



Mountain Brook Baptist Church

Monthly Guide



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A MESSAGE FROM DR. DORTCH

“Because”

Most of us can remember going through a phase in our childhood where we were struggling to establish our independence, even if we were too young to know what we did not know. If you can recall such a time, then you will also remember how your most well-worn phrase was most likely the simple question, “Why?”

For many of us, of course, it was enough for an authority figure, usually a parent or a teacher, to respond, “Because I said so.” But for others of us, even in our immaturity, we wanted a deeper and more satisfying answer. “Because I said so” was not sufficient; we wanted something more.

This time of the year is when our church pauses to consider our ministry plan for the coming year. It’s a time when we seek to develop our capacity to advance the cause of Christ in our community and beyond even more.

Our ministry plan theme for 2020 is “Because.” For us more compliant souls, it would be enough to inspire our financial support for the plan “because God says so.” “Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse” (Malachi 3:1) is motivation enough for those of us wired that way.

But some of us are wired differently, and lest anyone thinks that we’re being heavy-handed with our approach (“Because we said so”), understand that our appeal aims at inspiring all of us to greater faithfulness in ways that speak uniquely and respectfully to God’s image in each of us. So, during this month in our worship we will give attention to our church’s ministries because “it’s in our best interests,” because “it matters to others,” because “it represents our church’s guiding values,” and because “it serves as our response to God’s blessings.”

Also this month, you’ll be seeing a promotional brochure from our Stewardship Education Team, chaired by John Pieder, which will

elaborate on our theme. We'll also have small group presentations and worship testimonies. The idea is to help everyone see how there is a true logic not only to our ministry plan for 2020 but also to our call for its support.

We're also asking for one other thing. We're asking everyone to fill out a "Because" pledge card to the 2020 plan that will help us better prepare for our implementation plan and help you to be disciplined enough to support it.

Thank you for how you are already making ministry possible at Mountain Brook Baptist Church. Thank you as well for how you will continue to do so in the coming year, "because" without your support, our efforts won't nearly be all God needs them to be.



Dr. Doug Dortch

SENIOR MINISTER



Churchwide Events

Churchwide Service Day

Saturday, October 5 | 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Our annual churchwide Service Day will be on Saturday, October 5. We will meet in Heritage Hall at 8 a.m. for breakfast and head out to our worksites. We will meet back in Heritage Hall for lunch around 12:30 p.m. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to share the love of Christ with others in our community! Here is a list of this year's projects:

Grantswood Community School: help with landscaping, assist with their raised bed planters, and decorate bulletin boards

Cornerstone High School: put together picnic tables and assemble shades for the picnic area, help with landscaping

The Foundry Ministries: write notes of encouragement to children who will receive weekend take-home food bags from the Foundry Ministries (much like our Backpack Buddies program)

Low impact project in Hudson Hall: put together Backpack Buddies and Christmas backpacks for Mississippi River ministries, work on hygiene kits for North Hills residents, and decorate grocery bags for our Perry County Thanksgiving collection

Sign up online (mbbc.org/serviceday) or by contacting Amy Hirsch (amy@mbbc.org or 205-803-3471).





Churchwide Events (*continued*)

Called Church Conference

Sunday, October 6 | 10:30 a.m. | Both Worship Services

We will have a Called Church Conference in both worship services to approve the 2020 Ministry Plan, our church budget for 2020.

S.H.A.P.E. Spiritual Gifts Study

Sunday, October 6, 13, 20 | 4-6 p.m. | Heritage Hall

As part of our Vision 2020 emphasis on discipleship, we will have a spiritual gifts study during the month of October based on Eric Rees's book *S.H.A.P.E.* We hope you will consider attending this study as we thoughtfully engage how the Lord has gifted us individually and how we might use those gifts for the kingdom. We will have concurrent activities for children; contact Sharon Howard (sharon@mbbc.org or 205-803-3445) if you plan to attend the study and need preschool-age childcare. Dinner will be served after the study (\$6 adults/\$3 kids/\$20 maximum per family).

