



"Thank You"

Pastor's Blog | Dr. Wayne Splawn | December 2, 2021

When Mary and I completed an internship with the Baptist Collegiate Ministry at the University of South Carolina and loaded all our worldly possessions into a U-Haul truck to make the trip down I-20 from Columbia, South Carolina to Birmingham, Alabama we could not have known...

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This Sunday

December 5, 2021

A FESTIVAL OF *Nine Lessons & Carols*



A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols - 9 a.m.

This Sunday the Sanctuary Choir Ensembles and instrumentalists will present "A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols." The service will follow the format of the beloved service broadcast live from King's College in England on Christmas Eve. The service will trace the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus using nine short Bible readings (lessons) interspersed with the singing of Christmas Carols, hymns, and choral anthems. Our Scripture lessons will be read by members of our congregation starting with children and moving through the various age groupings of our church. Instrumentalists assisting in the service will be a flute, clarinet, violin and cello. The congregation will have ample opportunity to sing carols of the season to help aid in our worship. Don't miss this elegant telling of the Christmas story, and bring someone with you to participate in this meaningful service.

Watch A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols Livestream

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



THE CAST OF CHRISTMAS

JUST AN AVERAGE GUY

Contemporary Worship - 11 a.m.

Dr. Gary Fenton | "Just An Average Guy" | Matthew 1:18-20

Big Idea: Joseph appears to be a passive character in the Christmas story, but he teaches a great truth: to be used in the Kingdom of God begins with the desire to do right rather than doing something miraculous.

Watch Worship Livestreams

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



Sunday Morning Bible Study - 10 a.m.

We offer in-person Sunday Morning Bible Studies for all ages and stages of life.

[View our current SMBS offerings.](#)



Home Church Sunday Morning Bible Study

Ben Winder | "Birth of Jesus Foretold" | Luke 1:26-38

News & Events

Mission Partner of the Week



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servingyou.org

Your giving to Mountain Brook Baptist Church supports more than 30 mission partners as they seek to live out the gospel around the world. Each week we'll highlight one of these partners so you can be praying alongside them.

This week's mission partner is Serving You Ministries.

The mission of Serving You Ministries is to provide hope to families in the greater Birmingham area by providing sustainable solutions to challenges they face. They assist in education, child care, job readiness, safe and affordable housing, health and nutrition, and crisis relief through their hub partnerships.

Thank you for giving!

Here are some prayer requests that Serving You Ministries shared with us recently:

Pray that they will continue to provide hope to families in Birmingham by sharing the truth of God's love through action and words.

Pray for their Thrive families to continue to work hard through barriers they face in education, housing, and career development.

Pray for their Christmas shop to be a blessing to the families as mothers shop and provide Christmas for their children.



The Pop Up Shop is Back!

THURSDAY, 12/2 1-6 PM

FRIDAY, 12/3 8 AM-1 PM

Gifts for everyone on your list!

- Peanut Butter Balls
- Oreo Truffles
- Rosemary Cashews
- Pepper Jelly
- Cheese Crisps
- Toffee Cracker Candy
- Cookies, and much more!

We will also have items from the Merchandise Mart, so come ready to shop! We accept cash, check or Venmo.

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All proceeds go to The WellHouse!

Don't forget to stop by the Cooks On A Mission Pop-Up Shop today and tomorrow in Heitage Hall to check some of your Christmas shopping off your list and to support a great cause - all proceeds will go to The WellHouse, one of our mission partners.

