SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

Welcome to 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 Narthex on your way out. If this is your first time to worship with us via livestream, visit mbbc.org/guests to let us know of your attendance. We're thankful you have chosen to worship the Lord with us this morning.

CALL TO WORSHIP — **PRAISE BAND**

WELCOME — **JOEL BURKS**

WORSHIP THROUGH SONG — **CONGREGATION**

Ancient Gates
Ligertwood

There is singing at the ancient gates. There's a melody of ceaseless praise. Age to age, the sound is only growing stronger. There's a throne beneath the Name of names. There is seated on it One who reigns. And his Kingdom now is here and getting closer.

Chorus: So praise him like we're there in glory. Here and now he's just as holy. Jesus, he's so worthy of it all!

He exists in everlasting light. So on heaven's streets, there is no night. Every tear is wiped away, we'll know no sorrow. Yeah, worship him with joyful sound. Oh, sing until your voice gives out. No matter where or who's around, release your worship.

Chorus

Bring your song, he loves to hear it. Bring him every prayer soaked lyric. Jesus, he's so worthy of it all.

The One who was, the One who is, the One who is to come!

CCLI Song #7192505

OFFERTORY READING **JOEL BURKS**

Acts 20:35 (NIV)

35 In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

MISSION PARTNER OF THE WEEK & PRAYER **JOEL BURKS**

Lita and Rick Sample

Lita and Rick Sample are Cooperative Baptist Fellowship missionaries serving the international and refugee communities in the San Francisco Bay area. The Bay Area is a diverse region where more than 100 languages are spoken. Lita and Rick seek to minister holistically to the international community, including immigrants and refugees from Afghanistan, Iran, Pakistan, Yemen, India and Turkey. Teaching English language classes, partnering with ethnic churches, and hosting Bible camps for children are some of the ways the Samples strive to be effective communicators of the Gospel and God's message of love, hope and salvation. For more information, contact Mark Rector (mark@mbbc.org).

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE **JOEL BURKS**

(All children are invited to meet Mr. Joel at the front of the Sanctuary for the Children's Message after the Mission Partner of the Week & Prayer. Children 3K-5K will go to Preschool Worship following the Children's Message.)

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 **MARK RECTOR**

WORSHIP THROUGH SONG **CONGREGATION**

King of Kings

Ligertwood | Ingram

In the darkness we were waiting without hope, without light. 'Til from heaven you came running, there was mercy in your eyes. To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word. From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

Chorus: Praise the Father, praise the Son. Praise the Spirit, three in one. God of glory, Majesty. Praise forever to the King of kings.

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost, to redeem the whole creation you did not despise the cross. For even in your suffering, you saw to the other side. Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake, you died!

And the morning that you rose, all of heaven held its breath. 'Til that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death. And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe. For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.

And the church of Christ was born. Then the Spirit lit the flame. Now this gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint. By his blood and in his name, in his freedom I am free. For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me.

CCLI Song #7127647

Sovereign Over Us

Aaron Keyes | Jack Mooring | Bryan Brown

There is strength within the sorrow. There is beauty in our tears. And you meet us in our mourning with a love that casts out fear. You are working in our waiting. You're sanctifying us. When beyond our understanding, you're teaching us to trust

Chorus: Your plans are still to prosper. You have not forgotten us. You're with us in the fire and in the flood. You're faithful forever, perfect in love. You are sovereign over us.

You are wisdom unimagined. Who could understand your ways? Reigning high above the heavens, reaching down in endless grace. You're the lifter of the lowly, compassionate and kind. You surround and you uphold me, and your promises are my delight.

Even what the enemy means for evil, you turn it for our good. You turn it for our good and for your glory.

CCLI Song #6011370

MESSAGE **MARK RECTOR**

"Looking For Fruit"

Luke 13:6-9

pg. 738 (pew Bible)

TIME OF RESPONSE **CONGREGATION**

BENEDICTION **MARK RECTOR**

Amplified-hearing devices are available in the Narthex. Please see an usher for assistance.

Prayer List

BIRTHS

Ella Hope and Lucy Jeane Hymer (parents Haley and Gregory Hymer, grandparents Hope and David Hymer)

Josephine "Josie" Keahey Kaczmarek (parents Anna Beth and Jimmy Kaczmarek, grandparents Betsy and Stan Hewlett)

Isabel “Izzy” Anne Rich (parents Leslie and Josh Rich)

IN LOVING MEMORY

Elouise Williams

Dr. John Richard "Dick" Bruhn (grandfather of Mitchell Bruhn)

Michael Frederick Cribbs (father of Michael Cribbs and father-in-law of Joy Gowens Cribbs)

MBBC MEMBERS

Anne Peyton Baker, Sally & Bob Berryhill, Dona Boone, Buck Brock, Chris Burch, Dot Burnett, Diane Burns, Amy Carr, Dot Carroll, Kay Davidson, Taylor Davis, Greg Dobbins, Will Dobbins, Sandy Eichelberger, Judy Ellis, Chad Fooshee, Cal Frey, Anne Gibbons, Wayne Gowens, Mirian Habshey, Anna Lu Hemphill, Martha Isom, Karen Johnson, Jo & Furnie Johnston, Nancye Lawrence, Joe Lewis, Billy McDonald, Ann & Mike McGuire, Caroline Mears, Martha Miklic, John Montgomery, Larry Moon, Walter Pittman, Marjorie Randleman, Missy Roper, Ken Sanders, Beverly McGill Shaffer, Holli Simon, Anita Skelton, Irene Stutts, Mark Tucker Jr., Harryette Turner, Rachel Walton, Tom Walton, Jim Watkins, Doris Wayman, Lamar White, Winford Yarbrough, Marcella Zeigler

HEALTH CARE CENTERS

Peggy Abbott, Eugenia Anderson, Betty Bowen, Bob Compher, Jerry Edwards, Bill Johnson, Neal Moore, Sarah Moler, Glaydell Pinson, Roger Pugh, Gailya Sargent, Nancy Stephens, Juanelle Strain

Weekly Information

MINISTER ON CALL: SEPTEMBER 8-10

Kely Hatley – (205) 249-7437

PROJECT 119 BIBLE READING PLAN

Sunday, September 3 - Saturday, September 9

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

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 Tuesday – Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

9 a.m. Traditional Service | Sanctuary
10 a.m. Churchwide Fellowship | Hudson Hall
11 a.m. Contemporary Service | Sanctuary

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 • LABOR DAY

Church Offices and CLC Closed for Labor Day

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

6:45 a.m. Students | Junior High Bible Study | Student Ministry Area
9:30 a.m. ACTIVE Christian Living | Stretch and Fitness | Room 321

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

9:30 a.m. ACTIVE Christian Living | Stretch and Fitness | Room 321

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9 a.m. Traditional Worship | Sanctuary
10 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study
10 a.m. Discover MBBC Welcome Breakfast
11 a.m. Contemporary Worship | Sanctuary

MINISTERIAL STAFF

Dr. Wayne Splawn, Senior Minister
Mr. Larry Bearden, Deacon Chair
Mr. Vince Blackerby, Director of Operations
Miss Micaiah Bolton, Associate Minister of Music
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
Mr. Ethan McVay, Minister for 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*.

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