



# THIS SUNDAY

December 22, 2024 • Fourth 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 | "God With Us" | Matthew 1:18-25

Theme: Jesus was born in fulfillment of Isaiah's promise of a Son who would be conceived by the Holy Spirit and born to a virgin. The miracle of Christmas is that God has taken on flesh to be our perfect redeemer.

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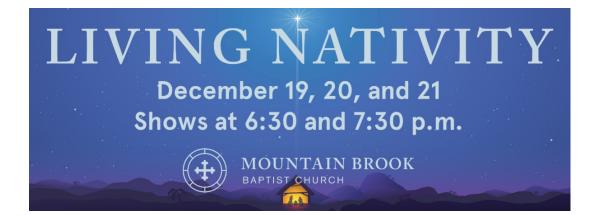
### **Sunday Morning Navigation**

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**

**Please note:** The Church Offices will be closed on Wednesday, December 25 and Thursday, December 26. Merry Christmas!



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'd 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 this **link**.

Cookies are needed for the Living Nativity hospitality tent tomorrow night and Saturday night! (Nut-free preferred.) Click here to sign up.



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 21, MBBC is partnering with the Salvation Army to collect donations outside the Crestline Piggly Wiggly. **There are just two remaining afternoon shifts!** Sign up to serve at the link below. Email **Mark Rector** with any questions.

Sign Up to Volunteer



## 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

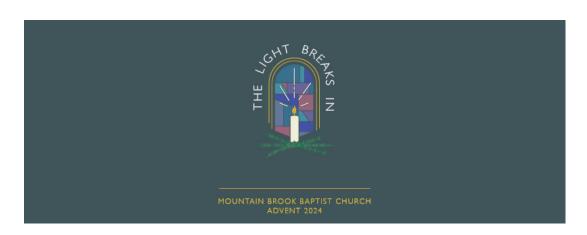
### Special Sunday Morning Schedule December 29

There will be no Sunday School on Sunday, December 29. We will have **Combined Worship in the gym at 10 a.m.** with a churchwide fellowship before worship at 9 a.m. Join us!



### 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.



### **2024 Advent Devotional Guides 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 20-22, 2024 Joel Burks - 256.347.5761

### Generosity Scorecard 12/19/24

2024 Ministries Budget - \$3,505,477

Weekly Receipts	\$125,135
Average Weekly Budget	<u>\$67,413</u>
Weekly Net	\$57,722
YTD Receipts, includes prepays	\$3,192,573

Remaining receipts required to achieve annual budget: \$312,904





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