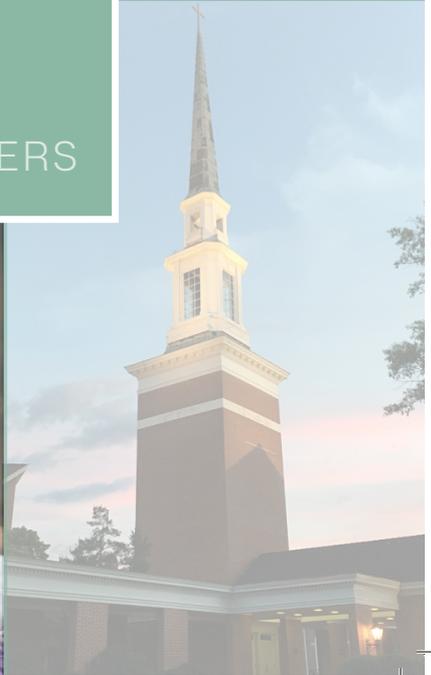


2019  
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WE SERVE OTHERS



*Love* God.  
*Live* with Grace  
& Generosity.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study | 9:15-10:15 a.m.**  
**Concurrent Worship | 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

- Traditional Worship | Sanctuary
- Contemporary Worship | Heritage Hall



## A MESSAGE FROM DR. DORTCH

### *We Serve Others*

One of the “God-sized dreams” in our Vision 2020 plan is to be a congregation marked by the manner in which “We Serve Others.” While there are many ways in which one might define a faithful church, I don’t know that any would apply if service were not somewhere in the mix. The surest sign of our faith is when we are about a task that is designed to meet some pressing need or concern outside of ourselves and to do so in Jesus’ name.

Unfortunately, we live now in a world that is accustomed to being served and not to serving. The prevailing culture tells us that we have made it when we are in a position where others are catering to our every whim. How different that is from Jesus, who said of himself that “he came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45). If such service was Jesus’ sense of his personal mission, I don’t know how people can consider themselves Jesus’ followers if they don’t model his way of faith.

This 2019 Ministry Guide has been created so that members and attendees of our church can show their faith through their service in Jesus’ name. In this guide you’ll find a host of opportunities organized around the various areas of church life where we need people to serve. These opportunities literally cover the spectrum of ministries at Mountain Brook Baptist Church and there most definitely is a place where you can connect by means of your service.

I ask you to do two things as you consider how to respond to this guide. First, I ask you to pray about your place of service. Ideally, service in Jesus’ name reflects our passion and giftedness so that we labor out of love and not drudgery or guilt. Secondly, I ask you to be open to tackling the less glamorous, but equally necessary parts of Christian service. As I heard someone once say, “Everyone wants to save the world, but no one wants to do the dishes.” Sometimes it’s the most seemingly mundane tasks that move the church closer to the fulfillment of its mission.

Jesus talked about his disciples being “salt and light” (Matthew 5:13-16). Our service gives our witness tastefulness and our labor brings the light of life into the dark places where disillusionment and despair must be dismissed. So, take this guide and let us know where you feel most called, most gifted, and most passionate. When we make sure that everyone in our church is in such a place, then we can be confident that Jesus’ favor will most fully abound in us and through us because we will then truly be his “good and faithful servants.” (Matthew 25:23).

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# Ministries



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The spiritual foundation of each child begins in infancy and grows and develops each year. We have a vision to open, guide, and strengthen the minds and hearts of our children to the teachings of Jesus Christ. We want to see children become believers in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and support them in their faith journey. The Children's Ministry team assists the Director of Children's Education & Family Ministries by planning, implementing, and evaluating current children's ministries for the following age levels:

## PRESCHOOL (BIRTH - 5K)

Volunteers are needed for Sunday Morning Bible Study, Worship Care, and Children's Missions. Opportunities are also available for summer programming including VBS as well as special events such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Parents' Night Out, Family Events, etc.

## SCHOOL-AGE (1ST - 4TH GRADE)

Volunteers are needed for Sunday Morning Bible Study and Children's Missions as well as summer programming including VBS and Children's Camp. Other special events include Bible Drill, Parents' Night Out, Family Events, etc.

