

THIS SUNDAY

December 15, 2024 • Third Sunday of Advent



Traditional Worship in the Gym - 9 a.m.
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Contemporary Worship in the Gym - 11 a.m.

Dr. Wayne Splawn | “The One to Come” | Matthew 11:2-19

Theme: John the Baptist and Jesus came in different ways, but both bore witness to the kingdom of God through their deeds. Do our deeds bear witness to our faith?

We will have a parent/child dedication in Traditional Worship this Sunday:

Anne Norwood Smith

(parents: Elizabeth and Ryan Smith)



Glorious: A Contemporary Worship Experience **Sunday, December 15 | 5 p.m. | Gym**

Join us for *Glorious: A Contemporary Worship Experience* as we walk through the story of Scripture in anticipation of Christ's birth through Bible readings and special music. **Childcare is available for ages 2 and under.**

If you'd like to see details about all of our special Advent and Christmas events, click [here](#).



Sunday Morning Navigation

While we are worshipping in the gym, the valet will be stationed outside the gym to park and retrieve cars. We will be operating golf cart shuttles from 9:50-10:10 a.m. and then 10:50-11:10 a.m. for those who need assistance to get to Sunday School from the gym and back to their vehicles.

**Where will my class
meet?**

NEWS & EVENTS



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Salvation Army Bell Ringers Saturdays, December 14 & 21

One of the signs of the Christmas season is the Salvation Army bell ringers in front of stores. Now is your opportunity to serve as a bell ringer! On Saturday, December 14 and Saturday, December 21, MBBC is partnering with the Salvation Army to collect donations outside the Crestline Piggly Wiggly. Individuals and families can sign up to serve hour-long shifts. Shifts are available between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sign up to serve at the link below. Email [Mark Rector](#) with any questions.

[Sign Up to Volunteer](#)

Mellow Brook Singers' Christmas Concert Wednesday, December 18 | 6 p.m. | Gym

MBBC's Mellow Brook Singers Choir will perform a Christmas program next Wednesday, December 18. Join us as we celebrate Christ's birth through the beautiful voices of our Mellow Brook Singers!



Wednesday Night Activities

Wednesday Night Schedule:

5-6 p.m. • Dinner in Hudson Hall

6 p.m. • Mellow Brook Singers' Concert in the Gym

Menu for Wednesday, December 18:

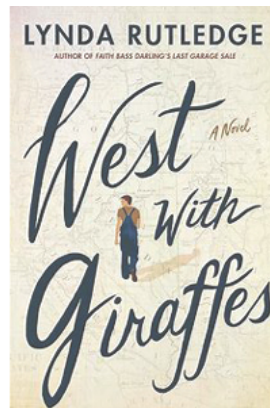
Beef tips, rice pilaf, green beans, rolls, cake

**Healthy Salad Option:* Greek salad with grilled chicken

**Please reserve salad by Tuesday evening on Realm to ensure you'll have a salad. Let Carrie know if you made a salad reservation.*

Cost is \$8 adults, \$5 kids age 3 and up, \$25 family max. Kids age 2 and under eat for free. Register through Realm below.

[Register for
Dinner](#)



Third Monday Book Club

Monday, December 16 | 12 p.m. | Sara Jackson's Home

Our December book selection is *West With Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge, a story set in 1938 involving two giraffes who miraculously survive a hurricane while crossing the Atlantic. Part adventure, part historical saga, and part coming-of-age love story, *West with Giraffes* explores what it means to be changed by the grace of animals, the kindness of strangers, the passing of time, and a story told before it's too late.

Want to read ahead? These are the book club selections for the upcoming months:

January: *A Year of Biblical Womanhood* by Rachel Held Evans

February: *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi

March: *The Burgess Boys* by Elizabeth Strout

LIVING NATIVITY

December 19, 20, and 21
Shows at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.



MOUNTAIN BROOK
BAPTIST CHURCH



MBBC's Annual Living Nativity December 19, 20, & 21 | Shows at 6:30 & 7:30 p.m.

We're excited to host this annual event where we depict the story of Christmas for our community.

If you would like to participate in this year's Living Nativity by playing one of the roles, helping direct traffic, or serving in the hospitality tent, visit the link below.

[Sign Up](#)

Living Nativity Social with Faith Church Thursday, December 19 | 5:30 p.m.

On Thursday, December 19 at 5:30 p.m., we will host a social with Faith Church in Hudson Hall before Living Nativity begins to provide an opportunity for our congregations to get to know each other as we grow in relationship with one another.

The social will take place at 5:30 p.m. in Hudson Hall. After we enjoy some snacks together, we'll head down to the parking lot to watch the first Living Nativity show at 6:30 p.m. **RSVP by December 15 so we can make plans for food.**

We need your help with snacks and desserts for everyone to share. If you'd like to help by bringing a snack or dessert to share, please contact [Baker Crow](#).