OUR NEXT CHAPTER

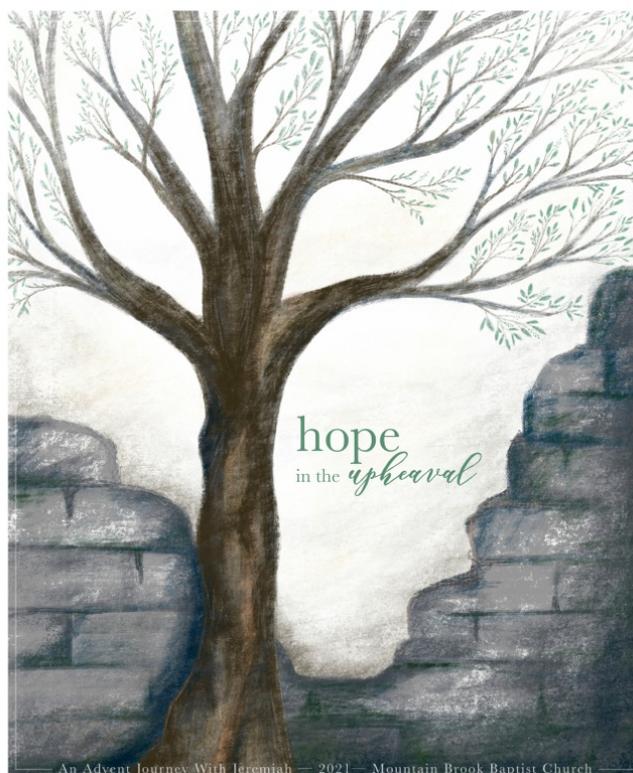


2022 Ministry Plan Pledge Campaign Pledges Received Through December 31

We are continuing our campaign to pledge financial support to our ministry plan for next year. We ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge that will allow us to make our ministries plan possible.

[Frequently Asked Questions](#) | [Print a Pledge Card](#)

[Make Pledge Online](#)



Project 119 - Advent Devotional Guide

During this season of Advent, we are taking a break from our regular Project 119 rhythm to focus on the book of Jeremiah together in our Advent devotional guide titled *Hope in the Upheaval*.

Copies of the devotional guide are available for pick up in the Narthex. The guide is also available on our website, and you can listen to each day's passage and devotional on the Project 119 podcast.

Listen to the daily podcast:

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

[Download the Advent Devotional Guide](#)

Help Provide Christmas Gifts for Children

In partnership with Sowing Seeds of Hope, we are providing Christmas gift boxes for children in Perry County. If you'd like to help by filling a gift box, stop by the Narthex to pick up a box for a toddler, child, or tween. A list of gift suggestions is included in each box. Boxes are due back by Thursday, December 9.

We are also working with several local schools and agencies to provide gifts to children in the Birmingham area through our Angel Tree. If you'd like to sponsor a child, pick up an angel off the Angel Tree, write your name on the designated clipboard, and return your gifts by the date requested on the angel. The Angel Tree is located in the church office on Mondays-Fridays and in the Narthex on Sundays.



BACKPACK BUDDIES
Because Hunger Doesn't
Take The Weekend Off

Help Deliver Backpack Buddies

We need volunteers to deliver Backpack Buddies items to Grantswood Community School. They need to be delivered between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Thursdays, but it is possible to deliver them on Wednesdays if that works better.

[Sign Up to Help](#)

LAST CALL - Poinsettias Donations Needed by Today

If you would like to give a poinsettia in memory or honor of someone, please contact Barbara Morgan (205.803.3443 | barbara@mbbc.org). The price is \$20 each. Deadline is today, Thursday, December 2.

WHAT EVERY PARENT WANTS FOR CHRISTMAS!

