

Mountain Brook Baptist Church

Monthly Guide



“Winding Things Down (and Up)”

May is a time when we bring to conclusion so much of what has consumed us for the last several months. Students take their exams, and some prepare for graduation. Families that have children involved in sports and gymnastics see spring seasons coming to an end. Businesses try to tie up loose ends and wrap up outstanding projects. Of course, we know what drives this flurry of activity to conclude this variety of activity. Summer is right around the corner, and we don't want anything left that would take away from our time away.

As you'll see on the inside of this monthly guide, most of our church schedule reflects this winding down. We'll be recognizing our graduating seniors on the morning of May 6 and enjoying a concert from our children that evening. Then, the Mellow Brook Singers will finish their year with a special concert on Wednesday, May 16. Moreover, we'll be pausing our children's music and missions activities and our Cooks on a Mission food sales for missions until August. Men's and women's gatherings will pause as well for the summer to give participants a break. Listen carefully and you can hear the giant exhaling.

But continue to listen and you'll also hear some inhaling as other ministry initiatives will gear up for the summer. The Chapel Choir will be leaving at the end of the month for their seasonal tour. We will also see our three main mission teams building momentum for their June activities. In fact, we'll be commissioning our Builders for Christ, Youth/College South Africa Trip, and Family Mission Trip teams during the services on May 20 because of how everything will happen immediately after Memorial Day.

It's been a good spring. We've seen lots of good things happen and lots of good people come our way. It's a sign of a healthy church to have this rhythm of winding down and gearing up. So, let's enjoy the respite. We have much more work to do, and there's a place for everyone to be involved as we all experience “commencement” for the good future God has for our church to know.



Dr. Doug Dortch

SENIOR MINISTER

Events & Small Groups

CHURCHWIDE

Youth & College Mission Trip Silent Auction

Sunday, May 6

Our youth and college students are preparing for their mission trip to Cape Town, South Africa. On Sunday, May 6, we will host a silent auction benefiting their trip. The auction will begin on Sunday morning underneath the Grand Staircase and will conclude after our Children's Choirs' Spring Program on Sunday evening at 6 p.m. in Heritage Hall. Please come support our students!

Children's Choirs' Spring Concert

Sunday, May 6 | 6 p.m. | Heritage Hall

On Sunday, May 6 we will present our Children's Choirs' Spring Concert program. This will be a concert featuring their work from both fall and spring in learning songs to give God praise throughout this year. Please come to Heritage Hall and enjoy this concert program and participate in the silent auction benefiting our Youth and College Mission Trip.

Mellow Brook Singers Spring Sing

Wednesday, May 16 | 6 p.m. | Hudson Hall

Be sure to come and hear our choir for ages 55+, the Mellow Brook Singers, as they present their spring touring concert in Hudson Hall. They will be singing about 35 minutes worth of music from varying styles. There are patriotic pieces, Broadway songs (featuring many from *The Sound of Music*), and stirring hymn arrangements. Come and hear what they take outside the walls of the church and into the community. This choir is a great outreach arm of our congregation. Dinner will be served in Hudson Hall before the concert. No reservation needed.

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, May 20

Pentecost Sunday is May 20. We will celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit coming upon the apostles as well as the birthday of the Christian church as described in Acts 2—about 3,000 people in Jerusalem believed in Jesus and were baptized on this day. To help commemorate this occasion, we will be having different people read this passage of the Bible in other languages in our worship service. If you are fluent enough to read the Bible in a different

language, please contact Kely Hatley (803-3458 or kely@mbbc.org). It will be a glorious day in the life of our church.

Memorial Day Weekend Schedule

Sunday, May 27

We will have a combined service on Sunday, May 27 at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. Sunday Morning Bible Study will take place at 9 a.m. The church office will be closed on Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day.

Cooks On A Mission Monthly Sale

Wednesday, May 16 | 2-6:30 p.m.

Mark your calendar for our last food sale before summer, which will be on Wednesday, May 16 from 2-6:30 p.m. We will have French Market Sandwiches and King Ranch Chicken, plus limited quantities of English Muffins with Sausage and Cheese, Baked Ziti, Lemon Chicken Soup, Cinnamon Rolls, and Lemon Blueberry Scones. We are always looking for people to help us with cooking, delivering meals to Children's Hospital, and delivering Backpack Buddies food. Email us at cooksonamission@yahoo.com if you would like to get involved.