## PRETEEN (5TH & 6TH GRADE)

Volunteers are needed for Sunday Morning Bible Study and Children's Missions. Additional opportunities include chaperones for retreats, Summer Mystery Trip, Children's Camp, and other special events.

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# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT MISSIONS AND MUSIC

Volunteers are needed to help with our Mid-week Ministries on Wednesday nights for kids. Children participate in Missions Activities followed by Children's Choir. Mission Friends is for preschoolers, Girls in Action (GAs) is for school-age girls, and Royal Ambassadors (RAs) is for school-age boys.

Children's Choirs are open for children in preschool through 6th grade, and they sing in worship on several Sunday morning church services throughout the year. Choirs are organized by age including Preschool Choir (3s), Cherub Choir (4s & 5s), Music Makers (1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade) and Young Musicians (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade).

**Contact:** Kely Hatley | [kely@mbbc.org](mailto:kely@mbbc.org)

## 2019 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY EVENTS

Vaction Bible School | July 8 - 12

Children's Camp | July 21-25



# STUDENT MINISTRY

Our Student Ministry comes alongside 7th-12th grade students and their families to help our youth grow to be all God is calling them to become by equipping servant-hearted followers of Christ. If you are an adult interested in investing in our Student Ministry, there are many opportunities to serve. In addition to our weekly programming outlined below, we also have seasonal retreats and other events for which we can use chaperones and leaders. We often need folks willing to cook meals, provide resources, and do other behind-the-scenes work.

## SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY | SUNDAYS, 9:15 A.M.

Our weekly time of diving deep into Bible study. We gather in the youth area then break into small groups for our study. We have three groups led by adults: Junior High Guys, Junior High Girls, and High School.

## MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY | VARIOUS TIMES

We gather in community each week to invest in deep conversation about life and faith in small groups of our peers and invested adults. The groups are hosted in homes throughout our community. We have four MWBS groups: Junior High Girls, High School Girls, Junior High Guys, and High School Guys.

## THE BROOK | SUNDAYS, 6-7:30 P.M.

This weekly Student Ministry gathering affords us an opportunity to worship together as a community, grow as followers of Christ, and share a meal.

**Contact: Ben Winder | [ben@mbbc.org](mailto:ben@mbbc.org)**

# STUDENT MINISTRY

## CHAPEL CHOIR

The Chapel Choir is comprised of youth in grades 7-12. The choir learns music for worship and leads our services about three times each semester. The Chapel Choir takes a week-long choir tour every other summer, and occasionally volunteers are needed for chaperones on the trip.

**Contact:** Kely Hatley | [kely@mbbc.org](mailto:kely@mbbc.org)

## COLLEGE

We want to be a “home away from home” for college students and a place where they are discipled and challenged in their faith in Christ. We meet on the last Monday of each month from 6-8 p.m. as we offer a College and Career Night, where we worship and fellowship together. Volunteers are needed to help care for college students as well as provide a meal for College and Career Night.

**Contact:** Joel Burks | [joel@mbbc.org](mailto:joel@mbbc.org)



# ADULT MINISTRY

## ACTIVE CHRISTIAN LIVING

This council is responsible for supporting the work of the ACTIVE Christian Living ministry for adults age 55 and up. Volunteers are needed to help plan fellowship and ministry opportunities for monthly luncheon programs, trips and outings, local ministry mission opportunities, as well as the Mellow Brook Singers. For a complete list of Active Christian Living teams and information on how to become involved, please contact Kely Hatley or Pat Ferguson.

**Contact:** Kely Hatley | [kely@mbbc.org](mailto:kely@mbbc.org)

## MEN'S MINISTRY

The Men's Ministry provides opportunities for learning and fellowship that are designed to help men in our church grow in relationship with one another and with Jesus Christ.

### Sharpen Up Men's Breakfast

Meets the second Tuesday of each month during the school year | 6:30-7:15 a.m.