Foster Parents' Night Out



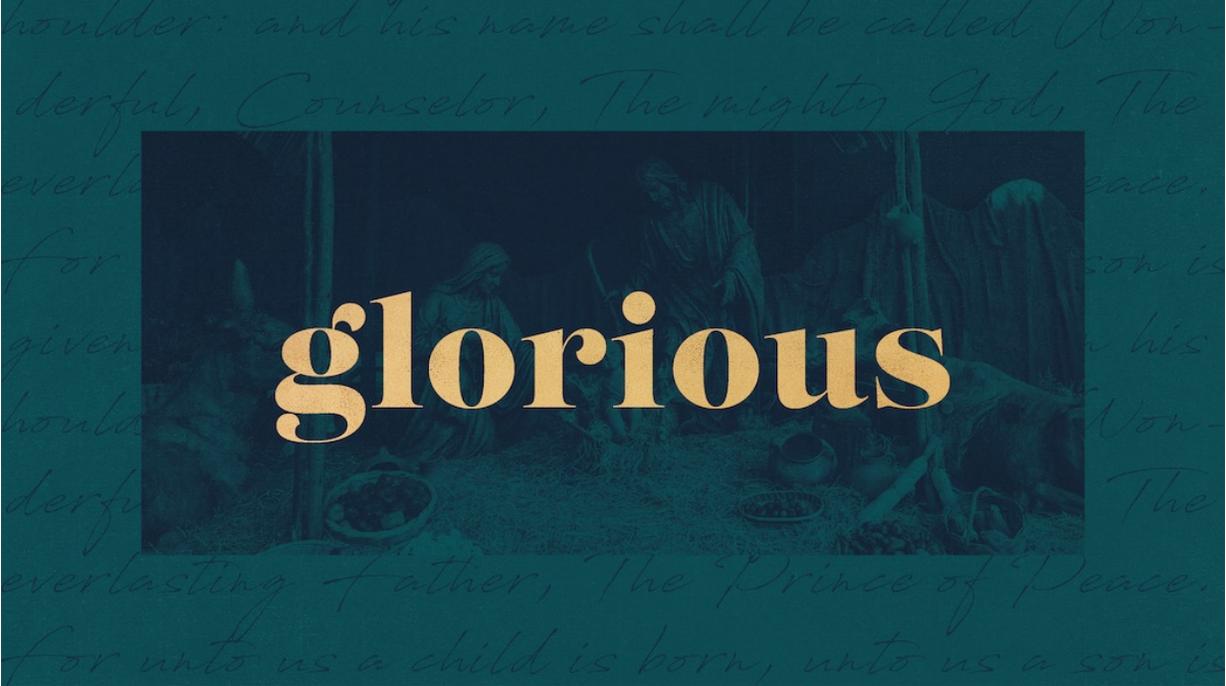
Foster Parents' Night Out - Volunteers Needed **Friday, December 10 | 5:30-9:30 p.m.**

In partnership with the Alabama Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries, we are hosting a Parents' Night Out for foster parents in our area on Friday, December 10.

We will give them an opportunity to shop for Christmas and have dinner while their kids enjoy some fun Christmas activities at the church from 5:30-9:30 p.m. We will do a rotation schedule for the kids between games, crafts, music, etc. similar to VBS based on age groups.

We need volunteers to help make this happen!
Please sign up at the link below if you can help!

[Sign Up to Help](#)



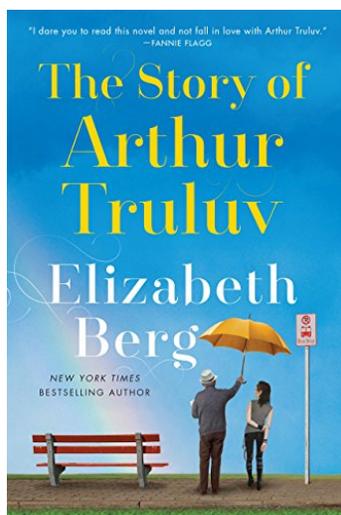
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Glorious: A Contemporary Worship Experience **Sunday, December 12 | 5 p.m.**

Glorious is our annual special Advent Contemporary Worship Service.

We invite you to join us as we explore the glorious mystery of salvation history—ultimately culminating with the incarnation of Jesus—through a beautiful variety of music, Scripture, prayer, and multimedia. It is a can't-miss worship experience for the whole church family.

Childcare will be available for ages 2 and under.



2nd Monday Book Club **Monday, December 13 | 12 p.m.**

The 2nd Monday Book Club will meet at 12 p.m., December 13 at Sara Jackson's home. This month they will discuss *The Story of Arthur Truluv* by Elizabeth Berg.



Living Nativity

December 20, 21, 22 | 6:45, 7:30, 8:15 p.m.

