

MBBC Students

MONTHLY UPDATE | September 2019

A Pastoral Word from Ben Winder:

As we begin this new school year together, I want to offer you a word of challenge and encouragement. I recognize the nearly limitless buffet of opportunities and options that beg for your family's time. Especially in our community there are countless good things with which one can get involved. Yet over and over again I see in the lives of students and families where faith development and church become the first thing taken off the agenda and the last thing put back. This is not intended to cause you any guilt, rather to encourage you to consider as a family where you are prioritizing your time and energy. There are many good things calling for your attention, but might you be willing to say "no" to some number of good things in order to say "yes" to the greater thing. I recognize every person in your student's life tells you their thing is most important - coaches, teachers, tutors, on and on. Parents know this cacophony of voices never stops even as an adult. One gift we can give our students is helping them to thoughtfully, willingly make choices about priorities in their lives. I truly believe helping our students grow in their relationship with Christ is THE thing which has eternal significance. Your choices communicate what you prioritize.

If you desire to prioritize faith development and church involvement in your family this year, let me offer three things you can check as signals to your priorities:

PRESENCE: Show up. If you do you'll find it is easier to build and deepen relationships, keep faith front and center in your life, and find the encouragement and accountability we all need on our journey of life. And when you make it a commitment to show up, you'll find it gets easier and more beneficial with time.

PREPARATION: Be ready. If you read the week's passages, memorize the week's verses, and have spent time thinking about discipleship before you show up, you'll be best positioned to receive all God has for you when we are together. (But even if you're not prepared, still show up!)

PARTICIPATION: Be an active participant. If you commit to engaging in the life of the group by being an active listener and a meaningful contributor you'll find life together happens best where there is buy-in and vulnerability. (But even if you're not ready to be fully engaged quite yet, still show up!)

Let me invite you to prioritize your faith as a family this year. Show up, be ready, be engaged. You might be amazed what God will do when we properly arrange our priorities.

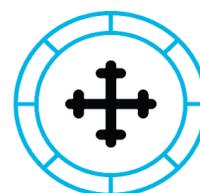
I know it is not easy, and it will require counter-cultural decisions and actions on your part. But know I'm with you. I'm praying for you. Let's do it!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Student Ministry Family Meeting Recap

[2019-2020 Student Ministry Guide](#)

In case you missed it, our annual Student Ministry Family Meeting was August 25. At the meeting we distributed our [2019-2020 MBBC Student Ministry Guide](#). It has a lot of important information you need, so be sure to check it out. If you would prefer a physical version, additional copies are available to pick up in the Student Ministry Area. If you have any question or concerns, I want to hear from you - Ben Winder: 205.603.6803 | ben@mbbc.org



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Football Frenzy

September 7 | ~9:30-11:00 pm | Yellow Missionary House Backyard

A free fellowship event following the high school football game next Friday night. Join us in the Yellow Missionary House Backyard for s'mores, food, games, and a relaxed atmosphere to introduce your friends to your MBBC Student Ministry family.

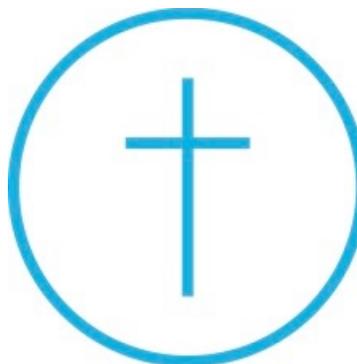
We are looking for folks to bring finger foods - [if you can help, please sign up here.](#)



Fall Service Day + Bus & BBQ

October 5 | 8:00am - 6:00pm | FREE

We'll spend our morning serving our neighbors with grace and generosity alongside our whole church family. We'll spend the afternoon at the lake enjoying food, fellowship, and fun with our student ministry family, putting a new spin on a classic student ministry event called Bus & BBQ. Be on the lookout for a church-wide Service Day sign up coming soon.



CONNECTED

Winter Youth Summit

January 17-19, 2020 | Huntsville, AL | \$125

[Sign up online](#) by November 10

We're so excited about a new event for us coming this January. At Winter Youth Summit we'll join students from across the Southeast for a weekend conference-like event which features fantastic worship, teaching, activities, and workshops.

