



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Churchwide Updates: Why Does Mountain Brook Baptist Church Exist?

Pastor's Blog | Dr. Wayne Splawn | August 13, 2026

Why does Mountain Brook Baptist Church exist? How would you answer this question? For many years, our motto has been, "Love God. Live with Grace and Generosity." This is a good aspirational goal, but I have long felt it falls short of a mission statement that clarifies the purpose for which our church exists.

[Read the Blog](#)

THIS SUNDAY

August 16, 2026



LOVE GOD. LOVE ONE ANOTHER. LOVE THE WORLD.

Sunday School - 9 a.m.

Combined Worship - 10 a.m.

Dr. Wayne Splawn | “It All Depends on Love” | Matthew 22:34-40

This Sunday, August 16, is Promotion Sunday and Bible Distribution Sunday where children will promote classes and we will have Bible presentations for 3K, 1st Grade, 4th Grade, and 7th Grade.

Watch Worship Livestreams

[Website](#) | [Facebook Live](#) | [YouTube](#)

Interest Meeting for Post-Service Prayer Team This Sunday, August 16 | 11 a.m. | Hudson Hall

Beginning in late August, we will have volunteers available to pray with people following our worship services! If you're interested in learning more, we'll have a brief informational meeting this Sunday, August 16 at 11 a.m. in Hudson Hall following the combined worship service. Make plans to attend to learn more about this meaningful opportunity!



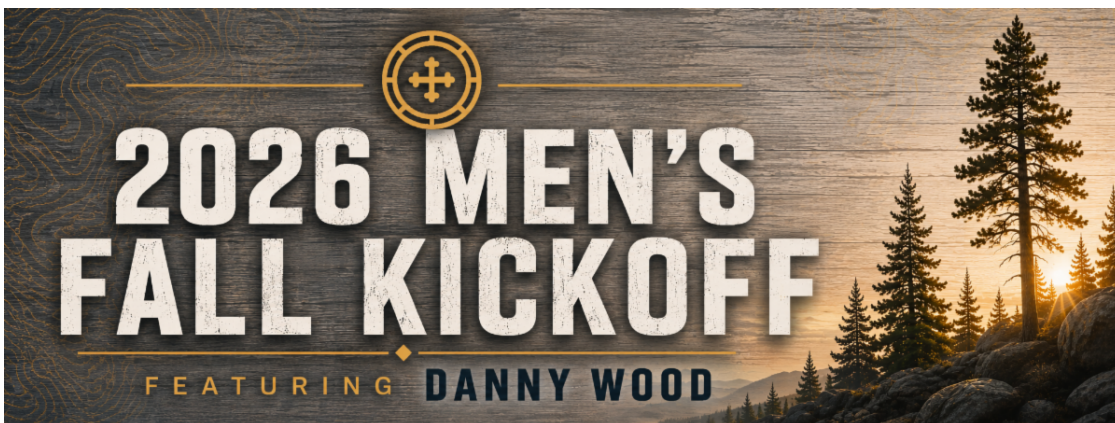
MBBC's End of Summer Celebration Sunday, August 16 | 4-6 p.m. | MBBC Lower Parking Lot

It's time for one of our favorite events of the year! Make plans to join us for good food, good fellowship, and a lot of fun for all ages at our End of Summer Celebration! We'll have water slides in the lower parking lot and will serve dinner in Heritage Hall, with Kona Ice for dessert! No reservations needed. Rain or shine!

If you're able, please make plans to park at the Jr. High since much of our parking will be occupied by water slides. ACTIVE Christian Living adults (ages 55+) will have reserved parking near the church office.

We couldn't do this event without you! Please sign up to volunteer for a shift [here](#) if you are able.

NEWS & EVENTS



Men's Fall Kickoff **Wednesday, August 19 | 5-7 p.m. | Heritage Hall**

Calling all men! Make plans to come to the Fall Men's Kickoff on Wednesday, August 19! We'll hear from Danny Wood, former pastor of Shades Mountain Baptist Church, as he sets the stage for our fall series entitled "Real Relationships." We'll have a Full Moon BBQ dinner, door prizes, and a night of great fellowship. Dinner will begin at 5 p.m., and the program will begin at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$10. Limited childcare is available upon request up to August 15. Invite a friend, and see you on August 19!

[Register for Men's Fall Kickoff](#)



Mellow Brook Singers Dessert Party **Thursday, August 20 | 2-3:30 p.m. | Hudson Hall**

Love to sing? Come see what Mellow Brook Singers is all about! Adults 55+ who are interested in joining are invited to a Dessert Party on Thursday, August 20 from 2–3:30 p.m. in Hudson Hall. Meet current members, enjoy dessert, and learn more about this fun community of music, fellowship, and ministry. No audition or choir experience needed!

Mellow Brook Singers begin rehearsals on Thursday, September 10 at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel Music Suite, and will prepare a special Christmas program to share throughout our community.

Register for the dessert party [here](#) or call Pat Ferguson at (205) 903-6163.

Called Church Conference Sunday, August 23 | 9 & 11 a.m. Services

We will have a Called Church Conference on Sunday, August 23 during both worship services for a congregational vote on a recommendation from the Nominating Committee concerning the 2026-2027 Educational Leadership.



Chapel Choir Camp for Students Sunday, August 23 | 12-4 p.m. | Student Ministry Area & Chapel Music Suite

Students in grades 7–12, come kick off the year with Chapel Choir Camp! We'll have lunch together after worship in the Student Ministry Area, then spend the afternoon in the Chapel Music Suite singing, playing games, hanging out and having plenty of fun as we get ready for a great year of Chapel Choir. Lunch is provided—bring a friend and join us!