Volunteers Needed

The WellHouse residents come to MBBC to cook with Cooks On A Mission on the first two Fridays of each month. Currently, a WellHouse staff member drives the ladies both ways. Beginning in August, we are looking for two MBBC members to take over the role of picking up the ladies at The WellHouse campus, driving them to MBBC, and then returning them in the afternoon. Each volunteer would drive one day a month. If you can commit to driving either the first or second Friday of each month, August through May, or would like to learn more about this opportunity, please email cooksonamission@yahoo.com.

Security Committee Update

Over the past two years your Security Committee has been at work evaluating church security and implementing certain security enhancements. Our Sunday security team for worship services has been a success with the addition of officers from the Mountain Brook Police Department. If you haven't introduced yourself to the officers, please do so and thank them for their service.



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There will also be some other changes taking place, primarily in the ELC area. Our children are our most precious resource and we have been working on improving security in this area. Further security scrutiny and new procedures are being developed that may cause some minor rerouting to your Sunday Morning Bible Study classes. We have tried to minimize any inconveniences it may pose; however, the improved security of our children's area will have greater benefits. The new system will feature door scanners, video cameras, and a FOB or card scanner system for entry into secured areas. All church members who are affected by the new secured area will be given a FOB or card. Visitors with young children will be provided a FOB to enter the secured area. The FOBs are controlled by church administration and can be modified or denied access if lost or stolen.

Over the next eight weeks a member of the Security Committee will be visiting certain Sunday Morning Bible Study classes to review the changes and answer any questions you may have. We will also be sending information in the church newsletter, so be on the lookout for further security updates.

David Bell
MBBC Security Committee Chair

BOOK CLUBS

Second Monday Book Club

Monday, May 14 | 12 p.m. | Hudson Hall

At our May Book Club meeting, Gay Johnson will review *The Alice Network*. Bring a sack lunch and come for fellowship and discussion.

MBBC Book Club

Monday, May 14 | 6 p.m. | Fireside Room

Join us for fellowship and discussion led by Mary Watkins. We will watch a short video and discuss. Bring a snack to share!

MISSIONS

2018 Family Mission Trip to Wellington, Colorado

June 23-30

The Family Mission Team will partner with Trailhead Church, a new church plant. We will help with a sports camp, family night, and other outreach opportunities. Please pray for Trailhead Church as they are seeing growth and many people have accepted Christ as Lord. If you are interested in the trip, please contact Sharon Howard (sharon@mbbc.org).

Love Grantswood Backpack Buddies Help

MBBC is looking for a volunteer to take over coordinating the Backpack Buddies portion of our Love Grantswood program. We currently have people to do the shopping, and our GAs and RAs take care of packing the bags. This person would be in charge of setting up the food for packing once a month on Wednesday evening, and would make sure there is a volunteer to deliver the food each week. If you are interested in learning more, email Sherrie Futch (sherriefutch@gmail.com).

Career Costumes

MBBC purchased career-oriented costumes for Grantswood Community School this spring for use in the second grade's career exploration program. According to school counselor Nancy Foshee, "helping the children actually visualize themselves in careers opens up possibilities for them that may not have occurred to them before. I can't tell you how valuable that is for these children." As you can see below and on the next page, they had fun trying them out.







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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Parents' Night Out/Friday Friend-zy

Friday, May 18 | 6:30-9:30 p.m.

This will be our last PNO/FF until the fall. Please sign up no later than May 13 by contacting Sharon Howard (sharon@mbbc.org).

Preteen Mystery Trip

May 31-June 1 | Depart MBBC at 8 a.m. on May 31

All children who have completed 4th-6th grade are invited to join us on the mystery trip for Bible study, fellowship, and LOTS of fun. The cost is \$100 and includes most everything. Space is limited so sign up soon by emailing Sharon Howard (sharon@mbbc.org).

Vacation Bible School: Game On

July 9-13 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The following help is still needed: School Age (Third Grade Bible Study, School Age Crafts), Preschool (Preschool Recreation, Preschool Music), Snacks, Greeters, Security, School Age Play, and more. To volunteer, please email Sharon Howard (sharon@mbbc.org).