Trunk-or-Treat

Sunday, October 27 | 4-6 p.m.

It's that time of year again; we're preparing for Trunk-or-Treat and we need your help with this annual outreach event to our community. Here are ways you can help!

- Decorate your trunk and hand out candy
- Make snow cones, cotton candy, and popcorn
- Help with grilling and serving hot dogs and chips
- Set up and/or take down
- Supervise children on inflatables

The possibilities are endless—visit mbbc.org/trunkortreat for more information about how you might get involved, or contact Mary Splawn (mary@mbbc.org or 205-803-3448) to sign up to help.

Trunk-or-Treat Candy Donations

Drop Off Donations by Sunday, October 20

We are accepting candy donations for Trunk-or-Treat. If you can donate a bag of individually wrapped candy to hand out at Trunk-or-Treat, just drop off your items at the church in the designated bin underneath the Grand Staircase.



Missions

Cooks On A Mission

Cooks On A Mission is excited to announce that the Cornerstone Sunday Morning Bible Study Class will be joining with us in supporting the Backpack Buddies program! Members of the class joined us on September 13 to pack bags for all three schools we support, including Grantswood Community School, McAdory Elementary School, and Tarrant Elementary School.

October Menu

Our October monthly food sale will take place on Wednesday, October 16, from 2-6 p.m. We will be introducing two new dishes in October: White Chicken Chili and Corn Muffins.

To prepare for the churchwide Thanksgiving lunch and our Thanksgiving Food sale, we will be cooking every Thursday afternoon and evening and every Friday in October and November.

Finally, due to rising food costs, we have made the difficult decision to raise our prices slightly. We have maintained the same pricing for the entire life-span of this ministry, but after approximately six years of consistent pricing, we find the increase necessary. Even with this small increase, we believe our food provides an excellent value, and 100% of proceeds will continue to go directly to local missions projects.

Join us anytime to cook! Email us at cooksonamission@yahoo.com for more information.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON & POP-UP SHOP

Benefiting The WellHouse



THURSDAY, DEC. 5, 10 AM - 6:30 PM & FRIDAY, DEC. 6, 8 AM - 3:30 PM

Pick up gifts for neighbors, co-workers, teachers, etc. All home-made items are bagged, tagged and ready for gift-giving! We have lots of choices, including:



- Peanut Butter Balls and Oreo Truffles
- Gingerbread Cookies and Salted Caramels
- Cheese Wafers & Pepper Jelly
- On-trend jewelry and other gifts (including fun gifts for the guys on your list)
- Christmas gift tags and stickers
- Custom luxury soy candles, soaps & lotions
- Doggie treats and MUCH more!

Box lunch is available for dining in or takeaway beginning Friday at 11 a.m. Individual lunch is \$20 per person or reserve a table of 8 for your group for \$160 via credit card at www.mbbc.org/wellhouselunch or make a reservation by calling the church office at (205)871-0331. Reservations preferred but drop-ins accepted as space allows. All proceeds go to The WellHouse.



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Missions (*continued*)

Ministry Partner Spotlight: The Foundry Ministries

MBBC has partnered with The Foundry Ministries to create a new social enterprise that will help fund their ministry. Located just east of Cullman, The Foundry has a farm that rests on 60-plus acres of rolling hills and dense forests that bring a sense of rest and peace to men in their Recovery Program. The hen house currently under construction on the farm is the future home of 300 laying hens whose cage-free eggs will be sold in local markets to offset program costs.

Men and women come from all over Alabama and the southeast for The Foundry's Recovery Program that helps them overcome addictions, regain basic necessities, restore self-esteem, and achieve permanent change in their lives. The 12-month program offers a Christ-centered curriculum, worship services, Bible studies, prayer, counseling, life-skills classes, and employment readiness training.

The farm offers men a unique opportunity to gain employment readiness skills that they wouldn't receive elsewhere. These skills include tending crops, clearing property, cleaning and maintenance of the buildings, and maintaining the land. The hen house will give them the opportunity to care for animals and to gain an understanding of social enterprise.