Marriage Enrichment Class **Tuesdays Beginning August 25** **5:30-7:30 p.m. | Rm. 354 on 2A Floor**

Jason and Nikki Harkins will be leading a 9-week Marriage Enrichment Class beginning this month. The Harkins have previously led this class at MBBC, have been members of MBBC for over 30 years, and currently teach the Grace Sunday School class.

The class is based on the “Love Bank” model from the book *His Needs, Her Needs* by Dr. Willard Harley. This class is designed for couples who are looking to enrich and strengthen their marriage. Expect approx. 2–3 hours of homework per week. Couples who anticipate missing more than two sessions are asked not to sign up. Sign up on Realm at the link below (sign up for both yourself *and* for your spouse).

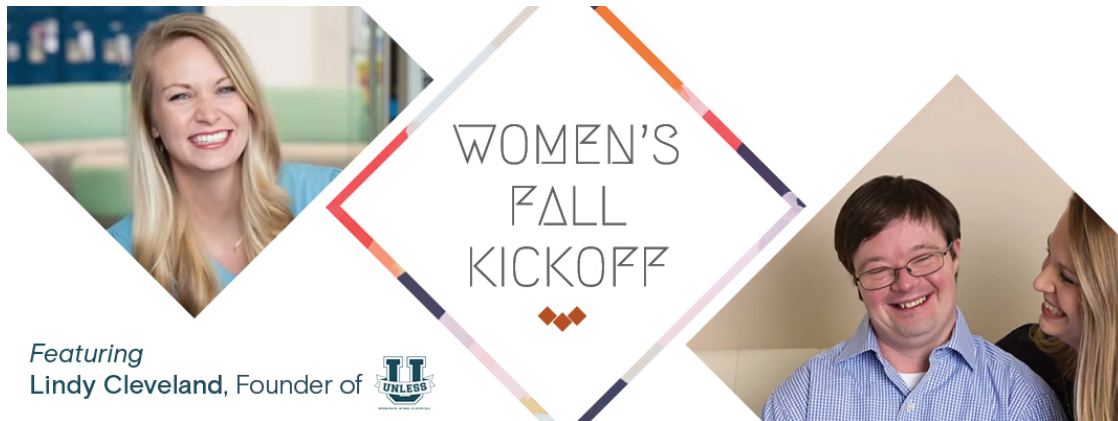
[Register for Marriage Enrichment Class](#)



Fall Fiesta Family Meeting **Wednesday, August 26 | 5-7 p.m. | Heritage Hall**

Join us for our Fall Fiesta Family Meeting! We'll kick off the evening with a fiesta dinner at 5 p.m., followed by a look at what's happening in the life of MBBC at 5:30 p.m. Hear updates from our Building and Finance Committees, Foundation, and Senior Minister as we look ahead together. Come hungry and come ready to hear what's next at MBBC!

RSVP for Fiesta Dinner



Women's Ministry Fall Kickoff

Sunday, August 30 | 5-7 p.m. | Heritage Hall

Come enjoy fellowship around the tables with a delicious meal, learn about Women's Ministry opportunities, and hear an inspiring message from **Lindy Cleveland**, *founder of UnlessU*. Cost \$10. Register at the link below.

Register for Women's Fall Kickoff



Men and Women's Growth Group Opportunities

Men and women's fall growth groups will begin soon! We have a variety of groups meeting at different times and on different days. This is a great way to grow in your relationship with the Lord and to cultivate relationships with others at our church. Get plugged in!

Growth Groups for Men:

To get connected to a growth group for men, [fill out an interest form](#) or email [Mark](#).

Growth Groups for Women:

To get connected to a growth group for women, [view groups and register online](#). You can also email [Mary](#) with any questions.

Minister On Call

August 14-16

Wendy Calvert - 205.902.7769

NEW Project 119 Bible Reading Plan

Beginning this Sunday through this fall, we'll be walking through the book of John, along with related readings from the Old Testament on Saturdays. On Sundays, we will take a break to read and reflect on Sunday's sermon text.

Listen to the daily podcast:

[Project 119 Website](#) | [Apple Podcasts](#) | [Spotify](#)

[Download the NEW Project 119 Reading Plan](#)

Generosity Scorecard

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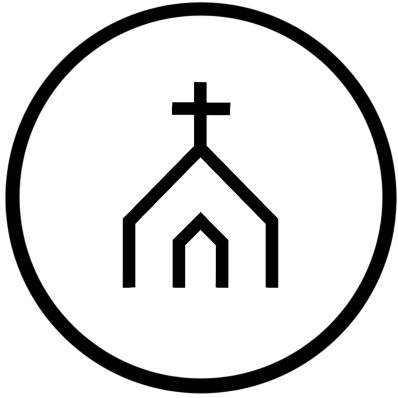
2026 Ministries Budget: \$4,096,274

Weekly Receipts	\$45,960
Average Weekly Budget	<u>\$78,775</u>
Weekly Net	-\$32,815
YTD Receipts, includes prepaids	\$2,536,853
YTD Budget	<u>\$2,520,784</u>
YTD Net	\$16,069

Remaining receipts required to achieve annual budget: \$1,559,421

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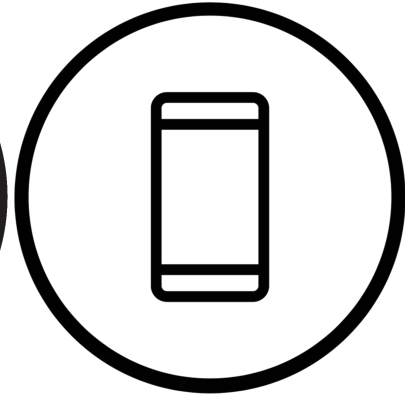
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