

Mountain Brook Baptist Church

Monthly Guide





A MESSAGE FROM DR. DORTCH

“One Word That Will Change Your Life”

Focus is a remarkable thing, especially for those of us living in a multi-tasking day. The pressure of having numerous plates spinning is too often more than we can handle and we end up being of little good to anyone, not to ourselves or to God.

The first of the year is usually a time when we take stock of where we need to make improvements in life. What comes from that self-reflection is usually a list of “New Year’s Resolutions,” which only adds more plates to the ones we’ve been frantically trying to keep spinning. While most of our resolutions are well-meaning, the fact that they only tend to increase our anxieties leads us to let them go by Valentine’s Day. For example, name the last resolution you kept for an entire year.

In my upcoming sermon series I’m offering a different approach to how we might see significant change in the coming months. Rather than working our way down a list of resolutions, I’m proposing a laser-like focus on one word that summarizes our highest and holiest hopes for 2018. What I’m counting on is that as we align our thoughts, words, and deeds around this one word, we’ll see God transform us in ways that make us more the people He needs us to be.

Each Sunday we’ll look at what’s involved in being led to our one word. Then at the conclusion of the series each of us will have the chance to register our word as a way of committing ourselves to a path of spiritual development that won’t necessarily stop at the first sign of spring. Along the way we’ll hear from folk in our church who

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will be sharing their one word and the positive changes that have come from their commitment to it.

Here is how the series will unfold:

January 7

Colossians 3:1-2

“Something Needs to Change”

January 14

1 Chronicles 29:14-29

“The Power of One Word”

January 21

Deacon Orientation &
Installation

January 28

Jeremiah 17:9-10
“Prepare Your Heart by Looking In”

February 4

Psalm 123:1-2
“Discover Your Word by
Looking Up”

February 11

Philippians 2:3-4
“Live Your Word by Looking Out”

I began this spiritual journey last year. My word for 2017 was “resilience.” As the months unfolded, I found that by focusing my faith on that one word I was able to shake off numerous disappointments and move ahead unabated regardless of how stormy the headwinds blew against me. This year my word will be “hopeful.” In 2018, I intend to look directly at whatever reality comes along, good or bad, and believe that God has something to say and do in the face of it.



Dr. Doug Dorch

SENIOR MINISTER

Events & Small Groups

CHURCHWIDE

Combined Worship Service & Deacon Ordination

Sunday, January 21 | 9-11 a.m.

On January 21, we will have a combined worship service at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary to install and ordain our incoming deacons. Sunday Morning Bible Study will take place at 9 a.m.

Just Walk Across the Room: Sunday Evening Adult Bible Study

Taught by Dr. Dorch

January 21 & 28, February 11 & 25 | 5-6:30 p.m. | Heritage Hall

Some time ago, some of our ladies were having lunch at a local restaurant. One looked at a sweet family sitting across from them and asked, "Where does that beautiful little girl go to Sunday School?" The parents shared they were new to town and hadn't found a church. These ladies invited this family to MBBC. The family visited, joined, and are now actively involved! Our Sunday evening adult study, based on Bill Hybel's book *Just Walk Across the Room*, will teach us to be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit and to care about fulfilling Jesus' command to go and make disciples (Matthew 28:19).

Times have changed. Today, high-pressure evangelism is not well-received. How do we share our faith and bring people closer to Christ? Join us on Sunday evenings and we will explore this topic together. Books are available in the church office for \$10.

We will have activities for preschool children and our school-age children will meet for BCS to work on their Bible skills. Family dinner will be served in Heritage Hall following the study. Please email Sharon Howard (sharon@mbbc.org) to sign up.

Cooks On A Mission Update & Monthly Sale

Wednesday, January 17 | 2-6 p.m.

All of the Cooks On A Mission would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported our December Christmas Luncheon and Pop-Up Shop benefiting The WellHouse. In addition, we want to thank all of those who helped make treats and desserts to

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sell. Your support helped us raise approximately \$10,000 to help build The WellHouse's new Transitional Housing unit. In January, come join Cooks On A Mission on the first three Fridays of the month. We will be making French Market Sandwiches, Gumbo with Sausage and Chicken, and Poppy Seed Chicken, which will all be available at our sale on January 17 from 2-6 p.m.

Love Grantswood

Our Backpack Buddies program is well underway, and we need an additional MBBC member (or two) to help with this program going forward. The shopping for the bags has been taken care of by two other MBBC members. This new role would make sure the bags are moved from the 4th floor storage area to Heritage Hall each week during the school year. If interested, contact Sherrie Futch (sherriefutch@gmail.com)

Family Mission Trip Golf Tournament

Monday, April 30 | 8 a.m. | Pine Tree Country Club

Save the date for the 5th annual Golf Tournament for Missions!