**Contact:** Wayne Splawn | [wayne@mbbc.org](mailto:wayne@mbbc.org)



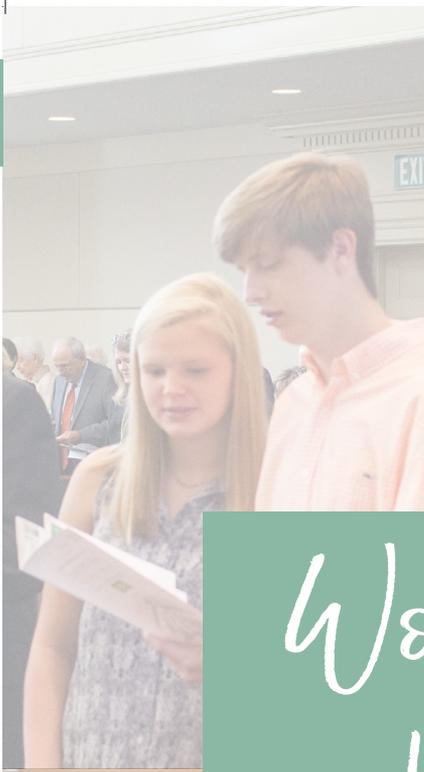
# ADULT MINISTRY

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

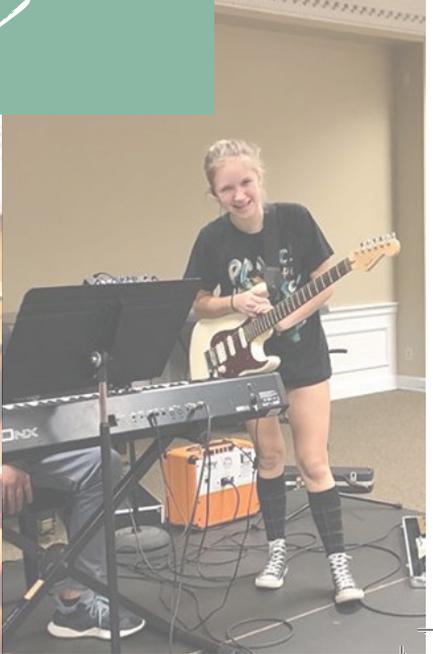
The Women's Ministry provides leadership for the ministries specific to women of the church and community. Members of this advisory council suggest, coordinate, and implement opportunities designed for women of all ages to experience fellowship, small group interaction, worship, and missions. Volunteers are needed to help plan and support the Women's Ministry dinners, retreats, fellowship events, Grantswood Reading Program, and Bible studies. Volunteers may participate on an event basis or throughout the year.

**Contact:** Mary Splawn | [mary@mbbc.org](mailto:mary@mbbc.org)





# Worship & Music



# WORSHIP & MUSIC

## ALTAR GUILD

This ministry is responsible for the flower arrangements each Sunday. They also plan some of the Christmas decorations for the Sanctuary each year.

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Anne Michaels | [biganne08@gmail.com](mailto:biganne08@gmail.com)

## BAPTISMAL MINISTRY

The Baptismal Ministry is responsible for meeting with baptismal candidates prior to their baptisms and assisting them in the robing rooms. Members maintain adequate supplies needed for baptismal services.

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Shirley & Clyde McCain | [clyde@mccainsales.com](mailto:clyde@mccainsales.com)

## CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

This ministry is responsible for assembling distribution of the congregational candles for the two Christmas Eve Communion services.

**Contact:**  
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Judy Trammell |  
[jtramm9999@aol.com](mailto:jtramm9999@aol.com)



## COMMUNION

This team is responsible for ordering the communion supplies used in our worship services. The team also works together to set up the Communion trays with wafers and cups for the designated Sundays for Communion services each year.

**Contact: Kely Hatley | [kely@mbbc.org](mailto:kely@mbbc.org)  
Katy Sexton | [rsexton3@aol.com](mailto:rsexton3@aol.com)**

## FUNERAL

The Funeral Ministry is responsible for providing support to families that hold the funerals of their loved ones at the church. Members serve as greeters, hosts, and hostesses to bereaved families and their guests. They are scheduled to serve as such needs arise and according to their availability.

**Contact: Doug Dortch | [doug@mbbc.org](mailto:doug@mbbc.org)  
Kay Davidson | [rkjm@aol.com](mailto:rkjm@aol.com)**

## MUSIC MINISTRY COUNCIL

This council is responsible for helping the Minister of Music with any special projects and events related to the music ministry of the church.

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## MUSIC ORGANIZATIONS FOR ADULTS

**Voices in Bronze Handbells** -- MBBC has a five octave set of Schulmeric Handbells. Our Handbell Choir meets for specific time periods to prepare to ring for worship and other occasions. Rehearsals are on Sunday evenings.

