lunch buffet.

This trip will be limited to 25 people. The bus and van will leave after Bible Study and head for a Christmas meal that you will not forget!



Saturday, December 22, 2018

The King & I Birmingham, AL

Depart church at 11:15 am
SHOW TIME: 2:00 pm
Cost: \$64.50 plus lunch money

One of Rodgers & Hammerstein's finest works, *The King and I* boasts a score which features such beloved classics as "Getting To Know You," "I Whistle a Happy Tune," "Shall We Dance" and "Something Wonderful."

pestuous relationship between the King of Siam and Anna Leonowens, a British schoolteacher whom the modernist King, in an imperialistic world, brings to Siam to teach his many wives and children.

Set in 1860's Bangkok, the musical tells the story of the unconventional and tem-

The King and I won four 2015 Tony Awards® including BEST Revival of a Musical. Lunch will be at Niki's West.



ACTIVE Christian Living Luncheons

November 8, 2018



Shades Mountain Air Lunch: 11:30 am

Cost: \$6

Dr. Gary Furr has been playing, writing and singing since age 9. He has played with Shades Mountain Air, a Birmingham acoustic-bluegrass band, since 1998.

In his vocation as a Baptist minister at Vestavia Hills Baptist Church, Dr. Furr has also been an adjunct professor and often

speaks and leads retreats and conferences. He is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and has the Ph.D. degree in religion from Baylor University. He is a published author, and has written both books and articles over the years.

January 10, 2019



Be Aware & Be Safe Lunch: 11:30 am

Cost: \$6

Officer Rozetha Burrow of the Mountain Brook Police Department will be our speaker. Officer Burrow has served in Mountain Brook for nine years. In May she was recognized as Employee of the Year for the Police Department. Her position is business liaison officer, but you know her better as one of our Sunday officers on duty to keep our church safe.

She will be leading us in considering how we can be safe in our community as we shop and travel around the city.

Safety cannot be taken for granted because there are unethical people who seek to gain from our desire to help others. Today we need to be aware and be careful.

MBBC Service Day - A Big Success

As others were going into the community doing painting, clean up, and networking in various places, there was a group in Hudson Hall doing crafts and packing backpacks and food bags.

The Cooks On A Mission provide Backpack Buddies filled with non-perishable food to needy children for their weekends. Members packed 400 bags of food. Others filled 144 new backpacks



with Christmas gifts, school supplies, health kits, and food. These backpacks will go to children along the Mississippi River for Christmas. This project is a national project that the WMU of Alabama supports.

There was another group creating 150 small Christmas decorations for nursing homes and retirement centers that the Mellow Brook Singers will hand deliver after their performances in November and December.

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ACTIVE COMMITTEE

Larry Bearden, Claudette Bearden, Sale Calhoun, Chris Clark, Rachel Hubbard, David Jackson, Sara Jackson, Nancy Lewis, Clyde McCain, Shirley McCain, Ann McGuire, Mike McGuire, Buddy Perez, Carol Perez

TEAMS

ANNUAL BIG TRIP:

Ina Faye Anderson, Janie Barnes, Peggy Holmes

AT HOME MINISTRY:

Brenda Atkins, Cecil Avery, Chris Clark, Retta Dean, Mary Kate Dyer, Herb Gannon, Toye Gannon, Anna Lou Hemphill, Rachel Hubbard, Joyce Johnson, Sue Watkins

DAY TRIPS:

Brenda Atkins, Cecil Avery, Janie Barnes, Sale Calhoun, Buddy and Carol Perez

DECORATING & SERVING:

Ina Faye Anderson, Janie Barnes, Jean Guthrie, Nancy Lewis, Ann McGuire, Mike McGuire

MAIL:

Brenda Atkins, Claudette Bearden, David Jackson, Emma Laura Patrick, Sue Watkins, June Whitlow

MISSIONS:

Pat Ferguson, June Whitlow

MONTHLY LUNCHEON:

Sale Calhoun, Clyde McCain, Shirley McCain, Buddy Perez, Carol Perez

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Claudia Bearden, Pat Ferguson

SERVING:

Ina Faye Anderson, Janie Barnes, Larry Bearden, Kay Formby, Peggy Holmes, Nancy Lewis, June Whitlow (Cashier)

TELECARE:

Brenda Atkins, Shirley Austin, June Whitlow



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

- **November Luncheon**- Thursday, November 8, Heritage Hall, \$6
11:30 am - Bluegrass Band led by Gary Furr, Pastor of Vestavia Hills Baptist Church
- **November Day Trip** - Tuesday, November 13, ORBIX Hot Glass, Ft Payne, Time TBA, Cost \$38 per ornament plus lunch money
- **Combined Thanksgiving Service & Luncheon** - Sunday, November 18, Service 10:00 am
- **December Day Trip** - Sunday, December 9, 11:15 am, Classic On Noble, Anniston, Cost: \$32 plus taxes and tip
- **Christmas GALA** - Thursday, December 13, 6:00 pm, Hudson Hall, Cost: \$25
- **December Day Trip** - Saturday, December 22, *The King & I*, BJCC, Cost: \$64.50 plus lunch money, Depart 11:15 am for Niki's West
- **Combined Service and Brunch Day** - Sunday, December 23, Service 10:00, Brunch 11:00 am
- **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** - Monday, December 24, 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm
- **Combined Service** - Sunday, December 30, Service 10:00 am
- **January Luncheon** - Thursday, January 10, Heritage Hall, \$6, 11:30 am - Be Aware Be Safe by Officer Rozetha Burrow, Mountain Brook Police
- **January Day Trip** - Tuesday, January 15, 9:00 am, Alabama Flight Museum, \$6 plus lunch money
- **February Luncheon** - Thursday, February 14, Heritage Hall, \$6, 11:30 am, TBA
- **February Day Trip** - Thursday, February 19, 8:00 pm, Alabama Theater, Piano Guys, \$99 per ticket

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