In 2018, The Foundry welcomed 940 men and women into their programs, and celebrated 186 graduates who are free from addiction and equipped to be productive members of our communities. Program participants received 19,860 hours of counseling, 10,607 hours of case management, 151,939 hours of education and discipleship, and 667,760 hours of employment readiness training.

To learn more on how you can join the fight against addiction and homelessness, check out The Foundry website (foundryministries.com) or contact John Roland (jroland@foundryministries.com or 205-432-0485) for more information.



Children's Ministry

Parents' Night Out

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

Parents' Night Out is October 18, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Reservations are required no later than October 13. The cost is \$10 per child/maximum of \$25 per family.

Bible Championship Series (BCS)

Sundays, October 6, 13, & 20 | 4-6 p.m.

Children are working on learning the Books of the Bible as well as Key Passage Locations. Our October memory verses are:

“Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.” (Acts 16:31).

“We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to His purpose.” (Romans 8:28).

Following BCS, dinner is served in Heritage Hall for \$3 per child/\$6 per adult (maximum of \$20 per family). Please let Sharon Howard (sharon@mbbc.org or 205-803-3445) know if you plan to attend.

Contact Sharon Howard (sharon@mbbc.org) for more information.

Student Ministry

Fall Service Day + Bus & BBQ

Saturday, October 5 | 8 a.m.-6 p.m. | Church & Logan Martin Lake
Make plans to spend your day with your MBBC & MBBC Student Ministry family serving together and having fun. We'll spend our morning serving our neighbors with grace and generosity alongside our church family. That afternoon we will be at Logan Martin Lake enjoying food and fellowship with our MBBC Student Ministry family. Sign up online at mbbc.org/serviceday; students, be sure to mark your planned attendance at Bus & BBQ!

Student Growth Groups

Wednesdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 | 7-8 p.m. | Various Locations
These groups are weekly gatherings designed to dive deeper into relational discipleship by reading and memorizing scripture together and offering encouragement and accountability. For more information contact Ben Winder (ben@mbbc.org or 205-603-6803).

The Brook

Sundays, October 6, 13, & 20 | 6-7:30 p.m. | Student Ministry Area
Join us each week and invite your friends for a relaxed, fun atmosphere for worship, teaching, and fellowship aimed to meet Jr. High and Sr. High School students where they are. This semester we're digging into the book of Acts and dreaming together about all the Church can be. We will not have The Brook on October 27 in order to help out with Trunk-or-Treat.

Chapel Choir

Sundays, October 6, 13, & 20 | 5-6 p.m. | Choir Room
All Jr. High & Sr. High School students are invited and encouraged to join us—no experience necessary!

Women's Ministry

Women's Prayer Retreat

Tuesday, October 15 | 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. | Cullman, Alabama

Consider joining us for a day of reflection and meditation on Tuesday, October 15. We'll meet at 8 a.m. to travel together to the Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center in Cullman. It will be a day for fellowship, prayer, and quiet time. Many have found spiritual renewal while spending time away on the beautiful grounds of the Retreat Center. Cost will be \$10 (includes lunch), plus money for dinner in Cullman. We'll return that evening by 8 p.m. Sign up online (mbbc.org/prayerretreat) or by contacting Mary Splawn (mary@mbbc.org or 205-803-3448).

Save the Date: 2020 Women's Retreat

January 24-25, 2020 | Pursell Farms, Alabama

Ladies save the date for our 2020 Women's Retreat! More information is coming soon.

Contact Mary Splawn (mary@mbbc.org or 205-803-3448) for more information.

Men's Ministry

Sharpen Up Breakfast

Tuesday, October 15 | 6:30-7:15 a.m. | Heritage Hall

Guys of all ages, we hope you will join us for our next Sharpen Up Breakfast on Tuesday, October 15. Start your day with a hearty breakfast, a meaningful time of fellowship, and an encouraging devotion.

Contact Wayne Splawn (wayne@mbbc.org or 205-803-3484) for more information.



