



# Mountain Brook Baptist Church

Monthly Guide



## “Form Follows Function”

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The phrase “form follows function” is a principle associated with 20<sup>th</sup> century modernist architecture. The principle asserts that the shape of a building or an object should relate primarily to its intended function or purpose. Instead of constructing something “for art’s sake,” the best design is one that enables the responsible party to fulfill his or her stated mission.

You may remember that one of our church’s Vision 2020 recommendations on “Structures” sounded this note most clearly. Under the category of “making ministry possible,” we adopted the strategic objective of “providing facilities that, while warm, welcoming, and accessible to members and guests, are functional in terms of serving the church’s ministry objectives” (Strategic Objective #4). In other words, when we contemplated our “God-sized dreams,” function was a strong component.

In the spring, our church received a report from a “Space and Facilities Needs Assessment Committee,” which has now been handed over to a “Building Committee.” That committee, chaired by Chuck Bowers, has contracted with a local architectural firm, Turner Batson, who will work with us to design a project that addresses the five concerns identified by the aforementioned Space and Facilities Committee. Those concerns are: Children’s Ministry Space, Youth Ministry Space, Multi-Purpose Space (with an emphasis on Contemporary Worship), Storage Needs, and Parking.

Our architect, Dave Reese, has already been speaking with the Building Committee and the Ministerial Staff to hear more about our thinking. He will meet next with the Deacons this month at their July meeting. Then, he will host at least two congregational conversations in order to hear from the church before reporting his initial findings either at the end of the summer or early fall. When we have clarity on the scope and cost of the project (and church approval), we'll then begin to make plans for a Capital Campaign that will help us make this part of our church's dream a reality.

It's been a joy to see how so many of the Vision 2020 recommendations are being implemented and the positive impact their implantation is having on our church's overall ministry. I fully expect the same to be true with this part of the plan. As we all weigh in on the "form" this project will involve, then the "function" it serves will enhance our impact for Christ on our community and the world. So, be looking for your opportunity to join the conversation. The project will not be complete without your input and investment.



**Dr. Doug Dortch**

SENIOR MINISTER

# Events & Small Groups

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## CHURCHWIDE

### Church Office & Christian Life Center Closed

Wednesday, July 4

The church office & CLC will be closed on Wednesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. We will not have Wednesday night dinner or Bible Study that evening.

### Summer Orchestra Opportunity

Wednesdays July 11, 18, 25 | 6-7 p.m.

So you play a wind or string instrument? If so, dust it off and join us for rehearsals as we put together our summer church orchestra. We began rehearsals in June, but it isn't too late to join us. Contact Kely Hatley to let him know of your interest ([kely@mbbc.org](mailto:kely@mbbc.org) or 803-3458).

### Semi-Annual Church Conference

Wednesday, July 18

Our customary Semi-Annual Church Conference is Wednesday, July 18, beginning at 6 p.m. Verbal reports as well as written records pertaining to the past year activities will be presented.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### Game On: Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 9-Friday, July 13 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

VBS is July 9-13. Please pray for our leaders as they prepare to teach children about Jesus and His love. Pray that hearts will be open to the gospel and that no child will leave without knowing that Jesus is his or her Savior. Help is still needed. If you can volunteer, please contact Sharon Howard ([sharon@mbbc.org](mailto:sharon@mbbc.org)).

### YMCA Camp Chandler

Sunday, July 22-Thursday, July 26

Camp is for completed 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders and is a fabulous way to grow in your relationship with Christ as well as connect with church friends. It is not too late to sign up. The cost is \$350 per child for members and \$400 for non-members. Contact Sharon Howard ([sharon@mbbc.org](mailto:sharon@mbbc.org) or 803-3445) to sign up.



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## July Event Calendar

### **Family Fun** (for preschool and grade school children and families)

**Sunday, July 1** | Splash Pad & Picnic at SHAC Park | 4-6 p.m. | \$5 per person for pizza & pops

**Sunday, July 15** | Homewood Park Picnic & Play | 5-7 p.m. | \$10 per adult/\$5 per child for dinner

**Wednesday, July 18** | Family Dinner at MBBC at 5 p.m. followed by Families on Mission from 5:30-7 p.m.

### **School Age** (completed 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade)

**Thursday, July 5** | Bible Study, Lunch, & Swim at Pine Tree | 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. | \$20

**Thursday, July 19** | Bible Study, Lunch, & Bowling | 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. | \$20

### **Quest** (completed 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade)

**Monday, July 9 - Wednesday, July 11** | 12-3 p.m. | Lunch, Serve, & Ice Cream | \$15

**Monday, July 16** | Quest to Grow Closer to God through Service | 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. | \$10

