

MOUNTAIN BROOK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Messenger

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CHRISTIAN FAITH STUDY

Have you ever wondered if Jesus really descended into hell after dying on the cross? Do you want to know the differences between the Apostle's Creed and Nicene Creed?

*Join us on Sunday evenings,
as we study the Christian Creeds.*

**SUNDAYS
5:30-7:00PM
RECEPTION ROOM**

Also during this time, we will have dinner together (\$5 per person), and childcare for 6th grade and under will be provided!

Mountain Brook Presbyterian Church

YOUTH Group

WITH YOUTH MINISTER SPENCER BISSELL

**MIDDLE SCHOOL AND
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

**SUNDAYS
5:30-7:00PM**

DINNER: \$5 PER PERSON

*Join us for fellowship
and feasting!*

Wednesday Night Dinner

6:00-6:45 PM

\$10 per person or \$20 per family

MBPC Fellowship Hall

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT
SGREGSON@MBPCUSA.ORG
(205)967-5037.**

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CHILDREN'S CHOIR

**Wednesdays: 5:00 – 6:00 PM
in the Reception Room**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
SGREGSON@MBPCUSA.ORG**

Sunday School

THE WHOLE FAMILY IS INVITED TO JOIN US
FROM 9:30-10:30 ON SUNDAY MORNINGS.

ADULTS (AND ANY INTERESTED MIDDLE SCHOOLERS AND HIGH SCHOOLERS) WILL MEET IN THE RECEPTION ROOM TO DISCUSS EDUCATIONAL BASED STUDIES OF THE BIBLE.

CHILDREN, 1ST GRADE AND UP, WILL MEET WITH SPENCER IN THE TODDLER ROOM TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE AMAZING STORIES IN THE BIBLE.

CHILDREN, K-5 AND YOUNGER, WILL MEET WITH THAT WEEK'S PARENT VOLUNTEER IN THE INFANT NURSERY.

Advent Season Calendar



November 21– Decorating the Sanctuary, After 11 AM Worship

November 27– Hanging of the Greens, 11 AM worship

December 5– Advent Luncheon after 11 AM worship

December 19–Christmas Pageant during 11 AM worship

December 24–Candlelight Service

Poinsettias for the Sanctuary



Poinsettia Orders

It is time to place orders for POINSETTIAS to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. To enter your order, please complete this form or call the church office, designating how many plants you would like and whether each will be a memorial or in honor of someone.



Please return order form by Monday, November 29.

The flowers will be red and are \$14.00 per plant.
(Please mark your check “POINSETTIAS”.)

Number of Plants _____

In memory of OR In honor of :
(Circle one)

In memory of OR In honor of :
(Circle one)

In memory of OR In honor of :
(Circle one)

Given by

You are welcome to take your poinsettia(s) home after worship on Christmas Eve. Plants left in the sanctuary will be donated to New Beacon Hospice on Monday, December 27.



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CHILI COOK-OFF NOVEMBER 20 3:00 pm



\$5
PER
PERSON

Proceeds go to The Presbyterian Home for Children

-Interesting in having a team in our chili cookoff? It's not too late!
Join us! Email Madison at mroberts@mbpcusa.org to sign up.

-On November 18, 6:00 pm, Bill Heslop will host a
Chili Cookoff Orientation in the fellowship hall for those who want to learn more about
how to prepare chili for the cookoff. All are welcome!

ADVENT LUNCHEON

DECEMBER 5,
AFTER 11A.M. WORSHIP

Please make plans to attend
our annual Advent Luncheon.

Email sgregson@mbpcusa.org to reserve your place.

Price is \$10 per person or \$20 per family.

MBPC Fall Festival



FALL FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 17 - 3PM



LIVE BAND!

