



MBBC Students

**2019-2020
Ministry Guide**

Welcome to MBBC Students!

Mountain Brook Baptist Church believes God desires the family to be the primary place of discipleship. To that end the MBBC Student Ministry seeks to come alongside families as they raise up their Junior High and High School students to be all God desires them to become. We do this by inviting students & their families to join us as we strive to follow the way of Jesus and learn together to *Love God and Live with Grace & Generosity*.

In this booklet you will learn about our ministry team, weekly programming, events & activities, and ways you can connect & serve.

Our ministry team is here to serve your family in every way we can. We know parents are the most significant influence in the lives of students; we want to equip and encourage parents and students through the journey of adolescence as students grow in their relationship with Jesus and take ownership of their faith.

I am looking forward to all God has in store for us in the year ahead. Thank you for the privilege of partnering with your family!

Blessings,



Ben Winder
Minister to Students

Student Ministry Staff

Ben Winder | Minister to Students

Ben joined the MBBC staff in 2018. Previously he's worked with students at churches in Tennessee & Texas since 2006. Ben married his wife, Laura Beth, in 2009 and they have son named Levi and a dog named Lindsey. Ben likes watching sports (especially soccer & the Baylor Bears) and learning stuff (often by reading wikipedia). LB likes making music and is the Movement & Music teacher at the Early Learning Center. The Winders love to spend time with you whenever you're available – give us a shout, swing by, we'd love to see you!



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Tim Sanderlin | Associate Minister to Students

Tim was born in Littleton, Colorado but was raised here in Birmingham. He's a graduate of Vestavia Hills High School & Auburn University. He's been on staff at MBBC since 2017, having previously served with other churches and ministries in Birmingham & Auburn. Tim has been married to Lauren since 2018.



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Gloria Roy | Student Ministry Intern

Gloria was raised in Kolkata, India, graduated from Samford University last year and is currently a student at Samford's Beeson Divinity School. She's served with lots of ministries on campus at Samford and beyond. She's full of energy and loves working towards building meaningful friendships that point to Christ.



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Joel Burks | Contemporary Worship Leader

Joel was raised in Cullman, Alabama and joined the MBBC staff in 2017, the same year he married Sara. Joel is a graduate of UAB and Sara is a pharmacy student at Samford. Joel enjoys watching football with his family, relaxing with Sara, and listening to new music. If you have a passion for leading worship, he'd love to hear from you!



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Amy Hirsch | Family Ministries Associate

Amy is originally from Ellenboro, North Carolina and a graduate of the University of South Carolina & Beeson Divinity School. Amy has been on staff at MBBC since 2016. Amy lives in Cahaba Heights with her husband, Matt. If you need to know if you have paid for a trip or submitted a form, Amy is a great person to ask!



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Weekly Programs

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Sundays, 9:15-10:15 am | Floor 2A

SMBS is our weekly time of diving deep into learning the stories & truths of Scripture and discussing how they might apply to our lives. Each week we gather in a large group for our lesson, then we break into small groups for discussion.

Our SMBS adult discussion group leaders are:
Matt & Sarah Rich, Gloria Roy, Tim & Lauren Sanderlin, Meredith Stutts, and Ben & Laura Beth Winder.

The Brook

Sundays, 6:00-7:30 pm | Floor 2A

This weekly gathering during the school year provides a relaxed, fun atmosphere for worship, teaching & fellowship aimed to meet students where they are.

Student Growth Groups

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm

Weekly gatherings designed to dive deeper into relational discipleship by reading & memorizing scripture and offering encouragement & accountability. High School students also have the option to join an intergenerational Men's or Women's Growth Groups.

Our student growth group adult leaders are:
Laura Beth Winder & Sara Burks | Junior High Girls
Ben Winder & Joel Burks | Junior High Guys
Hayden Walker, Lauren Sanderlin, Gloria Roy | HS Girls
Tim Sanderlin | High School Guys

Opportunities to Serve

Chapel Choir

Sundays, 5:00-6:00 pm | Choir Room

Our choir for Junior High & High School, Chapel Choir give you opportunity to learn sacred choral music of various styles, lead in worship occasionally, and participate in choir tours and trips. It is a lot of fun, and everyone is invited!

The Brook Worship Team

We love for students with musical skills and a heart for leading worship to help lead worship each week at The Brook. If you'd like to share your gift with us, contact Joel Burks for more information about getting plugged in.

Student Ministry Mission Council

As part of our effort to help students grow a life-long heart for the mission of God, our Student Ministry Mission Council lets students engage with missional partners locally and internationally through financial grants provided by the church and hands-on mission engagement. If you are interested in serving on this team, contact Ben Winder.

Children's Ministry

A great place to invest your energy is our Children's Ministry – whether it is as a weekly volunteer with missions & music on Wednesday evenings and/or special events, you'll have a great time doing it! Contact Sharon Howard (sharon@mbbc.org) for more information.

Special Events & Trips

Service Day + Bus & BBQ

Saturday, October 5, 2019 | Free!

We'll spend our morning serving our neighbors with grace and generosity alongside our whole church family. We'll spend the afternoon at the lake enjoying food, fellowship, and fun with our student ministry family, putting a new spin on a classic student ministry event called Bus & BBQ.



