



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

"A Time to Embrace the Pain"

DR. DORTCH | SENIOR MINISTER | APRIL 2, 2020

Pain is one of the things healthy human beings do their best to avoid. None of us goes looking for it, in all likelihood because we know that it will eventually come our way. Pain is unavoidable in the course of ... [READ MORE](#)

MBBC Response to COVID-19

If you were present on Sunday, March 15 or watched the livestream of our worship service, you probably heard our plans to suspend in-person worship services and other gatherings for the foreseeable future, on the basis of recommendations put forth by the Centers for Disease Control. We want to do the best we can to keep our members safe, especially those with compromised immune systems, while helping our community “flatten the curve” in regards to transmission of the COVID-19 virus.

What does this mean for us? We've laid out the details for our response plan on our website; here are some quick facts you need to know:

- We will have livestream-only worship services for the foreseeable future. Services will stream at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings and can be viewed at www.mbbc.org/watch. They will also be livestreamed on our [church Facebook page](#).
- In lieu of our Wednesday night gathering, Dr. Dortch will host a "MBBC Midweek Experience" on [Facebook Live](#) on Wednesdays beginning Wednesday, April 1 at 7 p.m.

We will be in touch regularly to update you with our schedule, since this is a quickly-changing situation that requires flexibility on everyone's part. To read the entirety of the post about our response to COVID-19, visit [this link](#).

Support for Quarantined Church Members

If you are in a situation where you are quarantined due to COVID-19, we have a host of church members who have offered to run errands and pick up groceries for those confined to their home. Contact Amy Hirsch (amy@mbbc.org, 205-704-3500) to let her know your needs and she will connect you with a church member who can help, or you can visit [this link](#) on the website to fill out an online form letting us know of your need.

Need for Family at Grantswood Community School

One of the first-grade students at Grantswood Community School lost everything in a house fire last week. Meredith Cale is organizing a collection if anyone has any household items or clothing items they might be able to donate. Contact Meredith Cale (caleme@aol.com) for more information. Items can be dropped off on Meredith Cale's front porch (2329 Montevallo Road, 35223). Here are some details about clothing items they need:

- Khloee (age seven) wears a youth large, size three in shoes, and size 12 in pants.
 - JeCorey (age 16) wears a size 10 in shoes, size medium in shirts, and size 32 in pants.
 - Mom wears a size 16 pants, size large in shirts, and size eight in shoes.
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Coffee and Conversation

FRIDAY, APRIL 3 & SUNDAY, APRIL 5

Join us for a virtual get-together using the video tool Zoom! We're inviting women of all ages to come together for fellowship and prayer. Just set up a Zoom account on your smart phone or computer, grab a coffee, and meet together with MBBC women for encouragement. We'll offer two meeting times to work with everyone's schedule:

Friday, April 3 at 9 a.m. - Click this [link](#) for the April 3 meeting
Sunday, April 5 at 8 p.m. - Click this [link](#) for the April 5 meeting

Worship Preview for Sunday, April 5

SUNDAY, APRIL 5 | WWW.MBBC.ORG/HOME-CHURCH

Home Church

In keeping with CDC guidelines, we will not meet in person for Sunday Morning Bible Study or corporate worship until restrictions are lifted. During this time, we will continue to provide resources that will allow you to experience a Sunday Morning Bible Study lesson taught by one of our staff members and a combined corporate worship service in your home. You may access these resources at www.mbbc.org/home-church.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

This week, will teach a lesson on Mark 15:16-47. You will be able to access this lesson at any time. We also have lessons posted from Sharon Howard for preschool and school age kids on our [Home Church for Kids page](#), which you can access at any time.

Combined Worship Preview

We will livestream our morning worship service this Sunday, April 5 at 10:30 a.m. This week's sermon will focus on Psalm 118:19-21. Dr. Doug Dortch, our Senior Minister, will be preaching. His sermon is titled "God's Answer" - the big idea for this sermon is that Jesus is the means through which we experience God's promised salvation. We hope you'll tune in at 10:30 a.m. to participate in worship by visiting www.mbbc.org/watch or joining us on our [Facebook page](#) where we will use Facebook Live to stream the service. If you miss the service, you'll be able to watch it later in the archives or on our Facebook page. To download and print off a copy of this week's worship guide, which includes the lyrics to the songs we will be singing, visit [this link](#).