YMCA Camp Chandler

July 22-26

All children who have completed 1st-6th grade are encouraged to go to camp. In addition to camp being lots of fun, camp creates a "mountain top" experience. Many children have accepted Christ at camp and this is a fundamental milestone in faith development. Camp can be a spiritual marker for growth, where children continue regular Bible reading and growing as a Christian. Camp also allows children to do things that they don't necessarily get to do at home (archery, canoeing, and silly games), and camp creates opportunities for long-lasting friendships because distractions are removed from the busyness of day-to-day activities. The cost of camp through May 31 is \$325 per child. For additional information, please email Sharon Howard (sharon@mbbc.org).

Events & Small Groups (*Continued*)

STUDENT MINISTRY

Guys' Camping Trip

May 4-5 | Cost: \$25

The second time's the charm! Our first attempt to go camping was rained out, but nothing is going to stop us this time. We will meet at the church at 4 p.m. on Friday after school, load up, and head to Mt. Cheaha State Park in the Talladega National Forest. Registration is now available (mbbc.org/guyscamping), and suggested packing lists will be given out in advance to all who sign up. Volunteers wanted!

Graduate Recognition Sunday

Sunday, May 6

Somehow it is already time to say "fare thee well" to our high school seniors. Because these students mean so much to us, we want to take this Sunday to celebrate and encourage them as they head off on their next big undertaking. We will recognize students in both worship services and at our Graduate Recognition Breakfast during the Sunday Morning Bible Study hour in Hudson Hall.

Chapel Choir Mini-Tour

May 25-27

As a celebration event for a year filled with hard work and good music, our Chapel Choir will be taking a small mini-tour to Knoxville, Tennessee. We will leave on Friday afternoon and spend Saturday at Dollywood. On Sunday morning, the choir will drive in to Knoxville and serve as the choir for the Ball Camp Baptist Church singing for their services. Please be in prayer for the Chapel Choir as they lead worship.



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WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Sav-A-Life Baby Shower

Tuesday, June 5

This is our third year to host a Sav-A-Life Baby Shower. We are looking for volunteers to help by heading up décor, gifts, games, and food. If you are interested in serving in this way, contact Mary Splawn (mary@mbbc.org). This is a great way to partner with a local ministry as we celebrate the gift of life together!

M&M Summer Discipleship Program

We are looking for members for the pilot program of our mutual mentoring/discipleship groups that we will call M&M groups. This group will meet for ten weeks in the summer to grow in relationship with one another, to study Scripture together, and to evaluate the M&M process. We will meet on Wednesday nights from 5:45-7 p.m. starting June 6 and concluding on August 15. Childcare will be available. Members need to be able to commit to seven of the ten meetings. We would love for the women in this pilot group to prayerfully consider replicating the discipleship process and leading their own M&M group of three to five people in the fall. Contact Mary Splawn for more information or to sign up by May 23.

ACTIVE CHRISTIAN LIVING

ACTIVE Christian Living Luncheon: Alabama 200 Bicentennial

Thursday, May 10 | 11:30 a.m. | Heritage Hall | Cost: \$6

Formed as a territory on March 3, 1817, Alabama became the nation's twenty-second state on December 14, 1819. Alabama 200, which began in 2017, is a three-year celebration of the people, places, and events that form our rich history. Laura Caldwell will tell us what is happening to celebrate our state's birthday. It is an opportunity to learn what different experiences are available for adults and children to learn about our state and its history.

Events & Small Groups (*Continued*)

ACTIVE Monthly Trip: Tennessee Williams Home & Rosedale Historic Home

Tuesday, May 15 | Columbus, Mississippi | Depart 8:15 a.m. | Cost: \$10 plus lunch money

This trip is rescheduled from January when the trip was canceled due to the threat of bad weather. Upon arriving in Columbus, Mississippi we will have lunch at Harvey's Restaurant. Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Tennessee Williams, considered the most important American playwright, was born in Columbus, Mississippi in 1911. He spent his beginning years in an old Victorian home that was the rectory for St. Paul's Episcopal Church, where his grandfather served as minister. If there is time, we will try to visit the church. Then we will tour Rosedale, which is considered one of the finest examples of Italianate architecture in Mississippi. Rosedale was entirely restored to its original 1856 state, including original paint colors and wallpaper patterns.