**Monday, July 30** | Quest to Know God's Will | 9 a.m.-1 p.m. | Top Golf | \$30

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

## STUDENT MINISTRY

### **LifeWeek**

Sunday, July 8-Wednesday, July 10 | 6-9:30 p.m. | Heritage Hall & Off Campus LifeWeek is one of the easiest events to invite a friend to—each night will include worship, games, dinner, and a fun activity like swimming at the Birmingham Country Club or jumping at Steel City Jump! Our theme passage will be Jeremiah 29:11-14, focusing on the theme “SEEK.” You don't want to miss these three nights! Visit [mbbc.org/lifeweek](http://mbbc.org/lifeweek) for important information about each night's activities, along with the waivers you'll need to participate!

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## Summer Sundays / Tubing at Bulldog Bend

Sunday, July 15 | 12-6 p.m.

Wear your swimsuit and grab a towel—we're going tubing at Bulldog Bend on the Cahaba River! You'll need to bring \$10 for entrance plus money for lunch.

## Six Flags

Wednesday, July 18 | 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

If you'd like to go with us to Six Flags Over Georgia, sign up at [mbbc.org/sixflags](http://mbbc.org/sixflags)! The cost is \$60 plus money for lunch and dinner.

## Beach Retreat

Friday, July 27-Monday, July 30

We're going back to Panama City Beach for our annual Beach Retreat on July 27-30—come with us for four days of fellowship, worship, and plenty of time relaxing on the beach! Cost is \$180 until July 8 and increases to \$220 after that date. This trip is open to rising eighth graders through graduating seniors. Register online today at [mbbc.org/beachretreat](http://mbbc.org/beachretreat)

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### Fall Kickoff

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

Don't forget to save the date for our annual Fall Kickoff on Sunday, August 26! Wear your team colors and join us for a night of fellowship and fun, 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!



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#### ACTIVE CHRISTIAN LIVING

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

#### *Annie*

Saturday, July 8 | Meet at church at 8:15 a.m., depart at 8:30 a.m. |  
Alabama Shakespeare Festival Theater | Montgomery, Alabama |  
Cost: \$60 plus money for lunch

According to the Chicago Tribune, *Annie* is “one of the best family musicals ever penned.” The sun will come out tomorrow! No one can resist the optimism of Annie, a little orphan girl who refuses to give up hope. The delightful cast of this feel-good musical will get toes tapping with memorable song-and-dance numbers, such as “It’s the Hard Knock Life,” “Easy Street,” and “Tomorrow.” Upon arrival in Montgomery, the group will lunch at a nearby restaurant. Then, prior to the play, the group will tour the backstage of the ASF Theater.

#### July Fiesta

Thursday, July 19 | 6 p.m. | Heritage Hall | Cost: \$10 per person

Join us for a fiesta-inspired dinner as we enjoy music by The Mariachi Garibaldi Band. You won’t want to miss this night – invite a friend or neighbor to come experience the fun!

#### 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.

## Summer Opportunities

### Visitation

Do you ever think about being homebound and not able to attend church? Being homebound is often not a choice but the consequences of health issues that keep you close to home. You are needed to visit, call, and/or write our homebound members. Under the Grand Staircase is a cart containing bags with a Mature Magazine, snacks, and grooming items to pick up and deliver to one of our homebound members. You can also add other goodies if you'd like to pick up some things to include in the bags. Sign your name beside the member's name or write the name of someone that you know is currently homebound. Report to Pat Ferguson an update on the person that you visit. Your visit will make a difference in their life and your life as well!

### Ice Cream Money for Grantswood's Children

Save Your Spare Change!

Summer is passing quickly and before you know it, school will be starting. The children at Grantswood Community School need your change to help them have ice cream at lunchtime. Ice cream is a favorite treat for most children and adults! Save your change each day and in August bring your collection to Pat Ferguson. Pat will count the change for Debbie Hix to deposit. Then the money will be given to Grantswood for children to enjoy ice cream when school begins.

### MBBC MISSIONS TRIP SNAPSHOTS



**Students and  
College  
Mission Trip**

**Cape Town,  
South Africa**



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Cape Town,  
South Africa



Builders for Christ

Trip to Eau Claire,  
Wisconsin





# 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](http://mbbc.org/im-new)

## Jean and Mike Vaughn

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**What led you to MBBC?** *Jean:* I grew up going to church at MBBC. We were members as a young married couple before moving to Gainesville, Florida where we lived for 16 years.

**What have you enjoyed the most about MBBC?** We enjoy the people and the contemporary service.

**Tell us about your faith.** *Jean:* I accepted Christ when I was 12 years old while on a retreat with MBBC. *Mike:* I accepted Christ when I was freshman in high school while attending a Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting.

