



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



### "Optics Matter "

DR. DORTCH | SENIOR MINISTER | MARCH 14, 2019

A couple of weeks ago, I mentioned a Robert Frost poem in this column. Today, I'll share the one other poem I remember having to memorize back in high school, a poem by Joyce Kilmer, titled "Trees" You probably remember how the poem begins as well. "I think that I shall never see a poem as ... [READ MORE](#)

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### Updates from the Trip to Lebanon and Jordan

Dr. Dortch and four other church members, Brenda and Doral Atkins and Martha and Chervis Isom, have been on a trip to meet with some of our mission partners. Dr. Dortch has written several blogs about their experience. If you'd like to read about their time overseas, view our blog page and look for the Holy Land updates using [this link](#). To download all five updates as one single file, visit [this link](#).

# Trip to Lebanon & Jordan 2019

Five Messages from Doug Dortch



The Monastery at Petra



The Treasury at Petra



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The Beqaa Valley



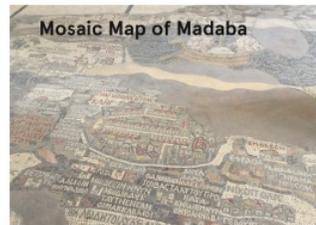
Jordan River



The Dead Sea



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Mosaic Map of Madaba

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## Sunday Worship Preview

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

This Sunday, March 17, Dr. Dortch is preaching in the Traditional Worship Service, and Kinleigh Freeman will be baptized in the Traditional Worship Service. Tim Sanderlin is preaching in the Contemporary Worship Service.

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## New Member/Guest Orientation

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 | 9:15 AM | CHAPEL

Are you a recent MBBC member or a guest who needs more information about how to join and become involved in our ministries? Join us for orientation led by the Ministerial Staff. Each staff member will tell about his or her ministry and how you can become involved. You will also have the opportunity to join MBBC that morning! If you can join us, please email Sharon Howard ([sharon@mbbc.org](mailto:sharon@mbbc.org)).

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## CBF Disaster Relief for Alabama Storm Victims

Our hearts are heavy for those who suffered in last Sunday's storms and tornadoes. We are partnering with Alabama CBF and collecting monetary donations to help with relief efforts. If you would like to make a contribution, you may give online and designate your gift toward Disaster Relief ([mbbc.org/give](http://mbbc.org/give)), or you may drop a check in the offering on Sunday (please write "Disaster Relief" in the memo line). We will also continue to monitor the situation in Lee County and will let you know if we determine it would be helpful to send a team from our church to take part in relief efforts.

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## Generosity Sunday

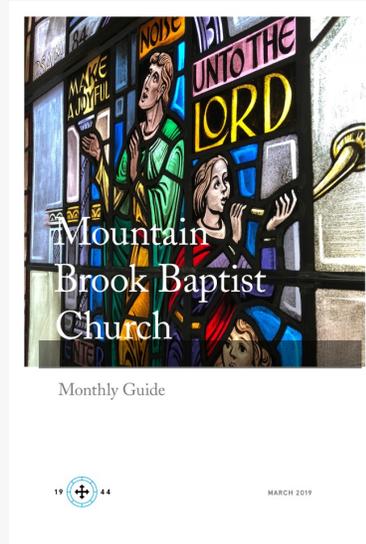
SUNDAY, APRIL 7

We will celebrate Generosity Sunday on Sunday, April 7. This special offering will go for a purpose above and beyond our generous support of our regular church ministry plan. This year, 100% of the proceeds will be given to missions. You will be hearing more about how you can participate in Generosity Sunday during worship this month. For more information about Generosity Sunday, check out last week's Pastor's Blog by Dr. Dortch by visiting [this link](#).

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## More Upcoming Events

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



## Generosity Scorecard

As of Sunday, March 10, 2019

2019 Ministries Budget: \$3,447,078.00

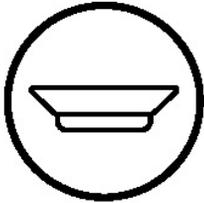
Weekly Receipts

\$34,643.71

Average Weekly Budget	<u>\$66,289.90</u>
Weekly Net	-\$31,646.19
YTD Receipts (includes prepaids)	\$811,783.63
YTD Budget	<u>\$662,899.54</u>
YTD Net	\$148,884.09

Remaining receipts required to achieve annual budget: \$2,635,294.37

### Ways to Give



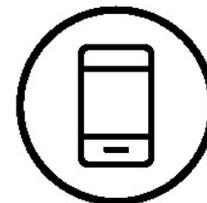
#### PLATES

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



#### ONLINE

To give online, visit [mbbc.org/give](http://mbbc.org/give).



#### TEXT

To give by text, text STOREHOUSE to 73256.



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