ACTIVE Mission Project: Ice Cream Money for Grantswood's Children

Ice cream is a favorite treat at any age, but some children at Grantswood are not able to have ice cream when their classmates do. They lack the money to buy ice cream at lunch time. Save your change or give a check designated for ice cream at Grantswood. Make a child smile and gladden your heart by making this happen. Thank you!

ACTIVE 2020 Trip: Oberammergau Passion Play and Danube River Cruise

May 24–June 2, 2020 | Munich, Passau, Vienna, Bratislava, and Budapest
Deposit Due May 30, 2018 | Only 30 Slots Available–10 Already Reserved

This is a trip of a lifetime. Treat yourself and a loved one to this wonderful cruise down the Danube River, and experience the famous Passion Play in Oberammergau. Contact Kely Hatley if you are interested in booking your space for 2020 Passion Play and Danube River Cruise.

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Generosity Scorecard as of April 22, 2018

2018 Ministries Budget	\$3,347,719.00
Weekly Receipts	\$34,377.00
YTD Receipts, includes prepays	\$1,166,125.55
Average Weekly Budget	\$64,379.21
YTD Budget	\$1,030,067.36
Weekly Net	-\$30,002.21
YTD Net	\$136,058.19

Remaining receipts required to achieve annual budget:
\$2,181,593.45

Ways to Give



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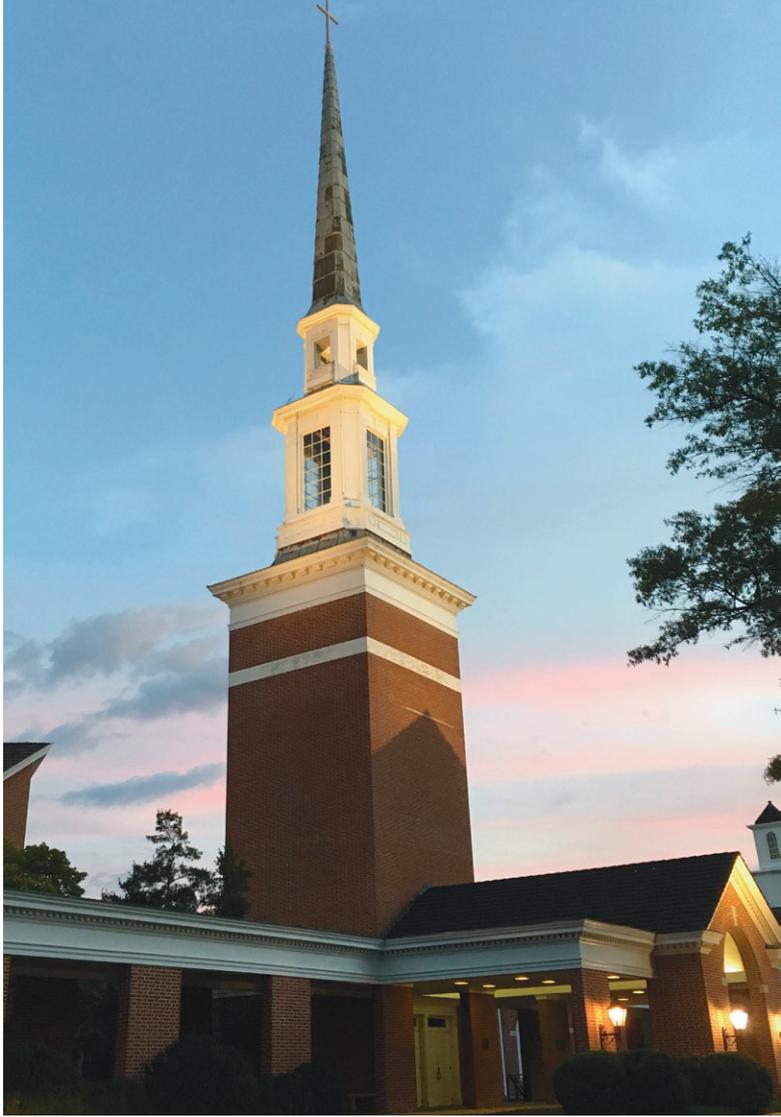
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