



Mountain Brook Baptist Church

Monthly Guide



“Where Did Summer Go?”

It may be a sign of my advancing age that the days seem to be passing far more frequently than I ever remember. But some of it could be that the summer break has shrunk from what it once was. The old schedule of three months has given way to 10 weeks so that it won't be long before teachers will be reporting and students will be gearing up for another semester. There's no use debating the pluses and minuses of the “abbreviated” summer break. It is what it is, another example of the inevitability of change.

What also cannot be debated is how our church needs to be gearing up for a new schedule of fall activities and opportunities. In particular, we'll resume our fall Wednesday schedule of Children's Missions and Music activities on August 22 and the church will hold a brief conference during both morning services on August 26 in order to approve Sunday Morning Bible Study teachers and Wednesday volunteers.

When I think back to my school days, I remember always feeling excited about getting back together with folk I only saw during the school year. The break from the routine was nice, but the prospect of new opportunities made leaving the summer behind seem not only more acceptable, but desirable.

We've had a great summer at MBBC. We've accomplished important ministry tasks and seen a good number of new faces come our way. But now is the time when we need to be gearing up for what a “new year” will bring.

I trust you got some rest over the last weeks and months, because when you look at the list of opportunities in this monthly guide, you'll surely see that there's much to look forward to. So, let this time be one of renewed commitment and preparation to take advantage of every activity to grow in your relationship with God and others. "Loving God and Living with Grace and Generosity" isn't just a seasonal emphasis, but one that we would do well to pursue every chance that comes our way.



Dr. Doug Dortch

SENIOR MINISTER



Events & Small Groups

CHURCHWIDE

Cooks On A Mission

Work Day on Friday, August 10 | Sale Day on Wednesday, August 15

Cooks On A Mission will be cooking on Friday, August 10, from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. in the MBBC kitchen. As usual, the ladies from The WellHouse will join us. In addition, our first food sale of the school year will be Wednesday, August 15, from 2-6:30 p.m. The menu this month includes Poppy Seed Chicken and Cuban Black Beans and Rice with Pork. Both come in two, four, and eight cup sizes for \$6, \$12, and \$24, respectively. All proceeds from the food sale go to support local missions, including The WellHouse, M-Power, Camp Seale Harris, and Children's Hospital, among other projects. We will also resume sponsoring Backpack Buddies at Helena Intermediate School, McAdory Elementary School, Grantswood Community School, and Tarrant Elementary School. We need your help in delivering to Helena Intermediate each week. Look for our most recent sign-ups on the church website (mbbc.org/cooks) or our Facebook page.

Midweek Dinner and Bible Study

Resumes Wednesday, August 15

Our Wednesday night dinners will resume on Wednesday, August 15 in Heritage Hall. Dinner is served beginning at 5 p.m. and Bible Study will begin at 6 p.m. Cooks On A Mission will also resume their monthly sales on Wednesday, August 15 from 2-6:30 p.m. Our Children's Missions and Music activities will resume the following Wednesday, August 22, from 5:30-7 p.m. Cost for dinner is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children (\$18 max per family).

Called Church Conference

Sunday, August 26

We will have a called Church Conference on Sunday, August 26, to vote on a recommendation from the Nominating Committee concerning the 2018-2019 Educational Leadership.



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at mbbc.org/events

Monkey C Monkey Run 5K

Saturday, September 8 | 8 a.m.

Join the MBBC team as we participate in the annual Monkey C Monkey Run 5K benefitting Camp Smile-A-Mile on Saturday, September 8! The race will start and finish in downtown Birmingham at Smile-A-Mile Place. Each person will go at their own pace. Team participants will receive a free MBBC runners t-shirt in addition to the race t-shirt. Just email Mary Splawn (mary@mbbc.org) your size. The race starts downtown at 8 a.m., but we will plan to meet in front of Smile-A-Mile Place for a group picture at 7:40 a.m. To join the group, visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/AL/Birmingham/MonkeyCMonkeyRun5k> and register as a 5K team member. Our team name is Mountain Brook Baptist Church. Sign up by August 8 before the race fee increases!

Parenting Conference

Sunday, September 30 | 10-11 a.m. & 3-6 p.m.

Be looking to sign up for our parenting conference led by Sissy Goff and David Thomas. Sissy and David are nationally known and well respected counselors with Daystar Counseling in Nashville, Tennessee. Our first session will be held during the Sunday Morning Bible Study hour (10 a.m.), where you will have the option to choose between two seminars (“The Hopeful Parent” or “The Informed Parent”). The second session on Sunday afternoon (3-6 p.m.) will be based on the book *Are My Kids on Track?* by Sissy Goff, David Thomas, and Melissa Trevathan. Childcare and dinner will be available.

