FEBRUARY 26, 2023

First Sunday In Lent
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 Narthex on your way out. If this is your first time to worship with us via livestream, visit mbbc.org/guests to let us know of your attendance. We're thankful you have chosen to worship the Lord with us this morning.

Organ Prelude **Jim Dorroh**

Beloved Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended?
by Johannes Brahms

Calls to Worship **Young Musicians and Music Makers Choirs**

Sizohamba Naye
(We Will Walk With Our God)
Traditional Melody from Eswatini, Africa

We will walk with our God, we will walk with our God. We'll rejoice together, we will walk with our God.

Like a Tree
by Ruth Elaine Schram

Lord, help me be, just like a tree, growing with the deepest roots. Offering shelter, comfort, and rest, bringing forth good fruit.

I can be helpful to others. I can be strong in my faith. I can delight in the word of God, and I can obey.

***Opening Sentences of Worship** **Kely Hatley and Congregation**

Leader: The Lord be with you,
People: and also with you.
Leader: After he was baptized by John, Jesus went by himself to the wilderness where he was tempted.
People: For forty days in the desert, Jesus was tempted to become relevant, spectacular, and powerful.
Leader: Today, we begin to journey with Jesus through the season of Lent, which brings us to face some of our own weaknesses and temptations.
People: Let us worship God and walk the journey together, seeking the Holy Spirit as our guide and companion along the way.

***Hymn of Worship No. 37** **Congregation**

God, Our Father, You Have Led Us
CWM RHONDDA

***Invocation and Welcome to Worshipers** **Mary Splawn**

Children's Message **Sharon Howard**

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer **Wayne Splawn**

***Offertory Hymn No. 278** **Congregation**

We Are Travelers on a Journey
BEACH SPRING

Offertory Reading **Mary Splawn**

1 John 3:17 (NIV)

17 If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need
but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?

Mission Partner of the Week and Prayer **Mary Splawn**

Ruba Abbassi (Arab Center for Consulting and Training Services)

Ruba Abbassi works with the Arab Center for Consulting and Training Services (ACCTS) as the head of Arab Women Today (AWT). ACCTS exists to see the Arab community live in peace and harmony with one another and to empower individuals to live in freedom. The center provides moral and material support to those most affected by crises in the Middle East by providing a safe place to dialogue and encourage others, education and training opportunities, and resources to help them flourish in their environment.

***We Present Our Offerings to God No. 706** **Congregation**

The Doxology
Old 100th (altered)

The Reading of God's Word **Mary Splawn**

Psalm 32:1-8 (NIV)

1 Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are
covered. 2 Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against
them and in whose spirit is no deceit.

3 When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day
long. 4 For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was
sapped as in the heat of summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." And you forgave
the guilt of my sin.

6 Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found;
surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them. 7 You are my
hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with
songs of deliverance.

8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will
counsel you with my loving eye on you.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Anthem **Sanctuary Choir**

I'm Trying to Be Like Jesus
arr. Barlow Bradford

I'm trying to be like Jesus; I'm following in his ways. I'm trying to love as he did, in all that I do and say. At times I am tempted to make a wrong choice, but I try to listen as the still small voice whispers, "Love one another as Jesus loves you. Try to show kindness in all that you do. Be gentle and loving in deed and in thought, for these are the things Jesus taught."

I'm trying to love my neighbor; I'm learning to serve my friends. I watch for the day of gladness when Jesus will come again. I try to remember the lessons he taught. Then the Holy Spirit enters into my thoughts, saying: "Love one another as Jesus loves you. Try to show kindness in all that you do. Be gentle and loving in deed and in thought, for these are the things Jesus taught."

***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**

"Extraordinary Love"
Matthew 5:38-48
pg. 684 (pew Bible)

***Hymn of Response No. 272** **Congregation**

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

Closing Words **Wayne Splawn**

***Choral Benediction** **Sanctuary Choir**

Draw Me Nearer, Blessed Lord
by William H. Doane

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died. Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord, to thy precious bleeding side. Amen.

