



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



"Go, Tell it on the Mountain (Brook)"

DR. DORTCH | SENIOR MINISTER | DECEMBER 13, 2018

Some news simply was never meant to be kept close to the vest, like the news of Christmas. From the very beginning, the very core of the Christmas message was an angelic announcement that a Savior was to be born "to all people." No one is to be left out ... [READ MORE](#)

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Reminder About 2019 Pledge Cards

Just a reminder, if you haven't yet filled out your 2019 Pledge Card, please take the time to prayerfully consider how God might be leading you to steward your financial resources in 2019. Our ministry theme for 2019 will be "Because We Have Been Given Much." This theme will focus our worship and service in the coming year as we celebrate our church's 75th Anniversary and will point us toward the future in terms of how we can continue to make our Vision 2020 plan become reality. If you currently have a recurring amount deducted through online giving, please go ahead and complete a pledge card to confirm your continued contribution. Please visit [this link](#) where you have the option to print a pledge card or select "Give Now" to pledge directly online.

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New Publication on Church Windows

If you're still looking for that perfect gift for someone, consider picking up a copy of *Sacred Space and Sacred Story: A Guide to the Windows of Mountain Brook Baptist Church*. In 2018, one of our 75th Anniversary subcommittees worked to redesign the previous publication on our church windows, and these new hardback copies would make a great present for someone else, and would be a wonderful addition to your own library or coffee table! Books can be picked up in the church office and the suggested donation is \$20 per copy.

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Contemporary Worship - "Glorious: A Telling of the Christmas Story"

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 | 11 A.M. | HERITAGE HALL

PRESENTED BY THE WORSHIP BAND, CHAPEL CHOIR, & OTHER GUESTS

The worship band and members of the congregation will present a telling of the Christmas story from early prophecies to the birth narrative through Scripture and music presented by special guest musicians. This has been a warmly inviting service that people of all ages enjoy attending. Bring a friend to experience the "glorious" wonder of the Advent season.

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Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

The church office will be closed on Tuesday, December 18 beginning at 11 a.m. for our staff Christmas celebration. We will reopen on Wednesday, December 19 at 8 a.m.

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Annual Presentation of the Living Nativity

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, & SATURDAY | DECEMBER 20, 21, & 22 |

6:45, 7:30, & 8:15 P.M.

Don't miss the 55th anniversary of the Living Nativity, presented by the students and children of our church! Each evening will feature three shows, along with cookies and hot chocolate to share with guests in our community. If you'd like to participate in one of the shows, simply come up to the Student Ministry Area to find a costume and join the heavenly host. If you can provide cookies for our hospitality tent, contact Sharon Howard (sharon@mbbc.org).

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New Sunday Schedule | Combined Worship

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

Beginning on Sunday, December 23 our new schedule for concurrent worship and Sunday Morning Bible Study will be:

- **Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:15 a.m.**
- **Concurrent Worship 10:30 a.m.**

Traditional Worship / Sanctuary

Contemporary Worship / Heritage Hall

On Sunday, December 23, we will have a Combined Worship Service in the Sanctuary, followed by our Christmas Brunch in Heritage Hall. Join us for delicious treats and a time of fellowship following worship.

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Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Services

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24 | 4 OR 6 P.M. | SANCTUARY

We invite you to come and hear the good news of Jesus Christ, which we celebrate with the remembrance of His birth during this special Christmas Eve service complete with beautiful décor, lovely music, and candlelight ambiance. This year, we will again offer two service times to allow for more participation by friends, family, and our community. Choose your hour and come with your family and make this time of worship a centerpiece of your family Christmas tradition.

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New Bible Reading Plan

BEGINS MONDAY, JANUARY 7

We are adopting a new Bible reading plan for 2019. The plan, *Foundations 260*, highlights foundational passages every believer should know and will begin on Monday, January 7. Our children, students, and adults are encouraged to follow this plan. You may access the plan for free online or utilize a Bible reading app. You may also purchase a *Foundations 260* book in the church office for \$10. In addition to the daily readings, the book contains a brief devotional and space to record journal entries. Books designed for adults, children, and youth are available for purchase in the church office. To access links to the free online reading plan and apps, visit www.mbbc.org/readingplan. We will continue to produce special Bible reading guides featuring staff devotionals during the seasons of Lent and Advent.

More Upcoming Events

To view a full listing of upcoming events, visit our [website](#) or download a copy of our [December Monthly Guide](#).

Generosity Scorecard

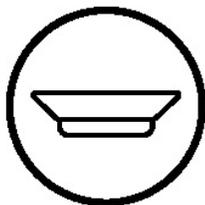
As of Sunday, December 9, 2018

2018 Ministries Budget: \$3,347,719.00

Weekly Receipts	\$93,906.50
Average Weekly Budget	<u>\$64,379.21</u>
Weekly Net	\$29,527.29
YTD Receipts (includes prepays and Generosity Sunday)	\$2,753,180.72
YTD Budget	<u>\$3,154,581.29</u>
YTD Net	-\$401,400.57

Remaining receipts required to achieve annual budget: \$594,538.28

Ways to Give



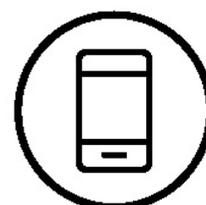
PLATES

Place your tithes and offerings in the offering plates during a worship service.



ONLINE

To give online, visit mbbc.org/give.



TEXT

To give by text, text STOREHOUSE to 73256.



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