



Churchwide Updates: A Different Approach to Deacon Selection

Pastor's Blog | Dr. Wayne Splawn | March 4, 2026

Deacons have been an important part of the ministry of Mountain Brook Baptist Church from its inception. As is the case with all Baptist churches, we believe deacons have an important role to play in providing service and leadership in our church. During my time on staff at our church, I have been grateful for the faithful men and women God has called to serve as deacons. I am especially grateful to everyone who has answered the call to serve as a deacon during my time as your Senior Minister. I regularly leave our monthly Deacon meetings thanking God that such faithful and capable men and women surround other staff members and me.

[Read More](#)

[Deacon Nominations](#)

THIS SUNDAY

March 8, 2026 (Third Sunday in Lent) • Daylight Saving Time

WHAT CHRIST HAS ACCOMPLISHED

A LENTEN MINISERIES

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

Dr. Wayne Splawn | “Nothing Will Separate Us From God’s Love” | Romans 8:31-39

Theme: We can have certainty that not even death will separate us from God’s love for us in Jesus.

The Voices in Bronze Handbell Choir will perform in the Traditional Service this Sunday.

The Children's Choirs will perform in both the Traditional and Contemporary Services this Sunday.

Reminder: Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday, March 8. Be sure to change your clocks as we spring forward!

Watch Worship Livestreams

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

NEWS & EVENTS



Wednesday Night Activities: March 11

View locations for Missions and Music for your child [here](#).

Learn more about growth groups for adults [here](#).

Wednesday Night Schedule:

5-6 p.m. • Dinner in Heritage Hall

6-6:25 p.m. • Missions for Preschool and School Age Kids

6:30-7 p.m. • Music for Preschool and School Age Kids

6-7 p.m. • Adult Growth Groups for Men and Women

Menu for Wednesday, March 11:

Adults: Baked potato bar (pork, sour cream, cheese, butter, bacon, chives)

Children: Chicken fingers, mashed potatoes, roll, dessert

**Adult Salad:* No special salad this week

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 Wednesday Night Dinner](#)



Mountain Brook's Best 2026

Fun news—MBBC has been nominated for multiple categories in Mountain Brook Magazine's Best of 2026! The church was nominated for Mountain Brook's "Best Place of Worship," the ELC was nominated for "Best Childcare," and Dr. Wayne Splawn was nominated for "Best Pastor." If you'd like to vote, click on the link below. Each email can vote every 24 hours. **Voting ends March 7.**

[Vote Here](#)



The Holy Smokes at The Exeptional Foundation's Chili Cook-Off

**This Saturday, March 7 | 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. | The
Urban Center**

Come cheer on MBBC's Holy Smokes as they compete once again in the The Exceptional Foundation's annual Chili Cook-Off this Saturday—now at the The Urban Center in Liberty Park. This beloved, award-winning community event features live music, a kids' zone, and all-you-can-eat chili, with every dollar supporting The Exceptional Foundation's life-changing programs. Bring your family, enjoy the fun, and be sure to **support our Holy Smokes team at tent #98. (There will be maps available on site.)**

[Get Your Tickets Here](#)



Men's Sharpen Up Breakfast **Tuesday, March 10 | 6:30-7:20 a.m. | Heritage Hall**

We'll continue to look at the life of Peter, focusing on Matthew 26 and Peter's denial of Jesus. We'll have a hearty breakfast and door prizes. Invite a friend or someone new and come get your day off to a great start!

April Sharpen Up: Tuesday, April 14

[Register for Sharpen Up Breakfast](#)

Special Opportunity: Mark Rector Preaching at the **Advent Lenten Series** **Wednesday, March 11 | 12:05 p.m. | Cathedral Church** **of the Advent**

MBBC's own Mark Rector will serve as a guest preacher during the Lenten Lunch and Preaching Series at Cathedral Church of the Advent (2017 Sixth Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203), on Wednesday, March 11 at 12:05 p.m. in the Nave. Services last about 25 minutes, featuring guest preachers from near and far. We'd love for our church family to attend and support Mark as he shares during this special Lenten season! Lunch is served each day, and proceeds benefit Restoration Academy, Maranathan Academy, and The Lovelady Center.

[More Information](#)



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Journey to the Cross for Families Wednesday, April 1

Journey to the Cross is our annual interactive Holy Week experience for families with children. Kids walk through the story of Holy Week by visiting the Marketplace, sharing a meal, and participating in prayer and worship—designed for parents and children to experience together. Your help makes this meaningful experience possible for our families.

We need volunteers to help with:

- Marketplace Tables (5–5:30 p.m.): Host simple hands-on stations like jewelry making, crafts, spices & bread, Resurrection Eggs, or wood shop (materials provided).
- Dinner Service (5:30–6 p.m.): Help serve dinner and seder plates as families learn together.
- Prayer Stations (6–6:30 p.m.): Lead a guided prayer activity for families (preschool through preteen options available).
- Clean-Up (6:45–7:15 p.m.): Help reset spaces after the event.