**Sanctuary Choir** -- The Sanctuary Choir provides leadership and music for the 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service each Sunday morning. Membership is open to ages 18 and up. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Choir Suite.

**Mellow Brook Singers** -- The Mellow Brook Singers is a choir for adults age 55 and up. The primary ministry of this group is to learn music to take outside the walls of our church into our community by singing at nursing homes and assisted living centers. Rehearsals are from September through May each year on Thursdays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in Hudson Hall.

**Summer Orchestra** -- Would you like to dust off your instrument and be a part of the orchestra? We meet during the summer on Wednesday nights from 6-7 p.m.

**Contact: Kely Hatley | [kely@mbbc.org](mailto:kely@mbbc.org)**

**Worship Band** -- Our worship band is responsible for the congregational music in our Contemporary Worship service held in Heritage Hall each Sunday and is led by Joel Burks, Contemporary Worship Leader. Experience playing acoustic guitar, electric lead, bass, keyboard, or drums is preferred.

**Contact: Joel Burks | [joel@mbbc.org](mailto:joel@mbbc.org)**

## WEDDING

The Wedding Ministry is responsible for scheduling, coordinating, and assisting with all weddings at the church, including rehearsals and receptions. They also develop policies and procedures that serve as guidelines for church weddings. They meet as needed to discuss upcoming weddings and any changes to the church's wedding policies.

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Jane Green | [jgreen426@gmail.com](mailto:jgreen426@gmail.com)**



# WORSHIP AND MUSIC

## AUDIO MINISTRY TEAM

We have openings for willing people with a good musical ear to come alongside and train to be a part of our audio team. Members of this team run the audio/soundboards for both our Traditional and Contemporary worship services. In addition to the services, members are sometimes asked to help provide audio support for outside groups who rent our church facility for banquets and other events. The team also provides audio support for special services, weddings, and funerals. We are always in need of willing participants to help with this vital ministry.

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Stan Breaux | [stan.breaux@charter.net](mailto:stan.breaux@charter.net)  
Ed Wills | [ed@taxspecialist.com](mailto:ed@taxspecialist.com)**



## TELEVISION WEBSTREAMING MINISTRY TEAM

Our church has recently installed two cameras in the Sanctuary as well as a webstreaming Wirecast Gear computer/switcher in order to stream our Traditional worship service live each Sunday from our church's website.

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Ben Winder | [ben@mbbc.org](mailto:ben@mbbc.org)  
Tim Sanderlin | [tim@mbbc.org](mailto:tim@mbbc.org)**

## LEVITE MINISTRY TEAM

In Biblical times the Levites were in charge of taking care of all things dealing with the tabernacle, maintaining it, setting it up and other duties as needed for its care. We have begun a "Levite Ministry" which is tasked with the keeping and maintaining of our sanctuary. These teams of volunteers help to keep our Sanctuary in perfect order and pristine condition for worship.

**Contact: Kely Hatley | [kely@mbbc.org](mailto:kely@mbbc.org)**



# Evangelism & Missions



# EVANGELISM AND MISSIONS MINISTRY

## MISSIONS

The Missions Ministry is responsible for overseeing the missional efforts of the church. Members maintain relationships with existing mission partners and educate the church about their work, evaluate new missional opportunities, oversee and administer the church's mission budget, and coordinate the church's annual service day and other periodic mission projects.

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Curt Stokes | [curtstokes@fairwayinvestments.com](mailto:curtstokes@fairwayinvestments.com)**

## LOVE GRANTSWOOD

As part of MBBC's Love Grantswood program, we are looking for volunteers to get involved in several aspects of the program at Grantswood Community School in Irondale, Alabama. Whether you can participate once a week or once a year, there is a place of service for you! Some projects that we are involved with Grantswood include Reading Program, Faculty Care, Backpack Buddies, Breakfast Buddies, and Bulletin Boards.

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Meredith Cale | [meredithcale@gmail.com](mailto:meredithcale@gmail.com)**

# EVANGELISM AND MISSIONS MINISTRY

## COOKS ON A MISSION

Cooks On A Mission is a ministry which supports organizations and ministries in Birmingham, either monetarily or with donations of food. We fund our work by cooking and freezing food items for which our congregation, family and friends make donations.

