



"The Unattainable Ideal"

DR. DORTCH | SENIOR MINISTER | FEBRUARY 20, 2020

I have always been uncomfortable with Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount where He speaks with His disciples about their need to strive for perfection. You remember the verse: "Be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). The whole notion ... [READ MORE](#)

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New Project 119 Bible Reading Plan

In 2020, we would invite you to consider reading Scripture alongside your church family at Mountain Brook Baptist Church. This reading plan is for February 2-May 2 and it provides readings for five days during the week, giving you the opportunity to catch up and reflect during the weekend. This updated reading plan includes readings for Spring Break and for Holy Week. We will distribute copies of the plan on Sunday morning, or you can view a PDF online by visiting [this link](#).

Week 3 | February 16-22

John 6:22-40, Psalm 19

John 6:41 - end, Psalm 20, 21

John 7:1-24, Psalm 22

John 7:25-52, Psalm 23, 24

John 7:53-8:30, Psalm 25

Week 4 | February 23-29

John 8:31 - end, Psalm 42, 43

John 9, Psalm 44

John 10:1-21, Psalm 45

John 10:22 - end, Psalm 46

John 11:1-44, Psalm 47, 48

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Worship Preview for Sunday, February 23

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 | 10:30 A.M.

We will have Concurrent Worship Services on Sunday, February 23 at 10:30 a.m. as we continue our series on the book of Jeremiah, “Preparing for God’s Good Future.” This week’s sermons will focus on Jeremiah 24:1-10. Dr. Wayne Splawn, our Associate Minister, will be preaching in the Traditional Worship Service and Dr. Doug Dortch, our Senior Minister, will be preaching in the Contemporary Worship Service. We will also observe the Lord's Supper in the Contemporary Worship Service.

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Ash Wednesday Worship Service

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 | 6 P.M. | SANCTUARY

Since 2013, our congregation has found our Ash Wednesday service to be a significant way to enter the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday speaks the message to us all that yes, we will pass from this life, but it matters how we will die in that we all need Jesus. We can die apart from Him as nonbelievers, or we can embrace Him as our Lord and Savior and be united with Him through all eternity. Until that time, it matters how we live our lives on this earth...letting Christ be in control of our thoughts, words, and deeds. This day and the service we observe jolts us out of our daily routines to remind us how far each of us misses the mark. It is a service of reflection and repentance before the Lord. Afterward, we are each given the gift of the 40 days of Lent to pray, fast, and seek the Lord with renewed devotion and dedication to Him as our Savior and Redeemer. The season of Lent is a good old-fashioned Baptist 40-day revival!

We will offer our Ash Wednesday service on February 26 at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary. As in past years, we will focus on repentance and will use the small pieces of flash paper as part of the service. The service should last no more than an hour. We

invite families to participate together (childcare will be offered for birth through 4K but Missions and Music groups will not meet that night). Dinner will be served in Heritage Hall at 5 p.m. at the regular Wednesday night prices (\$7 adults, \$3 children, \$20 max per family). We will have valet parking available that evening.

The Sanctuary Choir will provide four anthems to aid us all in our personal reflection: "Hide Not Thy Face" by Renaissance composer Richard Farrant, "Softly and Tenderly" in a setting by Mark Hayes, "Search Me, O God" by K. Lee Scott, and "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" in a setting by Elaine Hagenberg. The service will end with that last hymn arrangement in which we are reminded that God is always extending His love to us and will not cease to offer it. It's a meaningful way to begin our Lenten journey together. Come and take part in this service of renewal.

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Living Hope Celebration

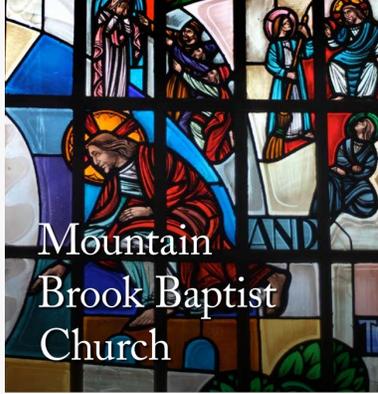
TUESDAY, MARCH 3 | 6 P.M. | VESTAVIA HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

Living Hope is one of our strategic international mission partners that is seeking to make the love of Jesus Christ known in word and deed to people living in the greater metropolitan area of Cape Town, South Africa. Since 2010, MBBC has sent a Youth and College Mission team to partner with Living Hope.

Living Hope is celebrating its 20th year of ministry in 2020 and to commemorate this ministry milestone, they are holding a celebration in Birmingham on Tuesday, March 3 at 6 p.m. at the Vestavia Hills Country Club. We hope that many of our members who have seen firsthand the impact of Living Hope on a mission trip to Cape Town will make plans to attend this event to learn more about all that God continues to do through their work. To make a reservation for the celebration, please email Nancy Martin (nancym@brookwood.org) by February 21. Dress for the event is business casual. For more information, contact Wayne Splawn (wayne@mbbc.org).

More Upcoming Events

To view a full listing of upcoming events, visit our [website](#) or download a copy of our February



Monthly Guide



FEBRUARY 2020

Generosity Scorecard

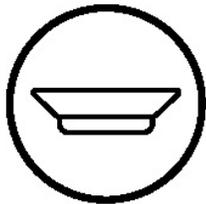
As of Sunday, February 16, 2020

2020 Ministries Budget: \$3,469,150.00

Weekly Receipts	\$67,484.75
Average Weekly Budget	<u>\$66,714.42</u>
Weekly Net	\$770.33
YTD Receipts (includes prepays)	\$510,068.37
YTD Budget	<u>\$467,000.94</u>
YTD Net	\$43,067.43

Remaining receipts required to achieve annual budget: \$2,959,081.63

Ways to Give



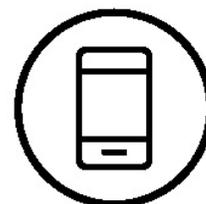
PLATES

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



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