Winter Youth Summit 2020

January 17-19, 2020 | Huntsville | \$125*

This event gives us a weekend with youth groups from across the Southeast for fantastic worship, teaching, workshops, and fun. This year's WYS includes preacher Shaun King, worship led by Sharon Irving, and a concert by Walker Burroughs.

International Mission Trip

June 22-July 6, 2020 | South Africa | Price: TBA
More details are coming, but for now, reserve these dates (the trip will fall within this window) and submit your application & \$250 deposit by December 1 to hold your spot. This trip is open to those who will have completed 9th grade by the time of the trip and older.

LifeWeek 2020

July 12-15, 2020 | Free!

Four nights of worship, Bible study, and fun, LifeWeek is a great opportunity to introduce your friends to MBBC Student Ministry and grow as a follower of Jesus.



Beach Retreat 2020

July 24-27, 2020 | Laguna Beach Retreat | \$200*
A yearly chance to spend time in community growing closer to one another & Jesus before school resumes; and a great chance to have fun at the beach!

**Never let money keep you from participating!
Full and partial sponsorships are always available.*

**The listed costs are "Early Bird" prices. The cost of some events may increase at certain dates. See website for details.
Always sign up early!*

Additional Events/Activities

Football Frenzy – September 6

This free event is a great opportunity to introduce your friends to the MBBC Student Ministry. Join us in the Yellow Missionary House backyard for food & fun following the high school football game.

Lock-In – November 22

We spend ALL NIGHT locked in the church building consuming calories, expending energy, and having a blast.

Progressive Christmas Party – December 8

Join your student ministry family for food & frivolity as we travel home to home eating & celebrating Jesus' birthday.

Living Nativity – December 20-22

We pitch in to offer a living nativity to our community and celebrate together each night with a late-night fun event.

Super Bowl Party – February 2

We celebrate the biggest football day of the year with our own special celebration of football with some of our friends.

Student Ministry Sunday – March 15

A special day when our students get to use their gifts to teach adult SMBS classes and lead our church in worship.

Senior Night @ The Brook– April 26

Our soon-to-graduate high school seniors share their reflections & wisdom at a special edition of The Brook.

Graduate Recognition – May 3

Our church family celebrates our soon-to-graduate high school seniors at a brunch and in our worship services.

Stay Connected

To stay in-the-know about events and more, be sure to:

1. **Show up!** The more you're here, the more you'll know what is going on by hearing in-person announcements.
2. **Keep your contact info updated.** We send out a monthly email newsletter & occasional snail mail announcements, so share your info with us & let us know any changes.
3. **Connect on social media.** Announcements, reminders, and more show up on our social media accounts. We also post photos, especially of events, on our flickr account.



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4. **Join our Remind group.** Get text message reminders.



remind

text @mbbcstumin to 81010
or
@mbbcstumin on the remind app

5. **Visit our website (mbbc.org).** Get information about what is upcoming, sign up & pay for events, and more!

Join Our Team

If you are an adult looking to join our AMAZING team of adult leaders, we would love to invite you to invest your life in the lives of MBBC Students. There are a few steps required, but it is well worth it! Contact Ben Winder to get started. Here are some roles you might consider.

Direct Leadership – We need adults to lead weekly Bible studies, serve as chaperones for trips, and be involved in other relational aspects of our ministry.

Indirect Service – We need adults who are willing to serve our ministry by cooking meals, building stuff, and doing other vital, behind-the-scenes, but not always relational work with our ministry.

Resource Provider – We need adults who are willing to offer their material possessions to help us do ministry – that might mean letting us utilize your house, pool, cabin, boat, etc. or giving financially to subsidize students' expenses for trips & activities (sponsorships).

Other – You never know what might come up or how God might have uniquely gifted you. So if you can think of something, or even if you can't, we could probably find a place for you to plug in.

Students Doing Their Thing

Whatever you do, we hope you will do it for the glory of God AND let your MBBC Student Ministry family know so we can come support you!

Please share your schedules for sports, recitals/concerts, and other activities with us by putting your info on the MBBC Students Doing Their Thing wall in the student ministry area. We really do love coming to cheer you on; you might have the largest cheering section ever at your next event.

Church League Basketball

Each year we have MBBC Student Ministry basketball teams play in leagues with other churches around the city. No experience is necessary, but it is always a lot of fun. If you would like to play, be looking for sign ups in the Fall.

2019-2020 Important Dates

Fall

- September 6 – Football Frenzy
- September 29 – 75th Anniversary Service
- October 5 – Service Day + Bus & BBQ
- October 27 – Trunk or Treat
- November 22 – Lock-In
- November 24 – Church-wide Thanksgiving Meal

Winter

- December 8 – Progressive Christmas Party
- December 15 – Advent Experience
- December 20-22 – Living Nativity
- January 17-19 – Winter Youth Summit
- February 2 – Super Bowl Party

Spring

- March 15 – Student Ministry Sunday
- April 5 – Holy Week Experience
- April 26 – Senior Night @ The Brook
- May 3 – Graduate Recognition Sunday

Summer

- June 22-July 6 – International Mission Trip
- July 12-15 – LifeWeek
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