**Here are some of our current partnerships:**

- Backpack Buddies at three elementary schools
- The WellHouse
- GED Program at M-Power Ministries
- UAB Pediatric Oncology Parent Support Group
- UAB/Children's Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
- Camp Seale Harris
- First Responders Ministry

We are always looking for people to join us. If you would like to help in any way, please email us at: [cooksonamission@yahoo.com](mailto:cooksonamission@yahoo.com), or find us on Facebook or Instagram.



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Aimee Turner | [aimbra96@yahoo.com](mailto:aimbra96@yahoo.com)**

## FAMILY PROMISE OF BIRMINGHAM

Family Promise of Birmingham, founded in 1998 as the Birmingham Hospitality Network, is a network of diverse faith and civic organizations working together to provide safe, home-like lodging where homeless families can stay together while working to regain their independence. Mountain Brook Baptist Church hosts Family Promise of Birmingham guests 3 to 4 weeks a year. We provide dinner each night of the week, and hosts stay at the church overnight with the guests. This is a great opportunity for you and your Sunday Morning Bible Study Class or small group to serve others in the name of Jesus.

**Contact: Wayne Splawn | [wayne@mbbc.org](mailto:wayne@mbbc.org)**

## GENEROSITY SATURDAY

Generosity Saturday provides our congregation with an opportunity to generously steward our time and talents to meet pressing needs for some of our local mission partners. There is a low-impact service opportunity offered on campus along with multiple projects at various locations in the greater Birmingham area. Generosity Saturday is scheduled in the fall of the year. We need volunteers to help plan, promote, and participate in Generosity Saturday.

**Contact: Wayne Splawn | [wayne@mbbc.org](mailto:wayne@mbbc.org)**

# EVANGELISM AND MISSIONS MINISTRY

## BUILDERS FOR CHRIST | JUNE 9-16

Builders for Christ is a network of Baptist laypersons with a vision to build churches for congregations who are actively leading others to know Christ as Savior. No construction experience is necessary!

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Ed Wills | [ed@taxspecialist.com](mailto:ed@taxspecialist.com)**

## FAMILY MISSION TRIP | JUNE 22-29

Join your church family as we partner with Trailhead Church, a church plant outside of Ft. Collins, Colorado. Trailhead Church has existed for a little more than one year, and God is doing amazing things through them to reach people for Christ and His church. Volunteers are needed to help with registration, sports, and VBS.

**Contact: Sharon Howard | [sharon@mbbc.org](mailto:sharon@mbbc.org)**



## STEWARDSHIP

The Stewardship ministry is responsible for developing, implementing, and evaluating an overall plan for stewardship education for the church. This plan includes a spring stewardship emphasis and a fall budget pledge drive. Members meet as needed in anticipation of the spring and fall emphases.

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John Piede | [john.piede@gmail.com](mailto:john.piede@gmail.com)**





*Congregational Support*



# CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT

## FAMILY LIFE

The Family Life Ministry Team is responsible for suggesting, coordinating, and implementing activities and events that will enrich family relationships, intergenerational fellowship, and outreach to the community. This team helps plan and organize Trunk-or-Treat and the Thanksgiving Meal, along with other fellowship and outreach opportunities.

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## KITCHEN

The Kitchen Ministry is responsible for supporting the work of the church Kitchen staff in providing meal service for Wednesday night suppers. Volunteers are needed to assist the Kitchen staff in serving the attendees. They are scheduled on a rotating basis.

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# CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT

## LIBRARY

The Library Ministry is responsible for acquiring, organizing, and promoting the use of materials that enrich the spiritual life of the congregation. The Library is located on the Sanctuary level of the church and is generally open when the church office is open and on Sunday mornings.

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## MAINTENANCE

The Maintenance ministry checks to ensure that the church's physical plant, and all of its incorporated systems are operating properly and maintain an attractive appearance. Its members, and the church's Maintenance Supervisor, meet as a group and discuss specific needs or areas requiring attention. They set priorities and plan the process of repair.

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## RECREATION

The Recreation Ministry Team is responsible for helping guide the programs and ministries of the Christian Life Center. This team manages the basketball season draft process and provides the church with guidelines for gym usage. Members suggest, plan, implement, and oversee recreation events and activities. This team works directly with the Family Life Ministry to provide support on events such as Trunk-or-Treat and the Thanksgiving meal.