BOB MARSTON AND
THE CREDIBLE
SOURCES



FOOD TRUCKS



BOUNCE
HOUSE



PUMPKIN
DECORATING
ARTS &
CRAFTS

DUNK
TANK
GIANT
TWISTER







Hymn Sing

*A Service of Reflection
with Hymns and Brass*

November 14
at 4pm

MBPC Missions - Outreach Opportunity

Serving You Ministries Christmas Shop

Every year, MBPC's mission partner Serving You Ministries and their affiliate East Lake Initiative host a Christmas Shop for the families in their Thrive Together Program. Many of these families are single moms with multiple children who are working in the program toward financial stability. The Christmas Shop helps families move forward by saving them money during the holidays. SYM and East Lake Initiative offer brand new gifts at 10% of the price to their moms and put that money directly back into the program to support more families. They often watch the Christmas Shop build community within the program, as many moms will pay extra to help cover other families' cost of gifts. The Christmas Shop has become a well-loved tradition in the Thrive Together program.

If you would like to contribute gifts to the Shop, you can shop the wish list here: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1HZRWKCJRF9G2?ref_=wl_share

You may ship a gift directly from the Amazon gift list by choosing the East lake Initiative registry address at checkout or have it shipped to your home and deliver it to the church office. If you would prefer to make a cash donation, please make your check payable to MBPC and designate it for "Serving You Ministries' Christmas Shop."

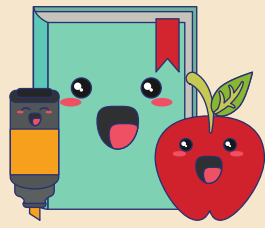
This hands-on mission project is being generously supported by the MBPC Endowment Fund's Mission and Benevolence Fund, which has agreed to "match" all contributions made (either gifts or money). So, this is a great opportunity to double your support of Serving You Ministries!

They are looking for volunteers to help wrap presents or shop with families during the Christmas Shop on December 10th and 12th. If you are interested in volunteering, please email harper@eastlakeinitiative.com or contact the MBPC office.

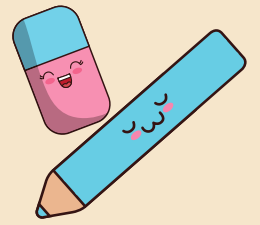
Thank you on behalf of MBPC, East Lake Initiative and Serving You Ministries!

Trunk-or-Treat Fun





MBPC Preschool



Other Photos and News

A beautiful painting of our church was gifted to **Karen Ogle**, in honor of all her hard work here at MBPC. Thank you for all you do, Karen. Thanks also to the artist, Anne Grey Cook.



Our church family has been enjoying **Wednesday Night Dinners** together again. Special thanks to all our volunteers who help prepare for these dinners,



We want to extend a warm welcome to our new Children's Choir Director, **Allison Sanders**. Our Children's Choir has been rehearsing on Wednesdays, from 5-6 pm. They sounded wonderful in worship on October 17. If you didn't get a chance to hear them, you can find the service on our facebook and youtube pages.



Thank you to **Rob and Katherine Robinson** for donating this lovely stone cross. It is located across from the little bench on the walking path in front of the church.





Stewardship

Pledge Sunday is coming up on November 14. Don't forget your card.

Stay well and don't forget your booster or your annual flu shots.

For the Finance Committee
-Dick Trueb

A Note from Sally Gregson

I want to thank everyone for welcoming me back as your Administrative Assistant. I am really enjoying being here and I've loved seeing so many friends from my previous time here at MBPC. This is such a special place and I feel truly blessed to be back!

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or suggestions for me. Send me an email, give me a call, or stop by the office. I'll be here Tuesdays-Fridays.

If you need something and I'm not here, call me or text me on my cell (205)936-3193.

Thank you,
Sally

MBPC Staff

Pastor
Rev. Madison Roberts

Director of Music
Dewin Tibbs

Organist
Gary Smoke

Director of Christian Education
Spencer Bissell

Children's Choir Director
Allison Sanders

Financial Assistant
Bernie Gregson

Director of Preschool
Molly Blackmon

Administrative Assistant
Sally Gregson

Boy Scout Troop 320
Scoutmaster: Dave Caskey

Cub Scout Pack 320
Cubmaster: Connie Caskey

