

MAY 17, 2026

Ascension Sunday  
at Mountain Brook Baptist Church

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*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.*

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**Organ Prelude**

**Debbie Smith**

*Come, Holy Spirit*  
by Libby Larson

**Call to Worship**

**Mellow Brook Singers**

*What a Friend*  
arr. Craig Adams

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer.

Precious Savior, dearest friend, be my refuge to the end. Be my shelter in the night. Be my everlasting light. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.

**\*Opening Sentences of Worship**

**Kely Hatley and Congregation**

**Leader:** The Lord be with you,

**People:** and also with you.

**Leader:** Today we worship God, the Father, who dwells in the highest of heavens.

**People:** Let us lift our voices in praise and exaltation to the Lord.

**Leader:** We celebrate the victory of Jesus Christ, his Son, who has overcome death and saved us from the power of sin.

**People:** We rejoice in his exaltation!

**Leader:** Our great high priest has gone before, has entered into the Holy of Holies, and has opened up a way for us to follow. In his name and through him, we too enter into God's eternal presence, for he is our priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

**People:** To him be all praise, together with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, one Lord, the same in every age. Amen and Amen.

**\*Hymn of Christ's Ascension No. 219**

**Congregation**

*Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*  
LLANFAIR

**\*Invocation and Welcome to Worshipers**

**Ethan McVay**

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**Wayne Splawn**

**Offertory Reading**

1 Corinthians 12:4-6 (NIV)

**Joel Burks**

**Mission Partner of the Week and Prayer**

**Joel Burks**

**Living Hope Ministries**

*Living Hope is a Christian non-profit organization in Cape Town, South Africa whose vision is to reach people for Christ by bringing hope and breaking the despair of poverty and disease. Living Hope undertakes community development through educational, social, income generation, and health related programs; and plays a vital role in the prevention, care and treatment of people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS and other chronic illnesses. Mountain Brook Baptist Church supports Living Hope's Job Skills Training Program, which helps adults find and maintain gainful employment. For more information, contact Sara Newell (saraskeltonnewell@hotmail.com).*

**We Present Our Offerings to God**

**Congregation**

*The Doxology*  
Old 100th (altered)

*(All children are invited to meet Mrs. Sharon at the pulpit during The Doxology for the Children's Message. Children 3K-5K will go to Preschool Worship following the Children's Message. 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.)*

**Children's Message**

**Sharon Howard**

**The Reading of God's Word**

Ephesians 1:15-23 (NIV)

**Mary Splawn**

**Choral Anthem**

**Mellow Brook Singers**

*Victory in Jesus*  
arr. Craig Adams

I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory, how he gave his life on Calvary to save a wretch like me. I heard about his groaning, of his precious blood's atoning, then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

**Refrain: O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever! He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood; he loved me ere I knew him, and all my love is due him. He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.**

I heard about his healing, of his cleansing power revealing, how he made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see. And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit," and somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory. *Refrain*

I heard about a mansion he has built for me in glory, and I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea; about the angels singing, and the old redemption story, and some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory. *Refrain*

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**Mark Rector 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**

**“Our Resurrected and Reigning Lord”**

Acts 1:1-11  
pg. 770 (pew Bible)

**Wayne Splawn**

**\*Hymn of Response No. 215**

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*  
DARWALL

**Congregation**

**Closing Words**

**Wayne Splawn**

**\*Congregational Benediction**

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*  
arr. Kurt Kaiser

**Congregation**

There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord. There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know that it's the presence of the Lord. Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet Heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love. And for these blessings, we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived, when we shall leave this place.

**Organ Postlude**

*Voluntary on LLANFAIR*  
by Robert Powell

**Debbie Smith**

\*Congregation standing

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

*The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of  
William M. “Bill” Johnson Jr. by his family.*

Are you interested in attending one of our Sunday School Classes at 10 a.m.?  
Scan the QR code below or visit [mbbc.org/smb](http://mbbc.org/smb) to view class options and locations.



# Prayer List

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## DEATHS

William M. "Bill" Johnson Jr.

Mattie Hendrix Ray (aunt of Jennifer Jordan, Breanna Jordan, & Delia Jordan)

## MBBC MEMBERS/REGULAR ATTENDERS

Don Adams, Walter Andrews, Milton Berryhill, Mary & Chris Burch, Tom Burns, Dot Carroll, Colby Clark, Kay Davidson, Joyce Dawkins, Greg Dobbins, Sandy Eichelberger, Chad Fooshee, Wayne Gowens, Betty Jo Gwin, David Jackson, Karen Johnson, Katie Johnson, Eddie Mae McDanal, Caroline Mears, Phyllis Mitchell, Larry Moon, Fred Nunnelley, Carol Perez, Joyce Ratliff, Greg Robinson, Ann Sanders, Anne Bonds Simmons, Anita Skelton, 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, Peggy Lawler, Kay Merrill, Martha Miklic, Glaydell Pinson, Roger Pugh, Gailya Sargent, Juanelle Strain, Helen Thrasher-Long, Harryette Turner

# Weekly Information

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## MINISTER ON CALL: MAY 22-24

Amy Hirsch - (205) 704-3500

## 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](http://mbbc.org/give).



### TEXT

Text STOREHOUSE to 73256.

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

# This Week

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

## **SUNDAY, MAY 17 (ASCENSION SUNDAY)**

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- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship | Sanctuary
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship | Sanctuary
- 12:30 p.m. Preteens | End-of-Semester Pool Party | The Howards' Home

## **MONDAY, MAY 18**

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- 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, MAY 19**

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

## **WEDNESDAY, MAY 20**

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- 5 p.m. Wednesday Night Family Dinner | Heritage Hall
- 6 p.m. Mellow Brook Singers' Spring Concert | Sanctuary
- 7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal | Chapel Music Suite

## **THURSDAY, MAY 21**

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

## **SUNDAY, MAY 24 (PENTECOST SUNDAY)**

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*No Sunday School*

- 10 a.m. Combined Worship | Sanctuary

## **MONDAY, MAY 25 (MEMORIAL DAY)**

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*The church offices and CLC will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.*

## **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](http://mbbc.org/staff).



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