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## SECURITY

This ministry oversees the security of the church and its surrounding grounds. They discuss, develop, and establish any measures that might be needed in order to make our church a safer and more secure place for our members and guests to worship.

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David Bell | [dbell256@gmail.com](mailto:dbell256@gmail.com)**



# Discipleship



# DISCIPLESHIP

## SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

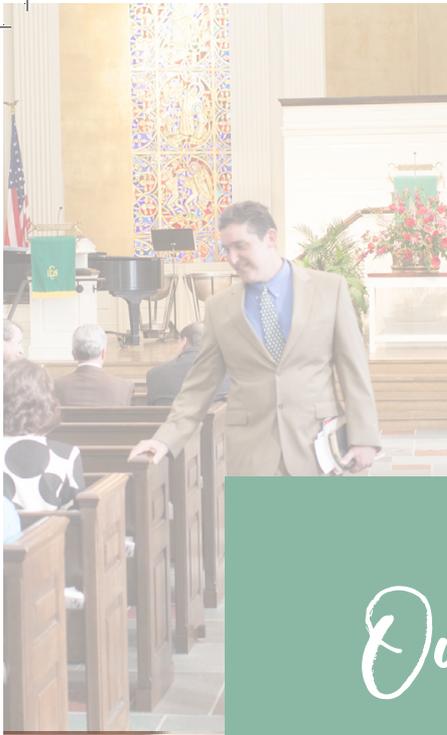
This ministry evaluates the current offerings of Sunday Morning Bible Studies and identifies needs related to additional studies and leaders. If you would be interested in teaching a Sunday Morning Bible Study, please contact Wayne Splawn.

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John Scott | [jps@starneslaw.com](mailto:jps@starneslaw.com)**

## SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

The Small Group Ministry assists with curriculum planning for Small Group Bible Studies and identifies needs for starting additional groups. Opportunities are available for Women's and Men's Bible Studies as well as Growth Groups. Participants meet each week to encourage each other in prayer, Scripture memorization, and in-depth Bible study. Small groups are offered to encourage adults of any age to delve further into their spiritual walk with others while following a Bible study plan.

**Contact: Wayne Splawn | [wayne@mbbc.org](mailto:wayne@mbbc.org)  
Jason Harkins | [jharkins@pbspay.com](mailto:jharkins@pbspay.com)**



# Outreach



# OUTREACH

## OUTREACH

The purpose of the outreach ministry team is to equip members to feel comfortable sharing Christ, invite guests to church, and answer questions regarding membership. Volunteers are needed to welcome guests and connect them with other church members. This team also plans special events in conjunction with our outreach strategy.

**Contact: Sharon Howard | [sharon@mbbc.org](mailto:sharon@mbbc.org)**

## GREETERS

This team serves by welcoming members and guests on Sunday mornings at both of our services.

**Contact: Amy Hirsch | [amy@mbbc.org](mailto:amy@mbbc.org)**

## CARD MINISTRY

The Card Ministry Team sends encouraging cards and notes on behalf of Mountain Brook Baptist to members in the congregation who have been in the hospital or are bereaved.

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# OUTREACH

## REACHING PEOPLE MINISTRY TEAM

The Reaching People Team follows up with all first-time guests. A welcome bag is delivered to the home, and every prospect is assigned to the prayer team. Notes are written, and guests are encouraged to connect with a Sunday Morning Bible Study class or other small group interests. Volunteers are needed to deliver welcome bags, write notes, pray, and connect guests to other MBBC members and ministries.

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Ellen Keith | [ellencketh@gmail.com](mailto:ellencketh@gmail.com)**

## SUPPORT GROUPS

Grief Share is a group for anyone who has lost a loved one. This group meets periodically for 6-12 weeks to support one another, to pray together, and to talk through a grief support curriculum.

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Be very careful to keep the  
commandment and the law that  
Moses the servant of the Lord  
gave you:

*to love* the Lord your God,  
*to walk in* obedience to Him,  
*to keep* His commands,  
*to hold fast* to Him and  
*to serve* Him with *all your heart* and  
with *all your soul*.

*Joshua 22:5*



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