

Mountain Brook Baptist Church

Monthly Guide

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Comings and Goings

The month of June is a revolving door. School lets out in May and everyone can't wait to head out some place to celebrate. Even if you don't have a place to go (or don't care to go to the time and expense), chances are that someone will be coming your way for a visit.

We'll certainly see our share of comings and goings beginning this month. In terms of the former, remember our two special services on June 16 and 23, where we will be hosting special guests. Russ and Amy Dean will be with us on June 16 as a part of one of our Heritage Sunday emphases. You'll remember Bryant Strain having been with us back in February for a similar Sunday. Russ and Amy are now co-pastors at Park Road Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. Then on June 23, Paul Baxley, the new Executive Coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, will be with us. The CBF General Assembly is in Birmingham this year and we are most fortunate that Paul is staying over after the meeting to be with us.

In fact, our city has the opportunity to welcome both our denominational partners on back to back weeks this month. The Southern Baptist Convention will gather for their Annual Meeting on June 11-12 at the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex. Then the following week the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly will meet in the same place from June 19-21. It's a rare opportunity to catch both meetings without leaving home! You can register for both meetings online, or you can follow the proceedings on their websites' live stream.

Introduction (*Continued*)

As far as goings are concerned, as is traditionally the case with our church during the month of June, we'll have several groups heading out to extend the mission of MBBC. Our Chapel Choir, composed of Jr. and Sr. High students and several of our music interns, will be away on their summer tour on June 2-8. They will be traveling throughout Florida. Make plans to attend their homecoming concert on June 9.

Our Builders for Christ group will be in Groton, Connecticut, to serve at Groton Bible Chapel, a thriving congregation in that community. They'll be gone from June 8-15 doing important additions for the church's ministries to the Groton area.

Then our Family Mission Team will be returning to Wellington, Colorado, on June 22-29 to work once again with Trailhead Church, which is also a growing congregation in the Ft. Collins area. Be in prayer for each of these groups that God might work in and through them to advance the cause of Christ. What I most appreciate about these sorts of mission endeavors is how the participants always return to Mountain Brook with a renewed commitment to supporting our church's mission to our own community!

As you know, I'll be away on my sabbatical leave for the month of June as well, though I'll be returning on June 16 and 23 to be present for the special guests who will be with us on those two Sundays. So, my schedule will likely mirror yours in terms of our presence and participation. When you're away, I invite you to join me in watching our worship services on the church's website (mbbc.org/watch), as well as praying for all of the good things that will be going on and supporting them with your financial gifts.

Summer is hardly the “down time” that most people might assume it would be, at least not at Mountain Brook Baptist Church. Regardless of where each day finds us, we can all be of one mind that God will be watching over “our coming and going both now and forevermore” (Psalm 121:8). That’s most definitely one constant we can always count on.



Dr. Doug Dortch

SENIOR MINISTER

Churchwide Events

Builders for Christ Goodies

The trip is almost here and we are looking for those great goodies to eat while we work. Please bring donations of baked goods (cakes, cookies, etc.) to the church office by Wednesday, June 5. Our crew will enjoy these snacks while they are serving in Groton, Connecticut.

World Changers Lunches

June 11-14

During the summer, youth groups come to Birmingham to work with World Changers. They help with painting, construction, and yard work projects at homes across our city. Nan Crow has organized a team to help provide lunch for one of the crews for the week of June 11-14. We need your help to provide desserts, Powerades, fruit, and snacks. If you can help, contact Nan Crow (ncrow19@aol.com).

Volunteers Needed for CBF General Assembly

June 19-21

Alabama will be hosting the 2019 Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly in Birmingham and they are in need of 40 volunteers each day to help the General Assembly run. They need volunteers to help with registration, greeting, taking up offering, providing childcare, and providing general hospitality. Shifts range from two to four hours depending on area of service.

For more information or to sign up to volunteer, visit <https://cbf.net/volunteer-at-general-assembly> or email Teri Moore (tmoore@cbf.net).



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

Vision 2020 Implementation Update • We Serve Others

Grantswood Community School, located in Irondale, Alabama, opened its doors in 1979 as part of the Jefferson County School District. MBBC has partnered with Grantswood as part of the Vision 2020 Implementation for several years now. This year Grantswood has had a lot of changes. The school is expanding and has been under construction for most of the school year.

The new building will be ready for the 2019-2020 school year as they change from serving approximately 350 kindergarten through 2nd graders to approximately 600 kindergarten through 5th graders. They will be adding 10 classrooms and a new entrance. Also, rezoning and combining of schools will be required. When leaving Grantswood, students attend the feeder pattern schools as follows: Irondale Middle School for 6th through 8th grades, and Shades Valley High School for 9th through 12th grades.