This year's Living Nativity will be a hybrid event, where viewers can drive up and watch the show from their vehicles or get out of their cars and watch in the lower parking lot. In addition to inviting your friends and neighbors to attend, there are several ways you can help share the Christmas story with our community through the Living Nativity this year.

We need participants to play roles in each show and volunteer for jobs each night. Please [sign up](#) for night(s) you would like to participate and the job you'd like to do.

We need contributions of nut-free cookies for the hospitality tent, which can be dropped off at the church December 19-22. Please [sign up](#) to bring cookies.

We need volunteers to help with constructing the set on the afternoon of December 11. Please [email Wayne Splawn](#) if you are available to help.

[Sign Up for Volunteer Slots](#)

[Sign Up to Provide Cookies](#)

[Help for Set Construction](#)



Christmas Eve Services
Friday, December 24 | 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m.

3 p.m. | Family-Friendly Half-Hour Service
5 & 7 p.m. | Candlelight Communion Services

Childcare will be available for ages 2 and under.



Wednesday Night Dinner | 5 p.m.

On Wednesday nights, we will serve dinner prior to midweek activities.
Dinner is served beginning at 5 p.m. in Heritage Hall.

Please register for dinner by Tuesday at 5 p.m. each week!

Cost is \$7/adults, \$3/kids, \$20 max per family.

Wednesday, December 8

Adults: Pulled pork with sauce, ranch roasted potatoes, collard greens, cornbread

Kids: Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, cornbread

Dessert: Cookies

Sign Up for Dinner - December 8

Wednesday, December 15

Adults: Spaghetti, salad, rolls

Kids: Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, rolls

Dessert: Cake, cookies

Sign Up for Dinner - December 15

Minister On Call

December 3-5

Wayne Splawn - 205.834.3565

Generosity Scorecard

As of December 2, 2021

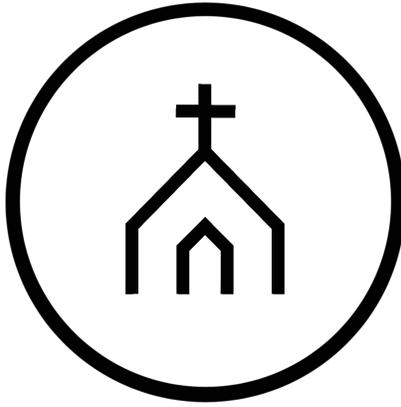
2021 Ministries Plan*: \$2,987,756.00

Weekly Receipts	\$45,554.57
Average Weekly Budget*	<u>\$57,456.85</u>
Weekly Net	-\$11,902.28
YTD Receipts (includes prepays)	\$2,761,945.33
YTD Budget*	<u>\$2,757,928.80</u>
YTD Net	\$4,016.53

Remaining receipts required to achieve annual budget: \$225,810.67

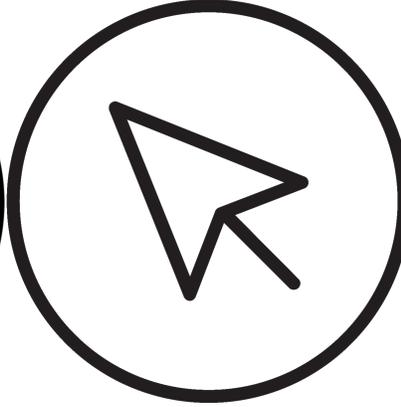
**Revised to reflect increase in budget approved at May Finance Committee meeting*

Ways to Give



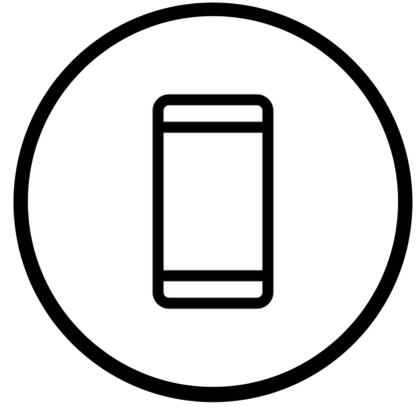
CASH/CHECK

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Narthex or mail your gift to
3631 Montevallo Rd S,
35213.



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