

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Welcome to 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. We're thankful you have chosen to worship the Lord with us this morning.

CALL TO WORSHIP

LIBBY PHILLIPS

*WORSHIP THROUGH SONG

CONGREGATION

Ancient Gates

Brooke Ligertwood

There is singing at the ancient gates. There's a melody of ceaseless praise. Age to age, the sound is only growing stronger. There's a throne beneath the Name of names. There is seated on it One who reigns. And his Kingdom now is here and getting closer.

So, praise him like we're there in glory. Here and now, he's just as holy. Jesus, he's so worthy of it all!

He exists in everlasting light. So, on heaven's streets, there is no night. Every tear is wiped away, we'll know no sorrow. Yeah, worship him with joyful sound. Oh, sing until your voice gives out. No matter where or who's around, release your worship.

Chorus: So, praise him like we're there in glory. Here and now, he's just as holy. Jesus, he's so worthy of it all! Bring your song, he loves to hear it. Bring him every prayer-soaked lyric. Jesus, he's so worthy of it all.

The One who was, the One who is, the One who is to come! *Chorus*

CCLI Song #7192505

OPENING PRAYER & WELCOME TO WORSHIPERS

MARK RECTOR

OFFERTORY READING

MARY SPLAWN

Psalm 112:5, 9 (NIV)

MISSION PARTNER OF THE WEEK & PRAYER

RUBA ABBASSI

Ruba Abbassi/ATHAR Ministries

Formerly Arab Women Today and the Arab Center for Cultural Training and Service, ATHAR stands for Acts of Love, Transforming Lives, Healed by Grace, Anchored in Christ, and Reaching Communities. Led by Ruba and Nabeeh Abbassi, ATHAR equips church leaders, supports church planting, and fosters discipleship—especially among young people in the Arabic-speaking world. For more information, contact Sarah Rich at sopranosong@gmail.com.

DOXOLOGY*CONGREGATION**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(All children are invited to meet Mrs. Sharon at the pulpit during The Doxology for the Children's Message. Children 3K-5K will then go to Preschool Worship. Guests with preschoolers attending Preschool Worship should meet Mrs. Sharon in the Narthex to receive a security check-in label.)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**SHARON HOWARD****PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER****WAYNE SPLAWN****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH****HANNAH GRACE HATLEY & 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.

WORSHIP THROUGH SONG*CONGREGATION**

Speak, O Lord
Getty | Townend

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your holy word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us. Shape and fashion us in your likeness. That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience, holy reverence, true humility. Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity. Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority. Words of power that can never fail, let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds. Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us. Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk, as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your church is built and the earth is filled with your glory.

CCLI Song #4615235

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD**LIBBY PHILLIPS**

Proverbs 20:6 (NIV)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP THROUGH SONG*CONGREGATION**

The Blood
Kingdom Culture

Everything changed. It's getting harder to recognize the person I was before I encountered Christ. I don't walk like I used to; I don't talk like I used to. I've been washed from the inside, I've been washed from the inside out.

Chorus: Hallelujah, hallelujah! I know it was the blood, could have only been the blood. Hallelujah, hallelujah. I know it was the blood, could have only been the blood.

I cannot explain, but nothing's more real than this. In the presence of God, oh, what my heart experienced when my shame hit the wayside and my sin met the Most High! I was washed from the inside; I was washed from the inside out. *Chorus*

It's never been about performance, perfection, or striving for acceptance. Let me tell you: it's only by the blood. It's never been about deserving or earning; it's a gift that's freely given. Let me tell you: it's only by the blood.

Does anybody want to be holy? Righteous? Purified and spotless? Let me tell you: it's only by the blood. Does anybody want to be worthy? Forgiven? Justified, really living? Let me tell you: it's only by the blood. *Chorus*

CCLI Song #7204970

MESSAGE

WAYNE SPLAWN

“Why Do We Love?”

1 John 4:19-21

pg. 864 (pew Bible)

*SONG OF RESPONSE

CONGREGATION

Here Is Love, Vast As the Ocean

The Mount Worship

Let me, all your love accepting, love you ever all my days; let me seek your kingdom only, and my life to be your praise. You alone will be my glory, nothing in the world I see. You have cleansed and sanctified me. You have loved and set me free.

CCLI Song #526631

BENEDICTION

WAYNE SPLAWN

Dear friends, this is love: God sent his one and only son into the world that we might live through him. Since God so loved us, let us also love one another. May God live in us, and may his love be made complete in us. Amen. *(based on 1 John 4)*

*Congregation standing

Amplified-hearing devices are available in the Narthex. Please see a greeter for assistance.

Are you interested in attending one of our Sunday School Classes next week? Scan the QR code below or visit mbbc.org/smbc to view class options and locations.



If you are in need of prayer or have a prayer request today, members of our Prayer Ministry Team will be available by the baptistry following the service to pray with you.



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Prayer List

BIRTHS

Audrey Elizabeth Eber (parents Annie & Jackson Eber, grandmother Lori Reich, great-grandmother Janet Wilson)
James William Merrill (parents Ashleigh & Will Merrill)

DEATHS

John Saunders (grandfather of Daniel Saunders)

MBBC MEMBERS/REGULAR ATTENDERS

Ann & Don Adams, Walter Andrews, Claudette Bearden, Milton Berryhill, Chris Burch, Tom Burns, Amye Carle, Dot Carroll, Colby Clark, Peggy & Ralph Coleman, Kay Davidson, Joyce Dawkins, Greg Dobbins, Sandy Eichelberger, Chad Fooshee, Fran Gatch, Grady Gibbons, Wayne Gowens, Betty Jo Gwin, Martha Isom, Karen Johnson, Nancy Kelley, Eddie Mae McDanal, Caroline Mears, Phyllis Mitchell, Jean Nunnelley, Mallory Pritchard, Joyce Ratliff, Greg Robinson, Ann Sanders, Anita Skelton, Irene Stutts, Judy & Ron Taylor, Mark Tucker Jr., LuAnne Wall, Laura & Jack Zaremba

HEALTH CARE CENTERS

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

Weekly Information

MINISTER ON CALL: SEPTEMBER 25-27

Amy Hirsch - (205) 704-3500

MEMORY VERSE

1 John 4:19-21 (NIV)

“We love because he first loved us. Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.”

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.

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



ONLINE

To give online, visit mbbc.org/give.



TEXT

Text STOREHOUSE to 73256.

This Week

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 12 p.m. Third Monday Book Club | Conference Room
- 6 p.m. Deacons' Executive Committee Meeting | Conference Room
- 7 p.m. Deacons' Meeting | Chapel Music Suite

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- 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, SEPTEMBER 23

- 5 p.m. Wednesday Night Family Dinner | Heritage Hall
- 6 p.m. Children's Missions Activities
- 6:30 p.m. Children's Music Activities
- 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal | Chapel Music Suite

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 9:30 a.m. ACTIVE Christian Living | Stretch and Fitness | Rm 356 2A
- 10:30 a.m. Mellow Brook Singers | Rehearsal & Lunch | Chapel Music Suite

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship | Sanctuary
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship | Sanctuary
- 5 p.m. Parent to Parent: An Intentional Parents' Night Out

MINISTERIAL STAFF

- Dr. Wayne Splawn, Senior Minister
- Mr. Mark Tucker, Deacon Chair
- Mr. Joel Burks, Minister to Students
- Mrs. Wendy Calvert, Associate Children's Minister
- 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, Family and Administrative Minister
- 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.