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HOLY WEEK and EASTER at MBBC

by Kely Hatley

All services will take place in the sanctuary. All services will be streamed live over our church website, our YouTube channel, and our church Facebook page. PLEASE register your attendance because space is limited in the sanctuary as we follow our COVID-19 safety physical distance guidelines. You may register at <https://mbbc.org/resources/register-for-worship> or call/email the church office and speak with the receptionist. She will be happy to take your worship reservation.



Palm Sunday, March 28 - 9:00 AM: The Sanctuary Choir will sing music suited for Palm Sunday as children wave Palm branches in front of the processional Christ Candle as we reenact the entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem. The Contemporary service will also take place that day at 11:00 AM.

Maundy Thursday, April 1 - 6:30 PM: This service is always special as we remember the events on the night of the Lord's supper and the night that He was betrayed in the garden. The Sanctuary Choir will sing "A Song of Shadows" and "View From the Upper Room" and Kely Hatley will sing a poignant setting of "And Can It Be?" The Stripping of the Altar will also end the evening as all elements of beauty will be removed from the pulpit platform while the traditional chanting of Psalm 22 takes place.



Good Friday, April 2 - 12 Noon: Dr. Dortch will deliver the message, "It Is Finished" from John 19:28-30. The Good Friday service will be about half an hour and will consist of one hymn, one solo and the message. It is designed so that you may attend during your lunch break.

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HOLY WEEK and EASTER at MBBC (continued)

by Kely Hatley

New Times For Easter Sunday!



Easter Sunrise Service, April 4 - 6:30 AM - To be held at the MB High School football stadium. Come join members of Mountain Brook Baptist, Brookwood Baptist, St. Stephens Episcopal Church and True Vine Church as we welcome the Lord's Resurrection Day together. Clergy from all churches will participate in leading this joint worship service. Face masks and physical distancing on the bleachers will be observed.

Easter Sunday, April 4 - 9:00 AM: The Traditional service will feature a brass quartet and timpani and the Sanctuary Choir Ensembles. Dr. Dortch will deliver the message, "Who is 'They?'" The Contemporary service will take place at 11:00 AM.



Joke of the Month



One Easter Sunday afternoon John was playing outdoors. He used his mother's broom as a horse and had a wonderful time until it was getting dark. He left the broom on the back porch. His mother was cleaning up the kitchen when she realized that her broom was missing. She asked John about the broom and he told her where it was. She then asked him to please go and get it.

John informed his mother that he was afraid of the dark and didn't want to go out to get the broom. His mother smiled and said, "The Lord is out there too, don't be afraid." John then opened the back door a little and said, "Lord, since you're out there, please pass me the broom."



The Big Top is Coming to MBBC!

by Kely Hatley



As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, even as vaccinations are being administered and taken, there is still a sense of apprehension about meeting together in an enclosed space. When thinking about what our ACTIVE Christian Living ministry could do under these circumstances, it became apparent that outdoor events were the most attended and had the greatest amount of participation. Thus, an idea was born!

Our church has purchased a 30'X30' tent to be set up behind the White Missionary House. The tent will cover the flagstone patio and parking area for the home. Putting the tent there will give us access to the bathroom of the White House as well as the kitchen for use in catered meals. We have also purchased twenty 24" round portable tables which can be set up for two people or one person. What we are effectively doing is creating an outdoor "Heritage Hall" for the church. By doing this, we may resume our monthly ACTIVE Christian Living luncheon programs rain or shine! Parking will be easily accessible down in the lower lot beside the White Missionary House. There is a sloped sidewalk with no steps from the parking area closest to the Builders For Christ trailer, or there are four steps to go down from the parking lot closer to the White Missionary House to the level of the tent. Watch for April's newsletter which will publicize our first luncheon programs in over a year!

Workday to Help Spruce Up Our Outdoor "Heritage Hall"

by Kely Hatley

On Friday, March 26, we will hold a morning workday from 8:30-11:30 AM in the backyard space of the White Missionary House where we will be placing the new tent. There are several flower beds that need to be weeded, mulched, and planted. There are four planter pots that need to have their flowers replaced as well. In addition to flowers, we'll be adding in some ferns. We will also be spreading pine straw, removing some old wooden pallets, and generally making everything look fresh and inviting. Come join us as we work together, fellowship together, and complete a much-needed project to prepare the space for our tent raising the week after Easter. Call or email Kely or Joseph to reserve your work spot at 205-871-0331 or you can email them as well kely@mbbc.org or joseph@mbbc.org.





RESERVATIONS

Make Your Reservations TODAY!

ACTIVITY SCALE

Level	Definition
	Easy: minimal walking
	Moderate: walk up to a mile
	Active: walk as much as two miles
	Challenging: spend most of the day on the go

Calendar At A Glance

- **Workday to Help Spruce Up Our Outdoor “Heritage Hall”**- Friday, March 26, 8:30-11:30 AM, White Missionary House - Park in the lower parking lot and bring gardening/planting/raking tools and gloves
- **Palm Sunday Worship** - Sunday, March 28, Sanctuary 9:00 AM Traditional and 11:00 AM Contemporary
- **Maundy Thursday Worship** - Thursday, April 1, Sanctuary 6:30 PM
- **Good Friday Worship** - Friday, April 2, Sanctuary 12 Noon
- **Easter Sunrise Service** - Sunday, April 4, Mountain Brook High School Football Stadium 6:30 AM
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