With our Love Grantswood mission partnership, we have helped in many areas of the school, from donating coats, clothes, and food, to donating time with reading with the students, to donating service opportunities such as cleaning, painting, and landscaping.

We also helped each grade level with a special event. Kindergarten had a Christmas Around the World event where we helped the students experience and learn about different countries and how other countries celebrate Christmas by tasting of different foods, crafts and music of those countries. First Grade had a Fairy Tale Ball where the students dressed as their favorite fairy tale character. We provided games and activities that reinforced fairy tales they had been learning about throughout the year. Second Grade had a Go Green event where they learned about all things green. We

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provided activities and learning opportunities such as taste testing of green food (which they then charted what foods were their favorite and least favorite), learned about recycling, and made slime.

This year the Backpack Buddies program served 41 kids with bags of food that the students would take home every Friday afternoon so they would have some food over the weekend.

Also, we supported the staff at Grantswood Community School several different ways. We provided breakfast during the Teacher Professional Days and notes during Teacher Appreciation Week, and we created bulletin boards throughout the school year.

We are thankful for the opportunity to serve the staff and students of Grantswood Community School.





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Cooks On A Mission

Cooks On A Mission is on break for the summer. If you would like to purchase food please see any of the church receptionists. We will resume our activities on Friday, August 2, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Plan to join us then!

Is Your Small Group or Sunday Morning Bible Study Looking for a Place of Service?

We are looking for a new team member or small group to lead our Backpack Buddies program, which provides weekend food for children at Tarrant Elementary, McAdory Elementary, and Grantswood Community School. This person or team would be in charge of making sure the food items are purchased (with help from other shoppers), scheduling the bags to be packed by RAs and GAs and/or WellHouse ladies, and monitoring the Sign-Up Genius to make sure people who have signed up deliver the bags each week. COAM team members will provide training and backup support as needed. This job could be shared among a few individuals or would make a wonderful project for a Sunday Morning Bible Study class or small group. If you would like to discuss this in more detail, please email us at cooksonamission@yahoo.com.

Missions

Family Promise

Family Promise of Birmingham, founded in 1998 as the Birmingham Hospitality Network, is one of MBBC's long standing ministry partners. FPB works with faith and civic organizations such as MBBC to provide safe, home-like lodging where homeless families can stay together while working to regain their independence.

Families who receive assistance through Family Promise of Birmingham (FPB) are housed within host organizations such as MBBC for a week at a time. While in residence, they receive hospitality, meals, and support services as needed, at no charge.

On any given day, more than half the guests served by FPB are children, and Family Promise of Birmingham is one of only two shelters in North Central Alabama that serves families consisting of:

- Husbands and wives with children
- Men with children
- Women with children, including male children 10 years or older
- Guardians with children

Families must be capable of participating in a family environment supervised by volunteers. All adults must pass a thorough criminal background screening, as well as a drug test.

There are several ways you can help support FPB. First and foremost, pray for the families served and for the organization's leadership.

Second, consider volunteering to provide a meal when the families are in residence each quarter at MBBC, or come read to or play with the children when they are here. MBBC will next host FPB families during the weeks of July 21 and September 29, 2019. Contact Amy Hirsch (amy@mbbc.org) to get involved.

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Finally, consider donating to the organization. FPB is always in need of the following:

- Gas gift cards
- Wal-Mart or Target gift cards
- Gently used luggage or tote bags
- Blank note cards
- Hygiene products
- Trash bags
- Clear backpacks for students
- Paper towels
- Buckets with cleaning supplies
- Postage stamps
- Copier paper
- Laundry soap/dryer sheets/bleach



MBBC member Drew Smith is on the board of directors of Family Promise, and is willing to answer any questions you may have about the organization. Contact him at adsmith4@gmail.com or email Executive Director Rana Cowan at director@familypromisebham.org.

Save the date for the FPB annual silent auction reception to be held on July 18, from 6–9 p.m. at Brookwood Village. Look for details soon.



Children's Ministry

Family Mission Trip

June 22-29 | Wellington, Colorado

Please pray for our team as we partner with Trailhead Church.

In the Wild - Vacation Bible School

July 8-12

Can you help in one of these areas for Vacation Bible School? We need preschool helpers, school age helpers, a school-age recreation leader, greeters, security team, kitchen, and snack volunteers, and more. Please pray about how you can help and email Sharon Howard (sharon@mbbc.org) to volunteer. If you haven't registered your child, you can register online at mbbc.org/vbs!