[Sign Up to Volunteer](#)



Cooks On A Mission – February 2026 Update

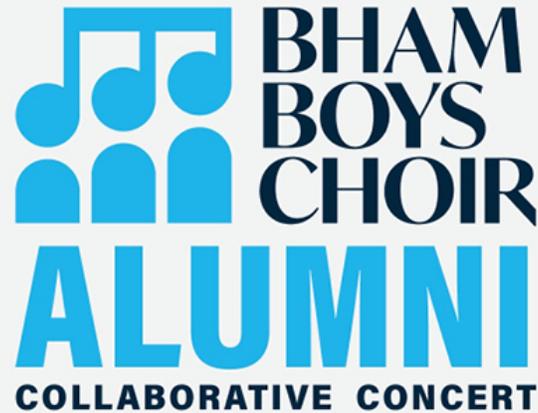
Cooks On A Mission is back! Following church renovations, kitchen updates, an extended closure, and the retirement of our longtime leaders Aimee Turner and Kim Hardwick, we are grateful to be cooking again—bringing back favorites and introducing new recipes.

Beginning February 27, 2026, items will be available in a standing freezer located in the corridor by the rear elevator between the reception area and Moebes Hall. There will be no preorders—simply stop by most Fridays or anytime the Cooks are working. Weekday access is available by checking in with the church receptionist. Donations may be made by cash or check payable to MBBC with “COAM” in the memo.

Selections include: Cherry Almond and Bacon Cheddar Scones, Sausage Quiche, Chicken Chili, French Market Sandwiches, Baked Ziti, Mama Lynn’s Chocolate Chip Cookie

Dough, “The Cake Lady” Cheesecake (by the slice), and COAM House Seasoning.

Thank you for your continued support!



Birmingham Boys Choir + Alumni Concert at MBBC This Sunday, March 8 | 3 p.m. | MBBC Sanctuary

Join us as MBBC hosts the Birmingham Boys Choir + Alumni for a musical afternoon of British music, mostly sacred, from Benjamin Britten to the Beatles! Micah Rich, Michael Megginson, Sarah Rich, and other MBBC members will be performing. This event is FREE thanks to sponsorship.

2026 Easter Lilies

We decorate our Sanctuary with Easter lilies each Easter. To give an Easter lily in someone's honor or memory, email [Barbara Morgan](mailto:Barbara.Morgan@mbbc.org). Cost is \$25 each and deadline to order is Friday, March 20.



SEE OUR HOLY WEEK EVENTS & DETAILS

mbbc.org/holyweek

**Holy Week
March 29—April 5, 2026**

Mark your calendars and register early! Holy Week begins Sunday, March 29. Join us for our Holy Week services as we meditate on the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, and the hope that we have because of the truth of the gospel - Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ is coming again! **View all of our Holy Week offerings and registrations [here](#).**

Minister On Call

March 6-8

Sharon Howard - 205.527.7641

Project 119 Bible Reading Plan

This winter and spring, we'll be walking through Romans and selections from the Psalms and will memorize two sets of verses from Romans. On Sundays, we will take a break to read and reflect on Sunday's sermon text, and during the weeks of Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, and Easter Week, we will take a break for specially selected readings following along with the church season.

Listen to the daily podcast:

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

[Download the Project 119 Reading Plan](#)

Generosity Scorecard

3/4/26

2026 Ministries Budget: \$4,096,274

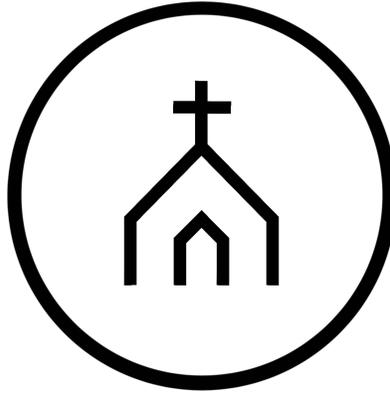
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Average Weekly Budget	<u>\$78,775</u>
Weekly Net	\$36,957
YTD Receipts, includes prepaids	\$942,522
YTD Budget	<u>\$708,971</u>
YTD Net	\$233,552

Remaining receipts required to achieve annual budget: \$3,153,752

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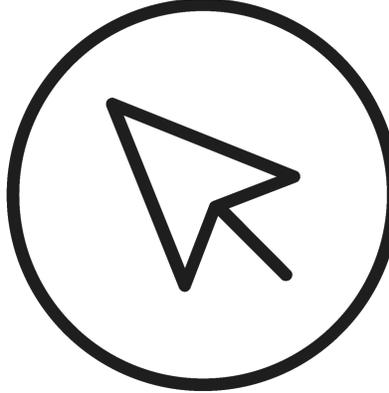
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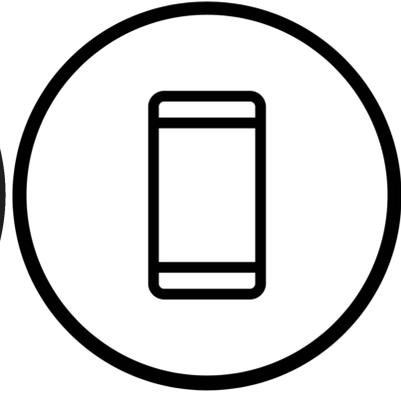
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