

MAY 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Eastertide
at Mountain Brook Baptist Church
Graduate Recognition Sunday

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 and Piano Prelude

**Debbie Smith and
Cathy Spence**

A Festival of Praise
arr. Sharon Elery Rogers

Call to Worship

MBBC Band

God So Loved
by Ed, Franni, Martin and Scott Cash
and Andrew Bergthold

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty, come to the well that never runs dry. Drink of the water, come and thirst no more.

Come all you sinners, come find his mercy. Come to the table, he will satisfy. Taste of his goodness. Find what you're looking for.

Chorus: For God so loved the world that he gave us his one and only Son to save us. Whoever believes in him will live forever. The power of hell forever defeated! Now it is well. I'm walking in freedom. For God so loved, God so loved the world!

***Opening Sentences of Worship**

Libby Phillips and Congregation

Leader: The Lord be with you,

People: and also with you.

Leader: God has made this day.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad!

Leader: The God who raised Jesus Christ from the dead raises us to new life daily.

People: Thanks be to God! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end, Amen!

***Hymn of the Resurrection No. 197**

Congregation

We Welcome Glad Easter
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***Invocation and Welcome to Worshipers**

Mary Splawn

Graduate Recognition

Joel Burks

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Wayne Splawn

Offertory Hymn*Congregation**

His Mercy Is More
by Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done? Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum. Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore, our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

Refrain: Praise the Lord! His mercy is more! Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn, our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam? What Father so tender is calling us home? He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor. Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more. **Refrain**

What riches of kindness he lavished on us. His blood was the payment. His life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford. Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more. **Refrain**

Offertory Reading and Prayer**Amy Hirsch**

2 Corinthians 8:7-9 (NIV)

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

The Doxology
Old 100th (altered)

(There is no Children's Message today. Children 3K-5K may meet Mrs. Sharon in the Narthex to go to Preschool Worship as the congregation sings the Doxology. If you are a guest and would like for your preschooler to go to Preschool Worship, please meet Mrs. Sharon in the Narthex to be sure your child has a check-in label for security purposes.)

The Reading of God's Word**Mark Rector**

Ephesians 2:1-10 (NIV)

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem**Sanctuary Choir**

Mercy Still
by Heather Sorrenson
Libby Phillips and Payton Ahlemeyer, cellos

Depth of mercy! Can there be mercy still reserved for me? Can my God his wrath forbear; me, the chief of sinners, spare? I have long withstood his grace; long provoked him to his face, would not listen to his calls. I have grieved him by a thousand falls. Is there mercy still? Is there mercy still? Is there mercy still for me?

I, my master have denied. I, again, have crucified and profaned his hallowed name; put him to an open shame. There, for me, the Savior stands; shows his wounds, and spreads his hands. God is love! I know, I feel. Oh, Jesus weeps, and loves me still, loves me still!

Now incline me to repent. Let me now my sins lament; live in grace, and be restored, weep, believe, and sin no more. Depth of mercy, can there be mercy still reserved for me? God is love! I know, I feel. Oh, Jesus weeps, and loves me still! Is there mercy still? Is there mercy still? There is mercy still. Yes, there's mercy still. There is mercy still for me.

Affirmation of Faith*Amy Hirsch 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

“The Lord Is a Merciful God”

Deuteronomy 4:25-31

pp. 128-129 (pew Bible)

Wayne Splawn

***Hymn of Response No. 41**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

WELLESLEY

Congregation

Closing Words

Wayne Splawn

***Choral Benediction**

Proclaim the Good News!

by Kely Hatley

Sanctuary Choir

Go and tell the world that Jesus, the Lord, is risen, is risen from the dead!

Organ Postlude

Voluntary in G

by Fanny Mendelssohn

Debbie Smith

*Congregation standing

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

*The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of
Joyce Johnson, a cherished MBBC staff member and friend to many,
in honor of her birthday on May 4.*

*The flowers in the Narthex are given in loving memory of
William Clifford “Billy” McDonald III by his family.*

Are you interested in attending one of our Sunday School Classes next Sunday at 10 a.m.?

Scan the QR code below or visit mbbc.org/smbc to view class options and locations.



Prayer List

DEATHS

James Riley Lane III (father of Rebecca Hanson)
Maurice Marty
William Clifford "Billy" McDonald III
Don McLemore (father of Donna Coppedge)
Alvin Minter (uncle of Jennifer Jordan, Breanna Jordan, and Delia Jordan)
Dawn Patterson (aunt of Daniel Saunders)

MBBC MEMBERS/REGULAR ATTENDERS

Don Adams, Traci Allen, Walter Andrews, Milton Berryhill, Chris Burch, Tom Burns, Dot Carroll, Colby Clark, Kay Davidson, Joyce Dawkins, Greg Dobbins, Sandy Eichelberger, Chad Fooshee, Wayne Gowens, Betty Jo Gwin, Karen Johnson, Katie Johnson, Eddie Mae McDanal, Caroline Mears, Phyllis Mitchell, Larry Moon, Fred Nunnelley, Carol Perez, Joyce Ratliff, Greg Robinson, Ann Sanders, Anne Bond Simmons, Anita Skelton, Elizabeth Smith, Irene Stutts, Judy & Ron Taylor, Wayne Thorn, Mark Tucker Jr., Doris Wayman, Laura Zaremba

HEALTH CARE CENTERS

Peggy Abbott, Eugenia Anderson, Norma Barron, Betty Bowen, Mary Kate Dyer, Bill Johnson, Peggy Lawler, Kay Merrill, Martha Miklic, Glaydell Pinson, Roger Pugh, Gailya Sargent, Juanelle Strain, Helen Thrasher-Long, Harryette Turner

Weekly Information

MINISTER ON CALL: MAY 8-10

Ethan McVay - (251) 214-3592

MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 143:8-10 (NIV)

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life. Rescue me from my enemies, LORD, for I hide myself in you. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

FOR PARENTS

Nursing Moms' Rooms & Changing Stations

If you are a nursing mom in need of a quiet place to feed your child, we have two nursing moms' rooms: one outside the Narthex and the other in Room 204. There are changing stations in the restrooms by the Sanctuary.

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, MAY 3 (FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE) • GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY _____

- 9 a.m. Sunday School
- 10 a.m. Combined Worship | Sanctuary
- 11 a.m. Churchwide Spring BBQ

MONDAY, MAY 4 _____

- 8 a.m. Mellow Brook Singers | Spring Tour Departs

TUESDAY, MAY 5 _____

- 6:45 a.m. Students | Jr. High Bible Study | Student Ministry Area
- 9:30 a.m. ACTIVE Christian Living | Stretch and Fitness | Rm 356 2A

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6 _____

- 5 p.m. Wednesday Night Family Dinner | Heritage Hall
- 6 p.m. 4K-School Age Music Activities
- 6:30 p.m. 2K-3K Children's Open House | Chapel Music Suite

THURSDAY, MAY 7 _____

- 9:30 a.m. ACTIVE Christian Living | Stretch and Fitness | Rm 356 2A

FRIDAY, MAY 8 _____

- 4 p.m. Mellow Brook Singers | Spring Tour Returns

SUNDAY, MAY 10 (SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE) • MOTHER'S DAY _____







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

MINISTERIAL STAFF

- Dr. Wayne Splawn, Senior Minister
- Mr. Mark Tucker, Deacon Chair
- 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. Ethan McVay, Minister to Preteen and Junior High Students
- Mrs. Libby Phillips, Associate Minister of Music
- Mr. Mark Rector, Associate Minister
- Mrs. Mary Splawn, Minister of Connections
- Mr. Doug Steele, Director of Operations

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



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