ACTIVE Christian Living

ACTIVE Christian Living Luncheon | K. Lee Scott

Thursday, October 10 | 11:30 a.m. | Heritage Hall | \$7 per person

We are pleased to host K. Lee Scott, one of America's foremost composers of music for the Church. His hymns are found in eight hymnals. Lee has over 300 published compositions that include choral anthems, hymns, works for solo voice, organ, brass, and major works including a Christmas cantata and Te Deum. He received two degrees in choral music from The University of Alabama School of Music. He has been an adjunct faculty member of several Alabama colleges and universities. Recently he was commissioned to write three anthems to celebrate our church's 75th Anniversary. These anthems were offered as part of our worship on September 29. Come hear Lee as he discusses how he goes about composing a new piece of music from the very beginning stages. Call the church office (205-871-0331) to make your reservation.

ACTIVE Christian Living Trip | Fort Payne Depot Museum, Hosier Museum, and Opera House Tour

Friday, October 25 | 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. | Fort Payne, Alabama | \$30 per person plus lunch money

After departing the church at 8:15 a.m., we will travel to Fort Payne, Alabama and tour the Hosier Museum where socks and pantyhose were formerly made. Fort Payne was known at one time as the "sock capital of the world." Our second tour stop will be the Fort Payne Opera House, which is still in use today. It was purchased and restored in 1969 by the Landmarks of DeKalb County, Inc. Our last tour will be of the Depot Museum. The



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museum is housed in the original train depot (built in 1891), where for 85 years it served as the depot for the Alabama-Great Southern Railroad. Our group will share lunch at the “Strand Cafe” on the main street of Fort Payne. Our registration deadline for this trip is October 18. Contact Joseph Mendum (sradult@mbbc.org or 205-803-3488) to secure your reservation.

Contact Kely Hatley (kely@mbbc.org or 205-803-3458) for more information about our ACTIVE Christian Living ministry.



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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 to meet our new members and find out more about their faith journey.



Abby Rich

What led you to MBBC?

My parents became members of MBBC when they were newlyweds. Then they moved to South Carolina for Daddy's job. When they came back to Birmingham, I was in my mommy's belly. They re-joined the church a few weeks before I was born.

What have you enjoyed the most about MBBC?

I love learning about Jesus! My favorite events are VBS and the Children's Sermon in big church, but I'm always happy to be here. I love Parents' Night Out!

Tell us about your faith.

I have learned a lot about God and the Bible from my parents, Mrs. Sharon, my church teachers, and Right Now Media. I believe that God made me and the whole world. I believe that Jesus does miracles. He died on the cross to take away my sins and He rose from the dead after three days in the tomb. I know that Jesus is alive and He is holy!

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

I was born at UAB in 2014. My parents are Matt and Sarah Rich. My big brother, Micah, is seven years old. We have two Dachshunds named Tyson and Oakley.

Where do you go to school?

I live in Homewood and I go to school at Mountain Brook Baptist Early Learning Center. I am in Ms. Carla's 4K half-day class. I love the ELC and all my teachers!

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

My hobbies and interests are ...

I really love to sing and make up songs. I love to play games with my family. I like to play with my friends at church and school. I just started taking a ballet class and it is so much fun.

My favorite Bible Story is ...

I have three favorite Bible stories: Jesus going up into heaven (the Ascension), the rainbow promise God gave to Noah, and the story of Adam and Eve.

Is there anything else you would like to share with the church?

I am so excited to be a Christian! I am so glad to have such nice church members. We are part of God's family!



Abby Rich

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Generosity Scorecard as of September 22, 2019

2019 Ministries Budget	\$3,447,078.00
Weekly Receipts	\$27,064.00
YTD Receipts, includes prepays	\$2,049,593.96
Average Weekly Budget	\$66,289.90
YTD Budget	\$2,519,018.42
Weekly Net	-\$39,255.90
YTD Net	-\$469,424.46

Remaining receipts required to achieve annual budget:

\$1,397,484.04

Ways to Give



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