

FEBRUARY 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday of Epiphany
at Mountain Brook Baptist Church

If this is your first time at MBBC, please take a moment to fill out the "For Guests" card on the opposite page and drop it in the lobby on your way out. We're thankful you have chosen to worship the Lord with us this morning.

Organ Prelude

Christopher Henley

Fairest Lord Jesus
arr. Charles W. Ore

Call to Worship

Sanctuary Choir

In This House of Worship
by Allen Pote

I was glad when they said unto me: "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"
I was glad when they said unto me: "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"
Blessed are they who dwell in your house ever singing your praise! Amen!

***Opening Sentences of Worship**

Kely Hatley and Congregation

Leader: The Lord be with you,

People: **and also with you.**

Leader: We come together as the church of Jesus Christ, recognizing that our Lord lived and died, not just for the church, but for all people, God's highest creation.

People: **For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.**

Leader: We also recognize that in God's great love, we sense our need first to be loved and thus to be turned around to love others and to face their needs.

People: **We love because God first loved us.**

Leader: Let us love, then, so that we may be free of selfish desires, liberated to strive for God's will.

People: **Whatever we do to the least of God's family, that we do to our Lord.**

***Hymn of Gathering**

Congregation

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship
HOLY MANNA

***Invocation and Welcome to Worshipers**

Amy Hirsch

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Wayne Splawn

***Offertory Hymn**

Congregation

Where Charity and Love Prevail
RESIGNATION

***Offering Reading**

Amy Hirsch

Malachi 3:10 (NIV)

¹⁰ “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”

Mission Partner of the Week and Prayer

Amy Hirsch

M-POWER Ministries

M-POWER Ministries provides opportunities for people to break the cycle of poverty through education and health services. Some of their services include leading GED classes and offering free primary care clinic services to adult patients without insurance, helping them combat and alleviate chronic illnesses. For more information, contact Drew Smith (adsmith4@gmail.com).

***We Present Our Offerings to God**

Congregation

The Doxology
Old 100th (altered)

(All children are invited to meet Mrs. Sharon at the pulpit during The Doxology for the Children's Message. Children 3K-5K will go to Preschool Worship following the Children's Message. If you are a guest and would like for your preschooler to go to Preschool Worship, please meet Mrs. Sharon in the lobby to be sure your child has a check-in label for security purposes.)

Children's Message

Sharon Howard

The Reading of God's Word

Ethan McVay

1 Corinthians 3:10-23

Choral Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

And This Is Love
by Ken Medema

And this is love, that a man lay down his life for his friends. And this is love, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

You have heard it said, “Love your friends and hate your enemies, but I say to you, love your enemies too.” If you love me do the things I command you. Love one another as I have loved you.

And this is love, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

***Affirmation of Faith**

Mary Splawn and Congregation

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. The third day he rose from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and now sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whom he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and everlasting life. Amen.

Message

Wayne Splawn

“Love Your Enemies”
Matthew 5:38-48

***Hymn of Response**

Congregation

They'll Know We Are Christians
ST. BRENDAN'S

Closing Words

Wayne Splawn

***Choral Benediction**

In Your Love, Dear Lord
by David Justice

Sanctuary Choir

In your love, dear Lord, dismiss us, and your wings our shelter be. Let your Spirit dwelling in us bind and keep us close to thee. Amen.

Organ Postlude

“Final” from *Organ Sonata No. 1*
by Alexandre Guilmant







Christopher Henley

*Congregation standing

Amplified-hearing devices are available in the back of the gym. Please see a greeter for assistance.

Are you interested in attending one of our Sunday School Classes at 10 a.m.?
Scan the QR code below or visit mbbc.org/smb to view class options and locations.



