

FEBRUARY 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday of Epiphany at Mountain Brook Baptist Church

If this is your first time at MBBC, please take a moment to fill out the "For Guests" card on the opposite page and drop it in the lobby on your way out. We're thankful you have chosen to worship the Lord with us this morning.

CALL TO WORSHIP

MBBC PRAISE BAND

WELCOME

AMY HIRSCH

***WORSHIP THROUGH SONG**

CONGREGATION

His Mercy Is More

Papa | Boswell

Praise the Lord, his mercy is more, stronger than darkness, new every morn. Our sins they are many, his mercy is more!

What love could remember no wrongs we have done? Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum. Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore, our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam? What Father so tender is calling us home? He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor! Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

What riches of kindness he lavished on us! His blood was the payment, his life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford. Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

CCLI Song #7065053

OFFERTORY READING

AMY HIRSCH

Malachi 3:10 (NIV)

¹⁰ "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."

MISSION PARTNER OF THE WEEK

AMY HIRSCH

M-POWER Ministries

M-POWER Ministries provides opportunities for people to break the cycle of poverty through education and health services. Some of their services include leading GED classes and offering free primary care clinic services to adult patients without insurance, helping them combat and alleviate chronic illnesses. For more information, contact Drew Smith (adsmith4@gmail.com).

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**SHARON HOWARD**

(All children are invited to meet Mrs. Sharon at the pulpit following the Mission Partner of the Week for the Children's Message. Children 3K-5K will go to Preschool Worship following the Children's Message. If you are a guest and would like for your preschooler to go to Preschool Worship, please meet Mrs. Sharon in the lobby to be sure your child has a check-in label for security purposes.)

DOXOLOGY**CONGREGATION**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER**WAYNE SPLAWN*****WORSHIP THROUGH SONG****CONGREGATION****Take My Heart With Altar Fire**

Advent Birmingham

All-seeing God, you see my deeds; you see my faults by light of day. You see my sins concealed in darkness: turn my deeds to holy ways; turn my deeds to holy ways.

All-hearing God, you hear my words; you hear each lie, each hurtful phrase. You hear my pride in secret slander: turn my tongue to truth and grace, turn my tongue to truth and grace.

Take away my love of sinning, straighten every bent desire. Fix my soul upon your promise: take my heart with altar fire, take my heart with altar fire.

All-knowing God, you know my heart; you know my yearnings deep inside. You know my hidden motivations: turn my heart to pure delight, turn my heart to pure delight.

Fire of God, consume my heart. Burn it down to only faith, 'til all that's left of me is only you: Christ my glory, Christ my praise.

CCLI Song #2169609

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD**ETHAN MCVAY**

Matthew 5:38-48

MESSAGE**WAYNE SPLAWN****"Love Your Enemies"**

Matthew 5:38-48

TIME OF RESPONSE*CONGREGATION****Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me**

Son | Farren

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer. There is no more for heaven now to give. He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom, my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to his. Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: "All is mine. Yet not I, but through Christ in me."

The night is dark but I am not forsaken. For by my side, the Savior he will stay. I labor on in weakness and rejoicing. For in my need, his power is displayed.

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me. Through the deepest valley he will lead. Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome. Yet not I,

but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven. The future sure, the price it has been paid. For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and he was raised to overthrow the grave.

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated. Jesus now and ever is my plea. Oh the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free." Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus. For he has said that he will bring me home. And day by day, I know he will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to him. When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: "Yet not I, but through Christ in me."

CCLI Song # 7121852

***BENEDICTION**

WAYNE SPLAWN

1 Timothy 1:17 (NIV)







¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

*Congregation standing

Amplified-hearing devices are available in the back of the gym. Please see a greeter for assistance.

Are you interested in attending one of our Sunday School Classes next week?
Scan the QR code below or visit mbbc.org/smbc to view class options and locations.



