

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 lobby on your way out. We're thankful you have chosen to worship the Lord with us this morning.

Organ Prelude

Debbie Smith

When I Can Read My Title Clear
arr. Dale Wood

Call to Worship

Sanctuary Choir

Psalm 100
by Dale Wood

O sing to the Lord with a jubilant voice; glory to God in the highest! O serve him with gladness, before him rejoice; praise to the Lord in the highest! The Lord is our God, our Creator, not we; glory to God in the highest! The sheep of his pasture we ever shall be; praise to the Lord in the highest!

O enter his gates with thanksgiving and praise; glory to God in the highest! To honor his name thankful voices we raise; praise to the Lord in the highest! For great is the Lord, and his mercy is sure; glory to God in the highest! To all generations his truth shall endure. Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest!

The Ordinance of Holy Baptism

Wayne Splawn

William Hilton Voss ("Hill")

Leader: Congregation, what is your confession?

People: Jesus is Lord.

Leader: Hill, what is your confession?

Candidate: Jesus is Lord.

Leader: Upon your confession of faith, I baptize you, my brother in Christ, in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit; for we are buried with him in baptism and raised to walk in newness of life.

People: Hill, now let your light so shine that all may see your good deeds and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

*Hymn of Joy No. 605

Congregation

And Can It Be
SAGINA

*Invocation and Welcome to Worshipers

Mark Rector

Parent/Child Dedication

Anne Cameron Kirk Wilhelm
Parents: Kaitlyn & Johnny Wilhelm

**Sharon Howard and
Wayne Splawn**

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Wayne Splawn

Offertory Reading

Psalm 112:5, 9 (NIV)

Mary Splawn

Mission Partner of the Week and Prayer

Mary Splawn

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.

We Present Our Offerings to God

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. Guests with preschoolers attending Preschool Worship should meet Mrs. Sharon in the Narthex to receive a security check-in label.)

The Reading of God's Word

Ethan McVay

Proverbs 20:6 (NIV)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

Beloved, Let Us Love
by Mary McDonald

God sent his only Son to the world that we might live through him. In this is love, in this is love, if God so loved.

Beloved, let us love one another for love is from God, and everyone who loves is born of him; and God is love. Beloved, let us love one another that we may abide in him, and he in us, and he in us, that he may abide in us.

There is no fear in love, there is no fear in love. His perfect love, his perfect love shall cast away all fear. By this we know we are his children, when we love God and keep his Word. For whosoever is born of God overcomes the world. There is no greater love, if God so loved the world.

Beloved, let us love one another for love is from God, and everyone who loves is born of him; and God is love. Beloved, let us love one another that we may abide in him, and he in us, and he in us, that he may abide in us.

***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

“Why Do We Love?”

1 John 4:19-21
pg. 864 (pew Bible)

Wayne Splawn

***Hymn of Response No. 267**

Blest Be the Tie
DENNIS

Congregation

Closing Words

Wayne Splawn

***Choral Benediction**

We Go in Peace
by Keith Christopher

Sanctuary Choir

We go in peace, we go in love, we go with grace and mercy from the Lord above to tell the world this very thing: that Jesus Christ is Lord and King. Jesus Christ is Lord and King!

Organ Postlude

Come Away to the Skies
arr. Gilbert Martin

Debbie Smith

*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 at 10 a.m.?
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.