Sponsors and players are needed to support the Family Mission Team returning to Wellington, Colorado. Contact Sharon Howard (sharon@mbbc.org) for more information.

New Project 119 Bible Study

Begins Monday, January 15

Our new Project 119 Bible Reading Plan on the book of Joshua will begin on Monday, January 15. Copies will be available in the narthex and by the receptionist's desk, and you will also be able to view the plan online ([mbbc.org/project 119](http://mbbc.org/project/119)).

BOOK CLUBS

2nd Monday Book Club

Monday, January 8 | 12 p.m. | Hudson Hall

Bring a sack lunch and join us for a time of fellowship and discussion.



For more events visit us online
at mbbc.org/events

MBBC Book Club

Tuesday, January 9 | 6 p.m. | Fireside Room

Join us for a review of *All Saints* by Michael Spurlock and Jeanette Windle. Bring a snack to share!

MEN'S MINISTRY

Sharpen Up

Tuesday, January 23 | Hudson Hall | 6:30 a.m.

Our next Sharpen Up Breakfast will meet on January 23. Join us for a hearty breakfast, an encouraging message from God's Word, and the opportunity to develop meaningful relationships with other guys who are trying to be the men God would have them to be. This semester we will be looking at passages from the book of Daniel and consider how we can be faithful followers of Christ in a world that is often hostile to God's ways. Wayne Splawn will lead this month's devotion from Daniel 1:8-9.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Monday Morning Bible Study

Resumes January 22 | 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. | Heritage Hall

Our Monday Bible Study will resume on January 22. We'll be walking through a video study on 1 Peter by Jen Wilkin. Bring your lunch and join us for fellowship, Bible study, and prayer!

Monday/Tuesday Evening Bible Study

In January, this group will begin a new study on Max Lucado's newest book *Anxious for Nothing*. They are adding a second study night to accommodate busy schedules. You can choose to come to the study on Monday nights at Michelle Rushing's home (2317 Montevallo Road)

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at 6:30 p.m., or on Tuesday nights at Marilyn Ingram's home (3744 North Woodridge Road) at 6:30 p.m. The dates for this five-week study are:

- Monday, January 8 & Tuesday, January 9
- Monday, January 22 & Tuesday, January 23
- Monday, February 12 & Tuesday, February 13
- Monday, February 26 & Tuesday, February 27
- Monday, March 12 & Tuesday, March 13

For more information, contact
Michelle Rushing (mrushing824@gmail.com) or
Marilyn Ingram (marilyningramrn@gmail.com).

Women's Life Group

Resumes Wednesday, January 10 | 6 p.m. | Conference Room

Our Women's Life Group will resume our meetings on January 10. We meet from 6-7 p.m. in the Conference Room. This winter, we'll finish up our study on Ephesians and then begin a new study on Joshua. The focus of the group is on intentional community building and disciple-making. This group is open to anyone, so if you are looking for a Bible study, consider joining us!

Women's Small Groups

We are interested in launching more women's small groups. If you are interested in being a participant, leader, or host, contact Mary Splawn (mary@mbbc.org).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Bible Championship Series

Begins Sunday, January 7 | 5-6 p.m.

The BCS is back beginning January 7. We will practice our books of the Bible and key passage locations as Scripture Memory. BCS is for all school-age children in 1st-6th grade from 5-6 p.m. In honor of the upcoming Olympics, let's GO for the GOLD!



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Parents' Night Out/Friday Friend-zy

Friday, January 26 | 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Parents, please sign your children up no later than January 21 for food, fun, and fellowship. Email Sharon Howard (sharon@mbbc.org) to sign up!

Save the Dates

Please make sure these important dates are on your calendars:

June 23-30 - Family Mission Trip to Wellington, CO.

July 9-13 - GameOn - VBS

July 22-26 - Children's Camp at YMCA Camp Chandler

STUDENT MINISTRY

Game Night

Sunday, January 7 | 6 p.m.

Come hang out, play games, and kick off 2018! Bring \$5 for dinner.

Winter Retreat 2018

February 9-11 | Children's Harbor Lodge

Sign up today for Winter Retreat! Our theme is "True Grit" and we'll be studying Romans 5:1-5 with former MBBC intern Taylor Geurin! Cost is \$150 until January 15 and increases to \$175 after that date. Register online at mbbc.org/WR2018.