Livestream Worship Services for Holy Week

This year, we will be livestreaming worship services to help you and your family observe Holy Week. We will have a livestream service for Maundy Thursday on Thursday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. For this service, we encourage you to take communion with your family if you are able to do so. We will also livestream services for Good Friday on Friday, April 10 at 12 p.m., and for Easter Sunday on Sunday, April 12 at 10:30 a.m.

Service Opportunity

The United Way of Central Alabama is looking for volunteers to help deliver Meals on Wheels. Many of the regular drivers can't participate at this time because they are elderly people who are at greater risk of contracting COVID-19. To learn more about this and other volunteer opportunities through the United Way, visit [this link](#).

You may have also heard that there is a blood shortage in Birmingham right now, and health officials are asking everyone who can to donate. Donors must go online to schedule an appointment to help ensure that other donors and staff are protected. Safe distancing will be observed, and appointments will limit the number of people

donating at any one time. Donating blood is safe, and donation staff are appropriately disinfecting all surfaces at the donor locations. Visit the [American Red Cross Website](#) or the [Lifesouth Website](#) to schedule an appointment if you would like to donate blood.

If you know of other opportunities for service during this time, please contact Wayne Splawn (wayne@mbbc.org, 205-834-3565).

Project 119 Bible Reading Plan

We are continuing our Project 119 Bible reading plan, which will go through May 2. If you're looking for a Bible reading plan, we hope you'll join us as a church family as we finish up the gospel of John and read 1 Peter and 1 Corinthians, along with selected Psalms. There are five reading days during the week, giving you the opportunity to catch up and reflect during the weekend. You can view a PDF of the full plan online by visiting [this link](#).

Week 9 | March 29 - April 4

John 20, Psalm 78:1-13

John 21, Psalm 78:19-40

1 Cor. 1:1-25, 78:41-73

1 Cor. 1:26 - 2 end, Psalm 80

1 Cor. 3, Psalm 81

Week 10 (Holy Week Devotional - PDF available below) | April 5-11

Isaiah 52:13-15

Isaiah 53:1-3

Isaiah 53:4-6

Isaiah 53:7-9

Isaiah 53:10-12

Holy Week Reading Plan: Meditations on the Suffering Servant

We've put together a special reading plan for Holy Week on Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Meditations on the Suffering Servant. Each weekday during Holy Week has an assigned passage from this section of Scripture, along with a devotional written by a staff member reflecting on that passage. These devotions will be posted on our [blog](#), but if you would like to access a PDF to print, visit [this link](#).

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request you'd like to share with our ministerial staff during this time, you can do so by emailing Barbara Morgan (barbara@mbbc.org) or by filling out

the prayer request form [online](#). We consider it a privilege to pray with and for you in these days.

Minister On Call

APRIL 3-5, 2020

Tim Sanderlin (tim@mbbc.org, 205-789-3976) is the Minister on Call for April 3-5.

Generosity Scorecard

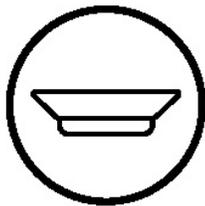
As of Sunday, March 29, 2020

2020 Ministries Budget: \$3,469,150.00

Weekly Receipts	\$56,511.67
Average Weekly Budget	<u>\$66,714.42</u>
Weekly Net	-\$10,202.75
YTD Receipts (includes prepays)	\$785,892.71
YTD Budget	<u>\$867,287.46</u>
YTD Net	-\$81,394.75

Remaining receipts required to achieve annual budget: \$2,683,257.29

Ways to Give



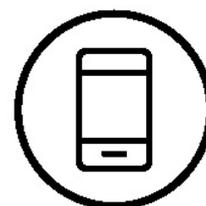
PLATES

Place your tithes and offerings in the offering plates during a worship service.



ONLINE

To give online, visit mbbc.org/give.



TEXT

To give by text, text STOREHOUSE to 73256.



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