Organ Postlude **Jim Dorroh**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
by Johann Walther

*Congregation standing

Amplified-hearing devices are available in the Narthex. Please see an usher for assistance.

The flowers on the altar are given in celebration of the marriage of Mary Lucile (Cile) Baker and Fisher Bryant Wells at Mountain Brook Baptist Church on February 25, 2023.

Prayer List

BIRTHS

Robert Ridgeway "Ridge" Schaeffer – parents Arabella & Jim Schaeffer, grandparents Polly Anna & Mike Barlow

IN LOVING MEMORY

Billie Cope
Gary Haynes – father of Caleb Haynes

MBBC MEMBERS

Mary Anderton, Travis Atkins, Anne Peyton Baker, Janie Barnes, Sally & Bob Berryhill, Betty Bowen, Buck Brock, Chris Burch, Dina Burnett, Dot Burnett, Nancy Capicik, Dot Carroll, Chris Cooper, Kay Davidson, Greg Dobbins, Will Dobbins, Sandy Eichelberger, Judy Ellis, Pat Fontaine, Chad Fooshee, Anne Gibbons, Wayne Gowens, Spencer Hinson, Davis Holley, Sammy Holmes, Larry Howard, Martha Isom, Anna Belle Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Jo & Furnie Johnston, Nancye Lawrence, Billy McDonald, Ann & Mike McGuire, Martha Miklic, John Montgomery, Marjorie Randleman, Ken Sanders, Beverly McGill Shaffer, Holli Simon, Irene Stutts, Judy Taylor, Mark Tucker Jr., Harryette Turner, Rachel Walton, Jim Watkins, Doris Wayman, Winford Yarbrough, Marcella Zeigler

HEALTH CARE CENTERS

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Weekly Information

MINISTER ON CALL: MARCH 3-5

Joel Burks – (256) 347-5761

PROJECT 119 BIBLE READING PLAN

Sunday, February 26 - Saturday, March 4

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

Ways to Give

IN PERSON
Place your gift in the designated spot in the Narthex.

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This Week

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 • DISCOVER MBBC

9 a.m. Traditional Service | Sanctuary
10 a.m. Discover MBBC Welcome Breakfast
10 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study
11 a.m. Contemporary Service | Sanctuary
4 p.m. Preteen Girls' Nails & Dinner | Anthony Vince's Nail Spa
5 p.m. Students | Chapel Choir | Rehearsal
6 p.m. Students | The Brook | Heritage Hall

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

6:45 a.m. Students | Jr. High Bible Study | Student Ministry Area
9:30 a.m. ACTIVE Christian Living | Stretch and Fitness | Room 321

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

5 p.m. Wednesday Night Family Dinner | Heritage Hall
5:30 p.m. Children's Missions Activities
6 p.m. Students | Sr. High Girls' Bible Study | Lucy & Stephen Spann's Home
6:15 p.m. Children's Music Activities
6:30 p.m. Students | Sr. High Guys' Bible Study | Amy & Randy Roberts' Home
7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

9:30 a.m. ACTIVE Christian Living | Stretch and Fitness | Room 321
10:30 a.m. Mellow Brook Singers | Rehearsal | Hudson Hall
11:30 a.m. Mellow Brook Singers | Lunch | Heritage Hall
1:30 p.m. Cooks On A Mission | Cook Day

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

9 a.m. Cooks On A Mission | Cook Day

SUNDAY, MARCH 5 • STUDENT MINISTRY SUNDAY

9 a.m. Traditional Service | Sanctuary
10 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study
11 a.m. Contemporary Service | Sanctuary
5 p.m. Students | Chapel Choir | Rehearsal
5 p.m. Children | Daddy-Daughter Dinner
6:30 p.m. Sr. High Students | Dinner | The Cooper's Home

MINISTERIAL STAFF

Dr. Wayne Splawn, Senior Minister
Mr. Larry Bearden, Deacon Chair
Miss Kathleen Bass, Associate Minister to Children and Families
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
Mr. Mark Rector, Associate Minister
Mrs. Mary Splawn, Minister of Connections

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