MidWeek Bible Studies

MidWeek Bible Studies will resume on January 17 and 18. Here's a listing of our groups:

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

- 7th Grade Guys | Home of Lucy & Stephen Spann
(3557 Spring Valley Terrace)
- 8th & 9th Grade Guys | Home of Britt & Chuck Redden
(9 Montcrest Drive)

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- Jr. High Girls | Home of Marci & Douglas Grant
(32 Crestview Circle)
- Sr. High Girls | Home of Kelly & Brad Rollow
(4926 Spring Rock Road)

Thursdays at 7 p.m.

- Sr. High Guys | Home of Amy & Randy Roberts
(3228 Brookwood Road)

Chapel Choir & The Brook Resume

Sunday, January 21 | 5 p.m.

The Brook and Chapel Choir start back on January 21. Chapel Choir will meet at 5 p.m. in the choir room. The Brook will meet at 6 p.m. for dinner in Heritage Hall, and then we'll head to the youth area (or chapel) for worship and Bible study!

ACTIVE CHRISTIAN LIVING

Mellow Brook Singers Resume

Thursday, January 11 | 10:30 a.m. | Hudson Hall

This is the time to join the Mellow Brook Singers for learning our new music for the spring. If you enjoy music and fellowship, then this is the group for you. Each week the choir meets in Hudson Hall at 10:30 a.m. Following practice, lunch is served in Heritage Hall for \$6. Join now and make this choir your special event each week. Your life will be blessed!

ACTIVE Monthly Luncheon

A Better You: Making Realistic Goals for a Healthy Lifestyle

Thursday, January 11 | 11:30 a.m. | Heritage Hall | \$6 per person

The holidays will be over and the thoughts of returning to healthy eating will be on our minds. The speakers will be Daniela M. Fariscal, BS Nutrition, Samford Dietetic Intern and Miriam J. Gaines, MACT, RDN, LD, Samford Dietetic Internship Director.



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ACTIVE Monthly Trip: Tennessee Williams Home & Rosedale Historic Homes

Tuesday, January 16 | 8 a.m. | Columbus, Mississippi | \$10 plus money for lunch

We'll begin our tour of Columbus with lunch at Harvey's Restaurant; following lunch, we'll tour the historic home of Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Tennessee Williams, known for writing *A Streetcar Named Desire*, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, and *The Glass Menagerie*. Williams, considered one of the most important American playwrights, was born in Columbus in 1911 and spent his early years in an old Victorian home that was the rectory for St. Paul's Episcopal Church, where his grandfather served as minister. We'll also visit Rosedale, a historical home that is considered one of the finest examples of Italianate architecture in Mississippi. This historical home that has been restored to its original 1856 state, including original paint colors and wallpaper patterns. Rosedale also features the nation's largest furniture collection by American craftsman John Henry Belter.



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

Meet Cindy & Don Moore



What led you to MBBC?

Cindy: family; **Don:** Family and relationships—I joined MBBC in 1967 when my parents moved us to Mountain Brook from Oneonta. I have been a member here most of my life except for a recent time away at another church here in Birmingham.

What have you enjoyed the most about MBBC?

Cindy: the sense of community; **Don:** being among family and friends in a comfortable worshipful atmosphere

How did you come to faith? **Cindy:** I accepted Christ when I was 16 but was not raised in a Christian household so I always feel the need to learn and explore the Bible and my faith more. **Don:** I accepted Christ when I was 13 and was fortunate to be raised in a Christian home.

Where were you born and raised? Tell us about your family.

Cindy: I am from Concord, California which is about 25 miles northeast of San Francisco. I have two grown boys, Joseph (29) and Joshua (28). Joe is married to Kendra and they live in California with my 19 month-old granddaughter, Brooke. I fly back out there to see them and my other relatives about twice a year. Josh lives in Jasper, Alabama and works in Birmingham so I get to see him much more frequently. **Don:** I was born in Birmingham and have lived here most of my life. I have three sons, Bill (34), Hudson (30), and Tyler (28) who are married and live in Birmingham. I have four granddaughters, one grandson, and another granddaughter due in March!

Where do you work? Where did you go to college? **Cindy:** I signed up for the US Air Force when I was 17 and served as a Jet Engine Mechanic until I was 22. I attended NMSU-A and presently am partner/owner with my husband Don in our two companies, Moore Tech Solutions and My Senior Choices. Moore Tech Solutions is a web design and development company and I serve as the technical director of development and spend much of my day in development



(coding and supervising). At My Senior Choices I work in a management capacity, developing strategies for the company. **Don:** I went to the University of Alabama and have worked in a variety of capacities through my career. Cindy and I are partners in Moore Tech Solutions, a website design and development company, and also own together My Senior Choices, a new company focusing on helping senior adults and their families make informed housing and other choices.

My hobbies and interests are ... **Cindy:** I don't take much free time so when I do take time off I usually like to hike or spend time outside. **Don:** Cindy and I enjoy hiking and I enjoy pretty much anything outdoors including golf and tennis.

