

What Others Are Saying:

“I enjoy seeing the gratitude and excitement when I visit a couple of our “at home” members. They are grateful to be remembered by MBBC with a goodie bag, and excited to have a visitor as a visible “connection” to the church that they still dearly love, but can no longer attend. It is a blessing for me!”

-Cecil Avery

It is a pleasure for me to visit our “at home” members. They enjoy getting the goodie bags, that are a treat to them. The smiles I get and the stories I hear make the visits worthwhile.

-Brenda Atkins



(Ministry for Adults 55+)

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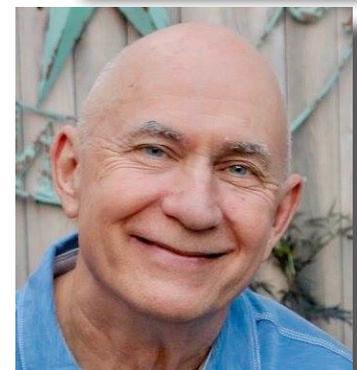
At-Home Volunteer Ministry Training Sunday, January 19, 2020

12:00-1:30PM | Hudson Hall

Are you looking for a volunteer ministry? Our **At-Home Visitation Team** is in need of volunteers. Our church has a number of members who are no longer able to attend worship services or Bible studies. Once a month we provide a visitation bag to deliver to them. Our challenge is that we need more volunteers to deliver the bags. This is a volunteer opportunity for people of all ages, including family units.

Dr. Malcolm Marler, Senior Director of Pastoral Care at UAB Medicine and Chaplain at UAB since 1994, will offer a brief training session on how to make an effective “at-home member” visit. You will be trained on how to schedule a visit, what to report back to the staff regarding the member’s health and needs, and how to offer compassion and love from their church. We want to communicate our care and God’s love to them each month. We don’t want them to feel forgotten!

Lunch will be served (catered from Jason’s Deli) at \$5.00 per person or \$15 per family. Childcare will be available only by reservation. Call the church office to make your lunch reservation and childcare reservation by Friday, January 17th by noon.



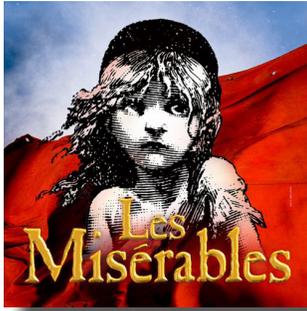
Dr. Malcolm Marler





Our Winter/Spring 2020 Growth Groups will meet for twelve weeks beginning the week of January 26, concluding the week of April 26. If you would like to learn more about Growth Groups and how you can sign up for a group, contact Wayne Splawn (wayne@mbbc.org) to learn about groups for men and Mary Splawn (mary@mbbc.org) to learn about groups for women. You can also visit mbbc.org/growthgroups to register online (mbbc.org/growth).

Trips For ACTIVE Christian Living



Saturday, January 11, 2020

Les Misérables

Birmingham, AL

Arrive at 12:45 p.m. Depart at 1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$90 **only 13 tickets left!**



This wonderful musical, presented by Broadway in Birmingham, is coming to our city next year in January. This is a great opportunity that you will not want to miss. The musical, written by Alain Boublil, Claude-Michel Schönberg and John Cameron, had its premier on October 8, 1985. It was adapted from French poet and novelist Victor Hugo's 1862 novel of the same name. The musical was a huge hit, and quickly became popular throughout the Western world, developing such a reputation that it even had its own movie interpretation made in 2012. **We only have 13 tickets left** to this masterpiece, so make sure you purchase one as soon as possible. Don't wait! Tickets are going fast!



Friday, February 7, 2020

Tigers for Tomorrow

Attalla, AL

Arrive at 8:45 a.m. Depart at 9:00 a.m.

Cost: \$40 plus lunch money (**correction from Oct. newsletter**)



Tigers for Tomorrow at Untamed Mountain is a Wild Animal Preserve and Environmental Educational Center, home to over 160 animals including tigers, mountain lions, African lions, bears, wolves, black leopards and so many more wonderful animals. The animals that come to live here remain for the rest of their lives. Untamed Mountain is open to the public as a premier wild animal park and preserve and family recreational destination. After we tour the Preserve, we will go to eat at a new wild game restaurant called *Turk's Bama Bucks* located in Sardis Alabama. We will dine in a cabin restaurant and enjoy food by renowned Chef John Salmon while watching the wildlife.



Tuesday, March 31, 2020

Sylacauga Marble Festival

Sylacauga, AL

Arrival and departure TBD

Cost: \$20 plus lunch money



Join us for a wonderful trip to Sylacauga, Alabama as we tour the local marble Festival. Not only will we learn about the famous marble of Alabama that can be found in mausoleums, rotundas, memorials and more, but we will also get to watch sculptures as they work on beautiful cream marble from Sylacauga. The quality of Alabama marble has never been disputed. One of the world's greatest sculptors, Gutzon Borglum, creator of Mt. Rushmore, sculpted a masterpiece from Alabama Marble – the bust of Lincoln – which stands today in the rotunda of the nation's capitol. Contact Joseph Mendum at 205-803-3488 to discuss joining us for this fantastic opportunity.