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-  MBBC Guest (password 803-3452)
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Prayer List

BIRTHS

Eleanor Joyce Hambleton (parents Anna Kate & Ben Hambleton, grandparents Bea & Tim Healey)

DEATHS

Dianne Thorn Lanier (sister of Wayne Thorn)

Nancy Lucke (mother of Laura Decker)

Jan McDonald (aunt of Chris Burch)

Nancy Walter (mother of Hollie Chitty)

Jerry Yarbrough (uncle of Jill Acosta)

MBBC MEMBERS

Bill Austin, Bob Baker, Charlene & Milton Berryhill, Chris Burch, Dot Burnett, Kay Davidson, Joyce Dawkins, Greg Dobbins, Sandy Eichelberger, Judy Ellis, Chad Fooshee, Anne & Grady Gibbons, Wayne Gowens, Betty Jo Gwin, Tallulah Hargrove, Martha Isom, Karen Johnson, Lauren Johnston, Judy Long, Eddie Mae McDanal, Billy McDonald, Caroline Mears, Martha Miklic, Phyllis Mitchell, Carolyn Nowlin, Jennie Pickett, Walter Pittman, Joyce Ratliff, Missy Roper, Ann Sanders, Irene Stutts, Mark Tucker Jr., Rachel Walton, Doris Wayman, Laura Zarembo

HEALTH CARE CENTERS/INDEPENDENT LIVING

Peggy Abbott, Eugenia Anderson, Betty Bowen, Bob Compher, Mary Kate Dyer, Bill Johnson, Louise Martin, Sarah Moler, Glaydell Pinson, Roger Pugh, Gailya Sargent, Juanelle Strain, Helen Thrasher-Long, Harryette Turner

Weekly Information

MINISTER ON CALL: FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 2

Micaiah Kelly – (912) 675-4969

PROJECT 119 BIBLE READING PLAN

Sunday, February 23 - Saturday, March 1

Please visit mbbc.org/project119 for this week's readings.

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 5:44 (NIV)

⁴⁴ "But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..."

Ways to Give



IN PERSON

Place your gift in the designated spot in the Narthex.



ONLINE

To give online, visit mbbc.org/give.



TEXT

Text STOREHOUSE to 73256.

To access our Wi-Fi network, choose MBBC Guest (password 803-3452).

This Week

Offices are open Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 (SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY)

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship | Gym
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship | Gym
- 4:30 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal | Chapel Music Suite
- 6 p.m. Students | The Brook | Student Ministry Area

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- 6:45 a.m. Students | Junior High Bible Study | Student Ministry Area
- 9:30 a.m. ACTIVE Christian Living | Stretch and Fitness | Rm. 354 2A

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 5 p.m. Wednesday Night Family Dinner | Hudson Hall
- 6 p.m. Children's Missions Activities
- 6 p.m. Students | Senior High Bible Studies
- 6:30 p.m. Children's Music Activities
- 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal | Chapel Music Suite

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- 9:30 a.m. ACTIVE Christian Living | Stretch and Fitness | Rm. 354 2A
- 10:30 a.m. Mellow Brook Singers | Rehearsal | Chapel Music Suite
- 11:30 a.m. Mellow Brook Singers | Lunch | Hudson Hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 2 (EIGHTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY)

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship | Gym
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship | Gym
- 5 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal | Chapel Music Suite

MINISTERIAL STAFF

- Dr. Wayne Splawn, Senior Minister
- Dr. John Piede, Deacon Chair
- Mr. Vince Blackerby, Director of Operations
- Mr. Joel Burks, Minister to Students
- Dr. Kely Hatley, Minister of Music and ACTIVE Christian Living
- Mrs. Amy Hirsch, Associate Minister for Membership and Pastoral Care
- Mrs. Sharon Howard, Minister to Children and Families
- Mrs. Micaiah Kelly, Associate Minister of Music
- Mr. Ethan McVay, Minister to Preteen and Junior High Students
- Mr. Mark Rector, Associate Minister
- Mrs. Mary Splawn, Minister of Connections

For the full list of our church staff, please see mbbc.org/staff.