[RSVP](#)



Gingerbread House Decorating and a Santa visit!



Pancakes with Santa & Gingerbread Houses December 21 | 8:30 a.m. | Heritage Hall

Don't miss the fun! A pancake breakfast will be served and we'll decorate Gingerbread Houses! Costs are \$5.00 per person for breakfast and \$15.00 per gingerbread house. Of course, Santa will be there!

[Sign Up](#)



Join us on Tuesday, December 24!

3 p.m. | Band-Led Service

This year's 3 p.m. service will be band-led. It will be a bit shorter in the length than the 5 & 7 p.m. services to accommodate families with young children.

5 & 7 p.m. | Candlelight Services

This year's 5 & 7 p.m. services will be led by our Sanctuary Choir and timpani.

*We will celebrate the Lord's Supper in all services.
Childcare available for ages 2 and under in all services.*

A special note about Christmas Eve services: Due to being in the gym for Christmas Eve services with limited capacity, we are asking everyone to register for the Christmas Eve service they plan to attend (members of the praise band,

choir, and orchestra do not need to register). *Registration for our 5 p.m. service is almost full! If you are able, we encourage you to register and attend the 3 p.m. or 7 p.m. service.* Choose the Christmas Eve service you plan to attend and register for that service on the page linked below, or call the church office (205-871-0331). Also, be sure to register your child if you need childcare.

[See More & Register](#)



2025 Women's Retreat January 24-26, 2025 | Willow Point Country Club

This year's retreat theme is "Spiritual Stories" based on Psalm 28:7-9. We hope this retreat will provide opportunities for women to grow in their relationships with the Lord and one another. Our first session will begin on Friday, January 24 at 7 p.m.; there are two options for return times (Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning), and lodging will either be at Willow Point or on your own.

For all the details, including more pricing information, visit the link below. **Prices will increase on December 17 for those staying at Willow Point, so register now to help us make plans and guarantee your early bird discount!**

[Register Now](#)



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ADVENT 2024

2024 Advent Devotional Guides Now Available

This year, we invite you to join us as we walk through the story of the Bible and look at the ways we see light break through the darkness, from creation in Genesis 1 to new creation in Revelation 21-22. This year's devotions were written by staff and church members. Guides can be picked up in the church office or on the table in the back of the gym, and you can also listen online through the Project 119 Podcast. One copy per family, please.

Listen to the daily podcast:

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

[Download the Advent Guide](#)

Minister On Call

December 13-15, 2024

Mary Splawn - 205.834.3205

Generosity Scorecard

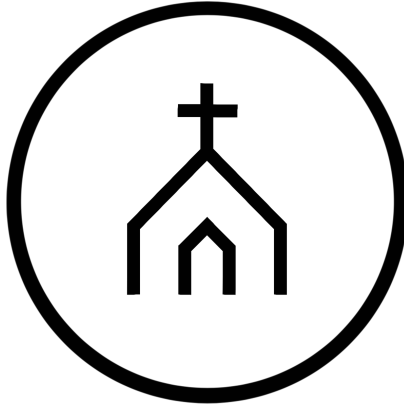
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2024 Ministries Budget - \$3,505,477

Weekly Receipts	\$51,636
Average Weekly Budget	<u>\$67,413</u>
Weekly Net	-\$15,777
YTD Receipts, includes prepays	\$2,987,887
YTD Budget	<u>\$3,235,825</u>
YTD Net	-\$247,938

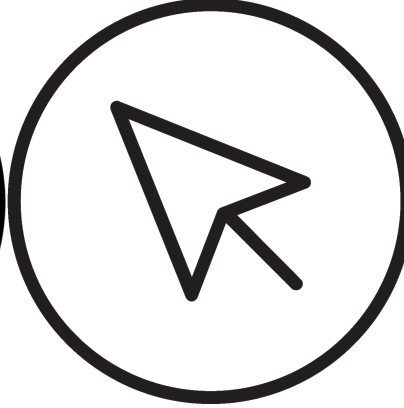
Remaining receipts required to achieve annual budget: \$517,590

Ways to Give



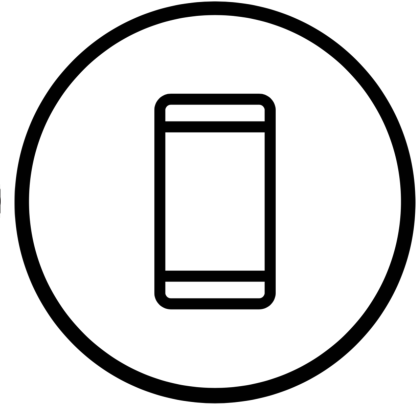
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