Children's Camp - YMCA Camp Chandler

July 21-25

Camp is for children who have completed 1st-6th grade. We leave at noon on Sunday and return at noon on Thursday. The camp cost for MBBC members is \$350 if paid no later than June 1. After June 1 and for non-members, the fee increases to \$400. Sign up soon by emailing Sharon Howard (sharon@mbbc.org).

Student Ministry

Chapel Choir Tour & Homecoming Concert

June 2-8 | St. Augustine, Florida & June 9, 4 p.m. | Sanctuary

Our Chapel Choir is traveling to St. Augustine, Florida for their Summer Tour. Along the way they will sing and serve. Please pray for our students and adult leaders as they travel, and make plans to join us for their Homecoming Concert and reception after they return.

LifeWeek 2019

July 7-9

Make plans to join us for three fun-filled nights of worship and Bible study, with an adventure every night. This year's LifeWeek speaker is Courtney Trotter. LifeWeek is free and you are encouraged to bring some friends. More at mbbc.org/lifeweek.

Beach Retreat

July 26-29 | Laguna Beach, Florida

We're headed back to Laguna Beach for our annual Beach Retreat. Be sure to sign up by June 30 to get the early-bird rate of \$175 per person. Sign up and more at mbbc.org/beachretreat.

Summer Funs

We have a summer full of "no-frills fellowships" planned. Get all the details and sign up at mbbc.org/summerfuns.

- June 12 - World Changers Lunch
- June 13 - Whitewater Rafting
- June 18-19 Camping & Hiking
- June 26 - Barons' Game
- July 2 - All-American Lunch
- July 16 - Six Flags Over Georgia
- August 1 - Paintball
- August 7 - Top Golf
- August 17 - Lake Day

Women's Ministry

Women's Summer Growth Groups

June 12, 19, 26; July 10, 17, and 24 | Conference Room

We are excited to announce two Women's Summer Growth Groups. The groups will meet for six weeks in June and July (June 12, 19, 26, July 10, 17, and 24). Both groups will meet on Wednesdays. We will have a morning group that will meet from 10-11:30 a.m. and an evening group that will meet from 5:45-7 p.m. Childcare is available with advanced reservation by contacting Sharon Howard (sharon@mbbc.org).

This group will spend time focusing on four areas of discipleship: prayer, Bible study, Scripture memory, and authentic Christian community. We will study through Colossians and Philemon and read portions of Jen Wilkin's book *Women of the Word*.

Please prayerfully consider joining this group and growing alongside other women in the church this summer! If you're interested but need more details, email Mary Splawn (mary@mbbc.org).

Torchbearers Sunday Morning Bible Study Woman-to-Woman Luncheon

Thursday, June 6 | 10:30 a.m. | Heritage Hall | \$15

The Torchbearers Class wants to invite you to their Woman-to-Woman Luncheon on Thursday, June 6 at 10:30 a.m. in Heritage Hall. Donna Dukes, founder of Maranathan Academy, will be the guest speaker. Maranathan Academy, which operates at Southside Baptist Church, is a school that supports critically at-risk students. Cost is \$15 for a box lunch (check payable to Lunch Box Express), but you are welcome to come and hear the speaker without purchasing a lunch. Invite a friend. For more information call Carolyn Reich (968-0096).

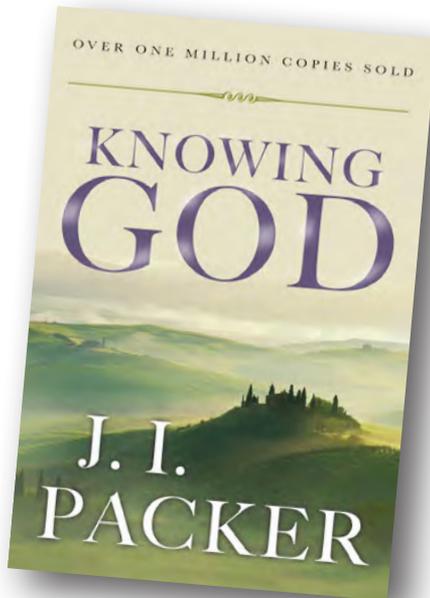
Men's Ministry

Summer Discipleship Series

June 12, 19, 26; July 10, 17, 24 | 6:30 p.m. | Hudson Hall

This summer we are inviting the men of our church to participate in a summer discipleship series on Wednesday nights. Over the course of six meetings, we will commit to read Scripture, memorize three Bible verses, pray for one another, and read a chapter from J.I. Packer's book *Knowing God*. The chapter "Sons of God" addresses the biblical truth that God adopts us into His family through faith in Jesus Christ so that all who are in Christ may call God their Father and enjoy all the privileges of sonship. This intergenerational group is open to all guys who have completed the 9th grade and older.