**Where were you born and raised? Tell us about your family.** *Jean:* I moved to Birmingham, Alabama when I was 12. Our neighbors, Sharon and Lee Smith, invited my family to MBBC and we joined shortly after. My parents Dave and Pat Carder, my brother and his wife, Doug and Ginny Carder, and my sister and her husband, Cindy and James Marble, are all members of MBBC. *Mike:* I was born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama. I attended Banks High School. We have two adult children, Daniel and Troy, both working and living in Florida.

**Where do you work? Where did you go to college?** *Jean:* I work part-time (Tennis Pro at Hoover Country Club). I went to Baylor and UAB. I graduated from UAB with a degree in sociology/psychology. *Mike:* I am a Technical Director with Philips Health Tech. I graduated from UAB with a degree in nuclear medicine and a degree in electrical and computer engineering.

**Our hobbies and interests are ...** *Jean:* tennis and watching college sports; *Mike:* golf and baseball.

**Our favorite restaurant is ...** *Jean:* Amore; *Mike:* Chuy's.

**Our favorite Bible verses are ...** *Jean:* Romans 10:9: "That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." *Mike:* Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Joined MBBC on May 20, 2018

# MBBC Staff Members

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## Generosity Scorecard as of June 17, 2018

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2018 Ministries Budget	\$3,347,719.00
Weekly Receipts	\$21,616.00
YTD Receipts, includes prepays	\$1,526,714.24
Average Weekly Budget	\$64,379.21
YTD Budget	\$1,545,101.04
Weekly Net	-\$42,763.21
YTD Net	-\$18,386.80

Remaining receipts required to achieve annual budget:  
\$1,821,004.76

### Ways to Give



**PLATES**



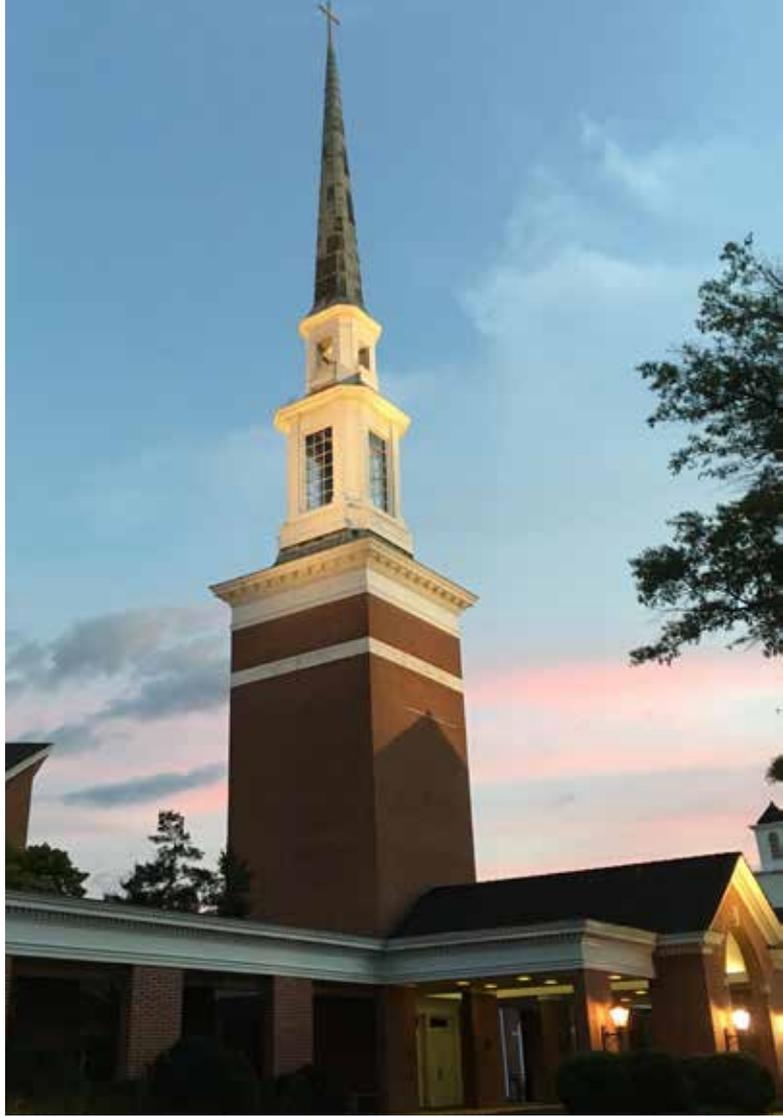
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