BOOK CLUBS

Second Monday Book Club

Monday, August 13 | 12 p.m.

Our Second Monday Book Club will resume our monthly meetings in August! Dora Elliott will review Karen Kingsbury’s *Redemption*. Bring a sack lunch and join us in Hudson Hall for fellowship and discussion.



MBBC Book Club

Tuesday, August 14 | 6 p.m.

To kick off the year, we'll have an organizational meeting on Tuesday, August 14. Bring a snack to share as we discuss books to review for the upcoming year.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Missions and Music

Beginning Wednesday, August 22

Wednesday Night Dinner beginning at 5 p.m. (\$6 per adult, \$3 per child, \$18 max per family)

Missions Organizations from 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Children's Choirs from 6:15-7 p.m.

Join us for dinner, missions, and music on Wednesday nights! After dinner, our missions organizations will meet. Mission Friends is for preschoolers, GAs is for school-age girls (two groups - 1st-3rd grade and 4th-6th grade), and RAs is for school-age boys (two groups - 1st-3rd grade and 4th-6th grade). The theme this year is "Unshakeable" based on 1 Corinthians 15:58 - "Therefore, my dear brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord's work, knowing that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." We want your children to be unshakable in their faith, in their faithfulness to service and missions, and in their faithfulness to Scripture memory. The RAs will meet in the Christian Life Center gym and do recreation with an intentional purpose. We have an excellent team of volunteers. If you would like to take part in helping kids learn to do missions, please contact Sharon Howard (sharon@mbbc.org). Following Missions, our Children's Choirs will meet. These are the choirs we are offering this year: Preschool 3s Choir, Singing Cherubs (ages 4-5), Music Makers (grades 1-3), and Young Musicians (grades 4-6).

Children's Sunday Morning Bible Study Promotion

Sunday, August 19

Our children are blessed to have faithful adults who invest weekly in their life to teach them God's word and about Jesus. We still need a



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few helpers in 1st and 2nd grade. If you can invest in the life of a child every week or every other week by helping teach, please contact Sharon Howard (sharon@mbbc.org).

Back to School Summer Social

Sunday, August 19 | 4-6 p.m.

Kids, bring your friends and join us for a back to school fellowship. Wear your swimsuit and bring a towel. We will have ice cream and lots of fun.

For more information or to sign up for any of our Children's Ministry activities, contact Sharon Howard (sharon@mbbc.org or 803-3445).

STUDENT MINISTRY

Spartan Day Breakfast

Monday, August 6 | 7:45 a.m. | Heritage Hall

Rising 7th graders, you're invited to our Spartan Day Breakfast at MBBC.

Invite your friends to join us for a biscuit, devotional, and some time to fellowship before we walk down to the Jr. High together for Spartan Day! If you aren't a student at MBJH, we can take you home after breakfast! Sign up online at mbbc.org/spartanday.

Lake Day

Saturday, August 11 | 8 a.m.-7 p.m. | Lake Martin

Come spend the day with us on Lake Martin before everyone heads back to school! We'll meet at MBBC at 8 a.m. to head to the Joneses' lake house. Bring \$10 to cover the cost of your food; parents can pick up students at MBBC at 7 p.m. Register online at mbbc.org/lakeday today! Each participant must have a Lake Day release form on file.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Back to School Yoga/Stretch Session

Thursday, August 16 | 8 a.m. | Heritage Hall

Need a morning of stretching after a busy summer of travel? We've got you covered! Leigh Karagas and Paula Windle of Stretch2Strength will host a "Back to School Yoga/Stretch Session" in Heritage Hall on Thursday, August 16 at 8 a.m., so come in your workout clothes for a morning of stretching and fellowship, along with a time of prayer! Bring a yoga mat if you have one, but we'll also have some available to use. There's no cost to participate and this session is for all fitness levels, so we hope you'll join us!

Women's Fall Kickoff

Sunday, August 26 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | Heritage Hall | \$10

Wear your team colors for a night of fellowship and fun on Sunday, August 26 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in Heritage Hall! Join us for dinner and dessert, along with the opportunity to hear several women from MBBC share their testimonies. Come "get in the game" and learn how you too can get plugged into some of our church's ministries! Cost is \$10. Register online (mbbc.org/fallkickoff) or by calling the church office (871-0331)! Ladies, we also need help decorating tables for this event. If you can decorate a table supporting your favorite college team, contact Mary Splawn (mary@mbbc.org).

ACTIVE CHRISTIAN LIVING

Church Crawl

Thursday, August 16 | Meet at church at 8 a.m., depart at 8:15 a.m.