If you would like to participate in this group, please contact Wayne Splawn (wayne@mbbc.org).



ACTIVE Christian Living

June Monthly Trip: My Fair Lady

Tuesday, June 11 | Depart 6:30 p.m. | \$45

Pay in advance to secure your ticket

Join us for a Broadway production of

My Fair Lady presented by Red Mountain

Theater Company in Birmingham. This

musical will be a live version of the famous American musical drama film made in 1964. This version was adapted from the Lerner and Loewe eponymous stage musical based on the 1913 stage play *Pygmalion* by George Bernard Shaw. This is an event that you won't want to miss and there are only fourteen available tickets left. Be sure to give your money to Joseph Mendum or Kely Hatley to secure a ticket in advance.



RED MOUNTAIN
THEATRE COMPANY

Barons Baseball Game

Thursday, July 4 | Depart 4:45 p.m. | \$11



The Mellow Brook Singers have been issued the invitation to sing the National Anthem for the Barons' baseball game on the evening of July 4! What an honor and what a night this will

be! Would you like to come and support the MBS group at the game? We are forming a list of how many would like to go with us in order to determine whether or not we need to secure a second bus. Please send Kely or Joseph (kely@mbbc.org or sradult@mbbc.org) an email or call the church office to add your name to the Barons' July 4 game transportation list. Group tickets to the game will cost \$11 each. They are located on the third base line in order to give the best view of the "Thunder on the Mountain" fireworks show following the game. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 4:45 p.m. We estimate leaving the ball park around 9:30 p.m. after the fireworks show. The first pitch is at 6 p.m. Let us know if you'd like to go. Please call the church office (871-0331) today and make your reservation for these events.

ACTIVE Christian Living is a ministry for adults age 55+. Please call the church office (871-0331) today and make your reservation for these events.



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.

Katherine S. Davis

What led you to MBBC?

I was searching for a church to raise my children in.

What have you enjoyed the most about MBBC?

I have enjoyed the fellowship with other families.

What are you learning about God?

I am humbled every day by God's love.

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

I was born and raised in Greenville, South Carolina. I attended Mercer University in Macon, Georgia. My boy/girl twins (Hamby and Ingram) are eight years old.

Where do you work?

I have taught at Hall-Kent Elementary in Homewood since 2005.

My hobbies and interests are ...

I enjoy spending time with my family, needle pointing, reading, and spending time at the beach.



Katherine S. Davis

Joined MBBC April 28, 2019

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Beth & Cal Frey

What led you to MBBC?

Beth was baptized at MBBC when she was 12 years old and we were married in the little Chapel in 1962, so it was natural that we would visit the church and we visited a Presbyterian church before we made our decision. We decided to join because we were impressed by the teaching, preaching, hospitality, and commitment to missions and also the dedication of the members to the work of the church.

Where were you born and raised?

Beth was raised in Virginia until almost age nine when her family moved back to Alabama. Cal was raised in Oak Park, Illinois. We lived most of our married life in the District of Columbia and Annapolis, Maryland where we attended First Presbyterian Church. We have two children: a son Houston, who lives in Annapolis, Maryland and a daughter, Lisbet, who lives in Ventura, California. Beth has too many relatives to mention in the church but the nearest and dearest are her sister, Mary Scott, and her brother, John Holcomb III and their spouses. Her parents and grandparents were long time members of MBBC.

Our hobbies and interests are ...

Cal likes to fish and Beth likes to read, cook, and make bread. We have had other hobbies and interests in our past years but that is what we like to do now.

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

Our favorite restaurant is ...

We love to go to the restaurant at the Birmingham Botanical Garden when the weather is pretty and eat on the patio.

Our favorite Bible verses are ...

Beth's favorite verses are Genesis 1:1-2 and Cal's favorites are Mark 12:30-31.



Beth & Cal Frey

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Generosity Scorecard as of May 26, 2019

2019 Ministries Budget	\$3,447,078.00
Weekly Receipts	\$14,244.00
YTD Receipts, includes prepays	\$1,343,170.58
Average Weekly Budget	\$66,289.90
YTD Budget	\$1,392,089.10
Weekly Net	-\$52,045.90
YTD Net	-\$48,918.52

Remaining receipts required to achieve annual budget:
\$2,103,907.42

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