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-  205.871.0331
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Prayer List

BIRTHS

Eleanor Joyce Hambleton (parents Anna Kate & Ben Hambleton, grandparents Bea & Tim Healey)

DEATHS

Dianne Thorn Lanier (sister of Wayne Thorn)

Nancy Lucke (mother of Laura Decker)

Jan McDonald (aunt of Chris Burch)

Nancy Walter (mother of Hollie Chitty)

Jerry Yarbrough (uncle of Jill Acosta)

MBBC MEMBERS

Bill Austin, Bob Baker, Charlene & Milton Berryhill, Chris Burch, Dot Burnett, Kay Davidson, Joyce Dawkins, Greg Dobbins, Sandy Eichelberger, Judy Ellis, Chad Fooshee, Anne & Grady Gibbons, Wayne Gowens, Betty Jo Gwin, Tallulah Hargrove, Martha Isom, Karen Johnson, Lauren Johnston, Judy Long, Eddie Mae McDanal, Billy McDonald, Caroline Mears, Martha Miklic, Phyllis Mitchell, Carolyn Nowlin, Jennie Pickett, Walter Pittman, Joyce Ratliff, Missy Roper, Ann Sanders, Irene Stutts, Mark Tucker Jr., Rachel Walton, Doris Wayman, Laura Zarembo

HEALTH CARE CENTERS/INDEPENDENT LIVING

Peggy Abbott, Eugenia Anderson, Betty Bowen, Bob Compher, Mary Kate Dyer, Bill Johnson, Louise Martin, Sarah Moler, Glaydell Pinson, Roger Pugh, Gailya Sargent, Juanelle Strain, Helen Thrasher-Long, Harryette Turner

Weekly Information

MINISTER ON CALL: FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 2

Micaiah Kelly – (912) 675-4969

PROJECT 119 BIBLE READING PLAN

Sunday, February 23 - Saturday, March 1

Please visit mbbc.org/project119 for this week's readings.

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 5:44 (NIV)

⁴⁴ "But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..."

Ways to Give



IN PERSON

Place your gift in the designated spot in the Narthex.



ONLINE

To give online, visit mbbc.org/give.



TEXT

Text STOREHOUSE to 73256.

To access our Wi-Fi network, choose MBBC Guest (password 803-3452).

This Week

Offices are open Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 (SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY)

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship | Gym
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship | Gym
- 4:30 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal | Chapel Music Suite
- 6 p.m. Students | The Brook | Student Ministry Area

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- 6:45 a.m. Students | Junior High Bible Study | Student Ministry Area
- 9:30 a.m. ACTIVE Christian Living | Stretch and Fitness | Rm. 354 2A

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 5 p.m. Wednesday Night Family Dinner | Hudson Hall
- 6 p.m. Children's Missions Activities
- 6 p.m. Students | Senior High Bible Studies
- 6:30 p.m. Children's Music Activities
- 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal | Chapel Music Suite

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- 9:30 a.m. ACTIVE Christian Living | Stretch and Fitness | Rm. 354 2A
- 10:30 a.m. Mellow Brook Singers | Rehearsal | Chapel Music Suite
- 11:30 a.m. Mellow Brook Singers | Lunch | Hudson Hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 2 (EIGHTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY)

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship | Gym
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship | Gym
- 5 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal | Chapel Music Suite

MINISTERIAL STAFF

- Dr. Wayne Splawn, Senior Minister
- Dr. John Piede, Deacon Chair
- Mr. Vince Blackerby, Director of Operations
- Mr. Joel Burks, Minister to Students
- Dr. Kely Hatley, Minister of Music and ACTIVE Christian Living
- Mrs. Amy Hirsch, Associate Minister for Membership and Pastoral Care
- Mrs. Sharon Howard, Minister to Children and Families
- Mrs. Micaiah Kelly, Associate Minister of Music
- Mr. Ethan McVay, Minister to Preteen and Junior High Students
- Mr. Mark Rector, Associate Minister
- Mrs. Mary Splawn, Minister of Connections

For the full list of our church staff, please see mbbc.org/staff.