Upcoming Luncheon



Thursday, January 9, 2020

“History of Big Band Music in Birmingham”

Michael Lingo, trombonist

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$7

Michael Lingo will be our guest speaker in January. He is a Vice President and Financial Advisor with Morgan Stanley here in Birmingham, but he also happens to be a very fine trombone player and he plays in several groups in town. While he began his professional career as a music educator with the Bessemer School System, he quickly transitioned into his financial advisor career. He never lost his love for music and making great music with other fine musicians in our town. Mike has most recently played at our church this past July with the “Just Friends Little Big Band” for our ACTIVE Christian Living’s “Night on the Red Carpet.” He played for us again this past September 29th as part of the brass quartet used to celebrate our church’s 75th Anniversary worship service. Mike is very actively involved with Super Jazz Birmingham. Comprised of 21 of Birmingham’s top Professional Jazz Players, SuperJazz has performed concerts in the Birmingham area each year since 1978. **Mike will be speaking on the topic of the “History of Big Band Music in Birmingham.”**



Thursday, February 13, 2020

Showstoppers, dance team

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$7

For our February luncheon we look forward to some great entertainment from some of our own metro area residents! Formed in 2001, Showstoppers is a senior tap dance group from the Birmingham metropolitan area. They perform for various functions and groups in the Birmingham area. The Showstoppers have also performed at the Ms. Senior America Pageant in Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada. The group has also been featured at the Ms. Senior Alabama Pageant for the past 15 years. Please come and enjoy this upbeat entertaining group!

LEVITE Volunteers Needed 2020

The Levite Ministry (volunteers tasked with maintaining the order, neatness, and appearance of the Sanctuary) has had a great first year. It is time to enlist again for 2020 to help keep the sanctuary in tip-top shape. In speaking with our present 4 teams of volunteers, at least 3 of the teams are losing 1 person each. **We need for 3-4 new volunteers to step up and help these teams.** Each team is assigned one week per month to come in and do what amounts to about 20-25 minutes total of work for one section of pews (going row by row to check each hymnal wrack for trash/wrappers, straightening hymnals with title facing the people, and checking the cushions for trash as well). There are 4 people on a team and each person is assigned a section of pews to oversee. Please contact Kely ASAP if you are willing to serve your church in this easy way. 2-25 minutes per month is not a bad volunteer job!

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ACL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Larry Bearden, Claudette Bearden, Sale Calhoun, Chris Clark, Rachel Hubbard, David Jackson, Sara Jackson, Nancy Lewis, Clyde McCain, Shirley McCain, Ann McGuire, Mike McGuire, Carol Perez

ANNUAL TRIP:

Ina Faye Anderson, Janie Barnes, Peggy Holmes

AT HOME MINISTRY:

Brenda Atkins, Cecil Avery, Chris Clark, Retta Dean, Mary Kate Dyer, Herb Gannon, Toye Gannon, Anna Lu Hemphill, Rachel Hubbard, Edna Israel, Joyce Johnson, Sue Watkins

MONTHLY DAY TRIPS:

Brenda Atkins, Cecil Avery, Janie Barnes, Sale Calhoun, Carol Perez

DECORATING & SERVING:

Ina Faye Anderson, Janie Barnes, Jean Guthrie, Nancy Lewis, Ann McGuire, Mike McGuire

MAIL:

Brenda Atkins, Claudette Bearden, Joyce Dawkins, Patsy Hendley, David Jackson, Sue Watkins, June Whitlow

MISSIONS:

Pat Ferguson, June Whitlow

MONTHLY LUNCHEON:

Sale Calhoun, Clyde McCain, Shirley McCain, Carol Perez

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Claudette Bearden, Pat Ferguson

SERVING:

Ina Faye Anderson, Janie Barnes, Larry Bearden, Kay Formby, Peggy Holmes, Nancy Lewis, June Whitlow (Cashier)

TELE CARE:

Brenda Atkins, Shirley Austin, June Whitlow



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ACTIVITY SCALE

Level	Definition
	Easy: minimal walking
	Moderate: walk up to a mile
	Active: walk as much as two miles
	Challenging: spend most of the day on the go

Calendar At A Glance

- **ACTIVE January Luncheon** - Thursday, January 9, Heritage Hall, 11:30 a.m.
Speaker: Michael Lingo, "History of Big Band Music in Birmingham," \$7 per person
- **January Day Trip** - Saturday, January 11, arrive at the Church at 12:45 PM
Legacy Arena At BJCC, "Les Miserables," \$90 per person
- **At-Home Volunteer Ministry Training**- Sunday January 19, Hudson Hall, 12:00 p.m.
Speaker: Malcolm Marler, Lunch is \$5 per person or \$15 per family
- **February Day Trip** - Friday, February 7, Attalla, AL. Tiger for Tomorrow, Arrive @ 8:45 a.m.
\$40 per person + lunch money for Bama Bucks Restaurant
- **ACTIVE February Luncheon** - Thursday, February 13, Heritage Hall, 11:30 a.m.
Showstoppers, Dance Team, \$7 per person
- **March Day Trip** - Tuesday, March 31, Sylacauga, AL. Sylacauga Marble Festival, Arrival TBD, \$20 per person + lunch money