Cost: \$10 plus lunch money

The group will tour the worship centers of a few local churches in Birmingham. These churches represent different faiths and ministries. The tour will include Temple Emanu-El, The Cathedral of Saint Paul, First Presbyterian Church, Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, and St. Symeon Orthodox Church. Enjoy lunch at the Pizitz Food Court downtown, where you can select your choice of food from one of the many food stalls in this historic building. There is a limit of 25 people.

Copperhill Special, Etowah, Tennessee

Thursday–Saturday, October 25–27, 2018 | Single Rate - \$490 Dome plus money for meals | Double Rate - \$360 Dome plus money for meals (16 Dome Seats & 8 Observation Seats - \$15 Cheaper)

Trip is limited to 24 people - \$150 deposit due by August 15!!!

After lunch on October 25, our bus will drive to the Hampton Inn in Cleveland, Tennessee. On Friday, October 26 the bus will drive us to Etowah, Tennessee for an eight hour train excursion called Copperhill Special. This extended excursion begins at Etowah and runs through the Cherokee National Forest and lower Hiwassee River Gorge, over the Bald Mountain Loop, and on to the joint cities of Copperhill, Tennessee and McCaysville, Georgia. Passengers will have a 90-minute layover in Copperhill during which they can enjoy lunch and explore the town. On Saturday, we will return to Birmingham. This trip is limited to 24 people, so sign up and make your deposit today so you can get on the list!

Please call the church (871-0331) today and make your reservation for these events.

Other Opportunities For This Summer

Items Needed for Service Day on October 6

One of our projects for the day will be creating small Christmas decorations using Christmas greenery and different decorations. If you have any Christmas greenery that you want to contribute, please bring it to the church for Pat Ferguson. We will also have an opportunity for you to learn how to crochet and make lap throws for our homebound members. If you have any old yarn that you want to contribute, bring it to Pat Ferguson.

Homebound Visitation Team Members Needed

If you have a free morning or afternoon, consider visiting one of our homebound members. This will enrich your life and bring joy to them. There are visitation bags and a homebound list under the master staircase in the church office. Pick up a bag and put your name by the name of the person you intend to visit. Let us know if the homebound member has a status change or needs anything from our church. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

Ice Cream Money for Grantswood's Children

Save Your Spare Change!

Children will be back in school soon, and the weather will definitely require an ice cream treat. Consider donating your change or any monies to the children at Grantswood Community School who are not blessed with the resources to buy ice cream at lunchtime. This is an easy way for you to help some child enjoy a special treat. Bring your money to church and designate them for the Grantswood ice cream fund.

FAMILY MISSION TRIP PHOTOS





Meet Our New Members

We are so excited to welcome our new members to Mountain Brook Baptist Church. In the following pages, you are going meet our new members and find out more about their faith journey.



Interested in joining MBBC?
Talk to one of our staff members or
find out more at mbbc.org/im-new

Micah Rich



What led you to MBBC? Mommy and Daddy were MBBC members a long time ago. When our family moved back to Birmingham, we needed a new church home. Mrs. Sharon made sure I was welcome the very first time we visited. My parents never needed to visit anywhere else. They knew God was leading us here!

What have you enjoyed the most about MBBC? Vacation Bible School, the ELC, and my friends

Tell us about your faith. I became a Christian on Sunday, July 15, 2018 when I prayed with my parents! I believe that Jesus is the Son of God and that He died on the cross to pay the price for my sins.

Where were you born and raised? Tell us about your family. I was born in Lexington, South Carolina and moved to Birmingham when I was 2.5 years old. My Daddy is Matt, my Mommy is Sarah, and my dachshund's name is Tyson. My little sister is Abby; she is 3.5 years old.

Where do you go to school? I will be a first-grader at Hall-Kent Elementary in Homewood. I am six years old!

My hobbies and interests are ... drawing, playing with my Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle Legos, jumping on the trampoline, and playing with my sister and doggie.

My favorite restaurant is ... Chick-fil-A.

My favorite Bible verse is ... "Jesus dying on the cross" because I know Jesus did that for me!

Is there anything else you would like to share with the church? Thank you to Mrs. Sharon for all the kids' activities at church. Thank you to Ms. Jennifer Jordan for taking care of us on Wednesday nights. I love my MBBC church family!

Joined MBBC on July 22, 2018

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Generosity Scorecard as of July 29, 2018

2018 Ministries Budget	\$3,347,719.00
Weekly Receipts	\$15,663.00
YTD Receipts, includes prepays	\$1,801,803.81
Average Weekly Budget	\$64,379.21
YTD Budget	\$1,931,376.30
Weekly Net	-\$48,716.21
YTD Net	-\$129,572.49

Remaining receipts required to achieve annual budget:
\$1,545,915.19

Ways to Give



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