This year's preacher is Shaun King, Pastor of John's Creek Baptist Church in Atlanta. [Sharon Irving](#) will be leading our worship. We have a special concert by [Walker Burroughs](#) of American Idol fame.

We'll stay together at an Embassy Suites and the conference is hosted by First Baptist Huntsville. You do not want to miss out on this awesome weekend together in Huntsville.

Be sure to sign up online at mbbc.org/wys to reserve your spot before the November 10 deadline!



WEEKLY PROGRAMS UPDATE

Sunday Morning Bible Study Foundations 260 Bible Reading Plan

Each Sunday morning we recap the week's reading and important takeaways from it during our large group time. In smaller discussion groups we dig into application to our lives. We encourage you to read and discuss these passages as a family as we read through the breadth of scripture with our MBBC family this year.

Here is this month's schedule:

September 1 - What's God's Kingdom Worth?

WEEK 34 Reading - August 26-31

John 6

Matthew 19:16-30

Luke 15-16

Luke 17:11-37, 18

Mark 10

*Memory Verses: Mark 10:45 & John 6:37***September 8 - What is to come ...**

WEEK 35 Reading - September 2-7

John 11, Matthew 21:1-13

John 13

John 14-15

John 16

Matthew 24:1-31

*Memory Verses: John 13:34-35 & 15:4-5***September 15 - Jesus Dead & Buried**

WEEK 36 Reading - September 9-14

Matthew 24:32-51

John 17

Matthew 26:35-27:31

Matthew 27:32-66, Luke 23:26-56

John 19

*Memory Verses: Luke 23:34 & John 17:3***September 22 - Jesus Resurrected & Ascended Into Heaven**

WEEK 37 Reading - September 16-21

Mark 16

Luke 24

John 20-21

Matthew 28

Acts 1

*Memory Verses: Matthew 28:18-20 & Acts 1:8***September 29 - The Church on Mission**

WEEK 38 Reading - September 22-28

Acts 2-3

Acts 4-5

Acts 6

Acts 7

Acts 8-9

*Memory Verses: Acts 2:42 & 4:31***Student Growth Groups****Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm | September 4, 11, 18 & 25**

Our mid-week Bible study groups will now be Student Growth Groups and all will meet Wednesdays at 7 pm. We'll begin the semester with a kickoff event Wednesday,

September 4, when we'll all meet in the Student Ministry Area. Regular Student Growth Group meetings will begin Wednesday, September 11.

Student Growth Groups are weekly gatherings designed to dive deeper into relational discipleship by reading & memorizing scripture and offering encouragement & accountability. High School students also have the option to join an intergenerational Men's or Women's Growth Group - if that option interests you, you can sign up [online here](#).

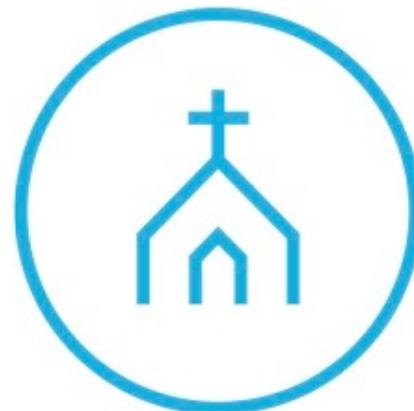


The Brook

Sundays, 6:00-7:30 pm | September 8, 15, 22 & 29
Student Ministry Area (2A)

This weekly gathering during the school year provides a relaxed, fun atmosphere for worship, teaching & fellowship aimed to meet students where they are.

We begin each week by eating dinner together. If you are able and willing to provide dinner for us one week, [please sign up online here](#).



Chapel Choir Rehearsal

Sundays, 5 pm | September 8, 15, 22 & 29 | Choir Room

Chapel Choir is our choral ensemble for students. No experience is necessary. We would love to have you join us as we learn sacred music and prepare to lead others in worship even as we worship God ourselves. We rehearse each Sunday before The Brook. We'll start the year by preparing for Advent & Christmas. Come join us as we sin for the Lord and have so much fun doing it!



Student Mission Council

The Missions Committee has generously provided funds for a new Student Missions Council, which will empower us to find meaningful partnerships both domestically and internationally. The Student Missions Council will help us direct our funds and involvement as a Student Ministry in God's mission around the world. Students who are interested in being part of this group can contact Ben Winder (205.603.6803 | ben@mbbc.org) to get involved!



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