My favorite restaurant is ... **Cindy:** Gian Marcos; **Don:** I'm not sure I can pick just one, but Gian Marcos is a nice place to start!

My favorite Bible story is ... **Cindy:** Jonah 1—Jonah and the whale—because I am a lot like Jonah. **Don:** Philippians 4:5-7—"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." During tough times this has become one of my favorite verses for its strength and clarity.

Is there anything else you would like to share with the church?
Cindy: I look forward to becoming a member of the MBBC community. **Don:** I am really excited to be back at Mountain Brook Baptist!

Joined MBBC December 10, 2017

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Grey Phillips

What led you to MBBC? my parents bring me

What have you enjoyed the most about MBBC? learning more about God, seeing my friends, and playing games

How did you come to faith? I have learned about God by going to church every Sunday. By talking to God in my prayers, I felt like I wanted to be a Christian. So I asked Him to come live in my heart.

Where were you born and raised? Tell us about your family! I was born here in Birmingham at St. Vincent's Hospital. My parents are Ginger and Kevin, and I have an older brother, Vance, and an older sister, Alex.

Where do you go to school? I am a first grader at Brookwood Forest Elementary

My hobbies and interests are ... soccer and playing football with my big brother Vance.

My favorite restaurants are ... McDonald's (Happy Meal) and Nothing but Noodles.

My favorite Bible verse is ... John 3:16 because it "has more details about God."

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Generosity Scorecard as of December 31, 2017

2017 Ministries Budget	\$3,305,569.00
YTD Receipts	\$3,185,606.54
YTD Net	-\$119,962.46

Remaining receipts required to achieve annual budget: \$119, 962.46

Ways to Give



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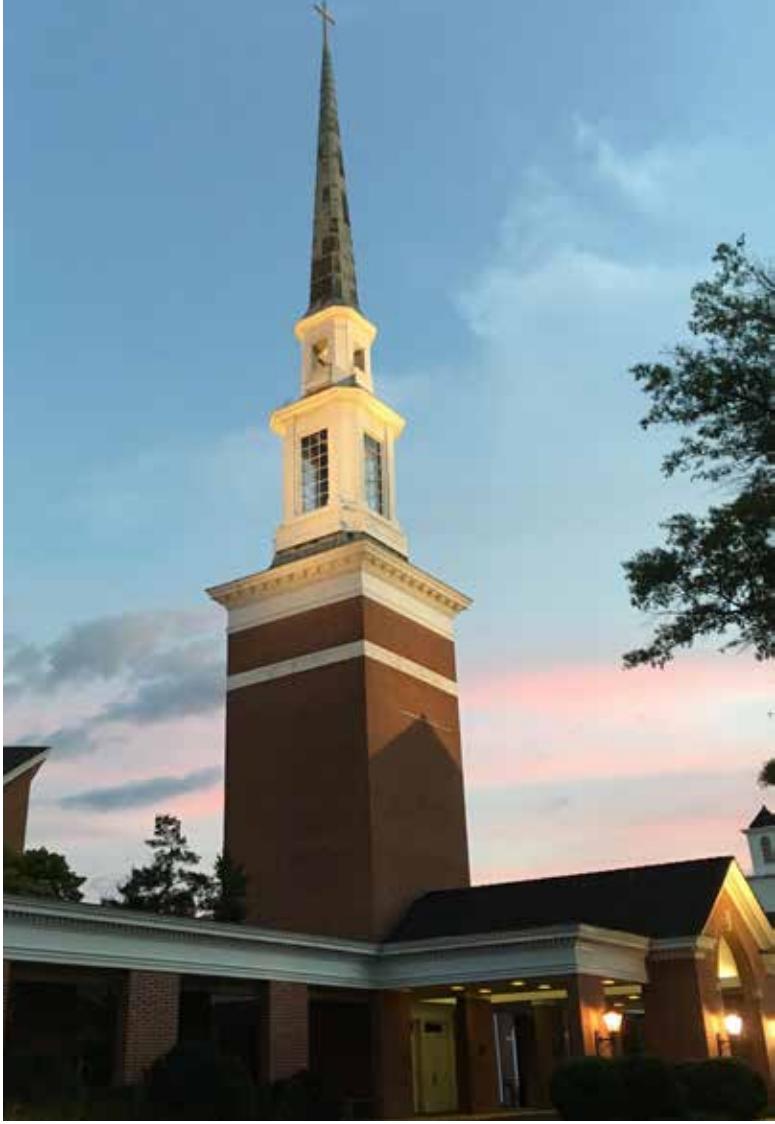
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