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# ACTIVE Christian Living

*Lent.*  
A SEASON OF RENEWAL



(Ministry for Adults 55+)  
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## Ash Wednesday Service, March 5th 6:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, March 5th, we will open the door to Lent with our Ash Wednesday service. Since 2013, our congregation has found this service to be a significant beginning of the season.

In Laurence Hull Stookey's book, *Calendar: Christ's Time for the Church*, he states, "Ash Wednesday is intended to be a bold confrontation with death." While this is true, the purpose of the service is to help us realize how it matters how we live. We can die apart from Christ as nonbelievers, or we can embrace him as our Lord and Savior to be united with him through all eternity. Until that time, it matters how we live our lives on this earth...letting Christ be in control of our thoughts, words, and deeds.

The service is a time of reflection and repentance before the Lord. We encourage all to take part in this beautiful and meaningful service of renewal. The Sanctuary Choir will lead us in worship singing four special anthems.

## Easter Sunday Schedule: Return to the Sanctuary

This year, we have four opportunities for worship on Easter Sunday at Mountain Brook Baptist Church. Please note the change in times from our normal Sunday schedule. In order to accommodate a large crowd for Easter, we will offer three services in the Sanctuary. Sunday School classes will not meet.

*\*Due to the crowd we anticipate, please register if you plan to attend an Easter service in the Sanctuary (members of the praise band, choir, and orchestra do not need to register).* Choose the service you plan to attend and register below or call the church office (205-871-0331).

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at MBBC

8 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service | Sanctuary\*

9:30 & 11 a.m. Traditional Worship Services | Sanctuary\*



## Upcoming ACL Day Trips



### Hanceville Irish Festival

Saturday March 15th, 2025

Meet: 9:00 a.m.

Depart: 9:15 a.m.

Lunch on your own at festival

The Hanceville Irish Festival is a chance to join in on some family friendly Saint Paddy's Day fun and offers everything you would expect of an outdoor festival: inflatables and games for the kiddos, a wide selection of local artisans and vendors to shop with and an alley packed with food trucks dishing up Irish faves. Local entertainers and musicians will be working the stage with tunes to make you want to dance a jig.

We will meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. and leave shortly after at 9:15 a.m. We will plan to leave around 2:00 p.m. to be home by 3:30 p.m.

**Please reserve your minibus seat online through Realm or  
Call the church office by Thursday, March 13th.**



### Sarah Cate Hatley Violin Recital

Sunday, April 27, 2025

Meet: 1:15 p.m.

Depart at 1:30 p.m.

Recital Begins at 4:00 p.m.

Join us on Sunday April 27th as we head to Florence, Alabama to hear Sarah Cate Hatley perform her Junior recital. This recital is an important step as she approaches completion of her degree in Violin performance at UNA! More details will be provided in the coming month, including what will be on her program!

We will meet at the church at 1:15 p.m. and leave shortly after at 1:30 p.m. We will hear the program and have dinner in Florence afterward.

**Please reserve your minibus seat online through Realm or  
Call the church office by Friday, April 25th.**



## Holy Week Preview

**TAKE NOTE OF THIS UPDATED SCHEDULE**

**April 14, 15, 16, 18**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday**

**7:00 A.M. – 7:30 A.M.**

**Friday**

**12:00 P.M. – 12:30 P.M.**

We are so pleased to welcome Jacob Simmons as our Holy Week Speaker. Jacob is pastor of Hope Community Church (Formerly McIwain Baptist Church). He is originally from Hendersonville, TN. He has a B.S. in Business Management from Samford University, an MBA from Samford's Brock School of Business, and a Master of Divinity from Beeson Divinity School. He is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Preaching from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served on staff at churches in Hendersonville, Birmingham, London, and Chicago. Jacob is married to Suzanne, a hospital chaplain at UAB Hospital, and is the father of John and Bea.

We are working with a new schedule this year, as noted above. Our Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday services will be at 7:00 A.M.-7:30 A.M. This is with the hope that we can include our middle school students who will then walk to school for class.

## Journey to the Cross

**Wednesday April 16th**

**5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.**

**Mountain Brook Baptist,  
Gym**

Join us for an interactive family experience to reflect on the life of Jesus and the events that led up to his crucifixion and resurrection. We will enjoy family dinner from 5-6 p.m., followed by music and activities for families. Registrations are encouraged so we can make plans for food.

## Maundy Thursday

**Thursday April 17th**

**Mountain Brook Baptist,  
Gym 6:30 P.M.**

At this year's Maundy Thursday service, Mary Splawn will preach and we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. The Sanctuary Choir will also present special music for the evening. Childcare for 2K and under will be provided.

## Good Friday

**Friday April 18th**

**Mountain Brook Baptist,  
Gym 12:00 P.M.**

Dr. Wayne Splawn will preach at this year's Good Friday Service. Following the service, lunch will be served in the gym. Registrations are encouraged so we can make plans for food. Childcare for 2K and under will be provided.



Make Your Reservations TODAY!

ACTIVITY SCALE

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

## Calendar At A Glance

- **Discover Greece: Traveler's Meeting - March 4th** 7:00 p.m. Chapel Music Suite
- **Ash Wednesday Service - March 5th** 6:00 p.m. MBBC Gym
- **Hanceville Irish Festival - Saturday, March 15th** Meet: 9:00 a.m. Depart: 9:15 a.m. Lunch on your own at Festival
- **Sarah Cate Hatley Junior Recital - Sunday April 27th** Meet 1:15 p.m. Depart: 1:30 p.m. Dinner in Florence
- **Discover Greece: In the Footsteps of Paul, the Apostle- TRIP IS FULL! THANK YOU!**

*Any third Friday or Saturday volunteers are welcomed at Faith Church!  
If you have questions, contact Baker Crow.*

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— JAMES D. MOEBES —

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