

# The Messenger

MOUNTAIN BROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## LANT'S LINES

A Message from our Pastor



*I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. Isaiah 43:19 (NRSV)*

School has recommenced, and football talk has begun. I guess summer is officially over. I hope the season afforded you all a restful and restorative time away from your normal routine. Welcome back to a full program at church! Our kickoff will be “Rally Day,” on Sunday, September 8, after which the usual fall schedule will begin. Please review the rest of the Messenger for announcements and schedules for that day, which will include a breakfast being provided by the Christian Education Committee, a Bible scavenger hunt, and (during worship) the awarding of various age-appropriate Bibles to our children who are advancing to new levels in our Sunday school program.

Our theme text for Rally Day this year is the passage from Isaiah quoted above. God is always doing “new things,” if only we can perceive it. God’s Spirit is restless, dynamic, and transformative, providing energy and direction for our lives together in the church. I love the image of the sailboat, which cannot go anywhere on its own; but when it sets its sails to the rush of the wind, the boat literally skips across the waves.

I want to encourage everyone to take advantage of our church offerings—in-depth Bible studies, stimulating Sunday school lessons, enrichment activities for children, superb music programs, and excellent Wednesday night dinners filled with fellowship and fun. While you’re at it, make sure you are active on some committee of the church because (to continue the image) that’s where we rig our sailboat so that it can catch the wind of the Spirit. That’s how we will experience the new things that God is doing and the new places to which God is leading us. If you have a knack for fixing things, then we can use you on the property committee. Maybe you have been looking for a way to enrich the lives of others; consider joining the mission committee, which offers a choice of mission opportunities. If you have a voice for singing, then don’t any longer put off joining the choir. This is your church, and it is here for the upbuilding of your faith and your life in the Lord. Take full advantage of what is here, contribute your talents and energies to making it grow, and enjoy seeing the new things that God will do.

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CUBMASTER: JUSTIN KELLY

MBPC Calendar

Sep 2019 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30am - Sunday 10:15am - Chancel 11am - Worship 11:15am - Sunday	2 Church Office Closed 8am - Body Works	3 8am - Body Works 1pm - Worship Staff 6pm - Pack #320 6:30pm - Christian	4 7pm - Chancel Choir	5 8am - Body Works 10am - Bible Study -	6 8am - Body Works	7
8 Rally Day 9:30am - Rally Day 10am - A Word from 10am - Children's Bible 10:15am - Chancel 11am - Worship - 11:15am - Sunday 12pm - Finance 5pm - Session Meeting	9 8am - Body Works 6:30pm - Pack #320	10 8am - Body Works 1pm - Worship Staff	11 Wednesday Night 5pm - Hand Bells 6pm - Dinner 6:45pm - Adult Bible 6:45pm - Children's 7:30pm - Chancel Choir	12 8am - Body Works 10am - Bible Study -	13 Pack #320 Back Yard 8am - Body Works	14
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22 Van Reservation - 9:30am - Sunday 10:15am - Chancel 11am - Worship 11:15am - Sunday	23 8am - Body Works 10am - Chancel Guild	24 8am - Body Works 1pm - Worship Staff	25 5pm - Hand Bells 6pm - Dinner 6:45pm - Adult Bible 6:45pm - Children's 7:30pm - Chancel Choir	26 8am - Body Works 10am - Bible Study -	27 8am - Body Works	28
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# Church Office Closed for Labor Day

## Mark Your Calendar!

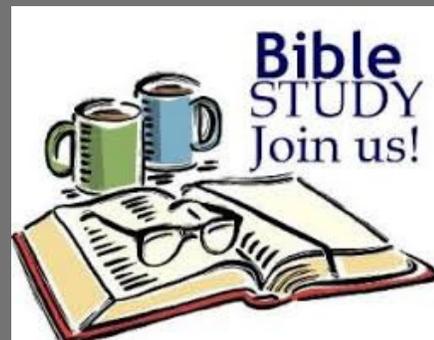
Wednesday night activities resume  
September 11.

Reminder dinner reservations are  
needed by Monday at noon each  
week. Please email Melissa Hall at  
[mhall@mbpcusa.org](mailto:mhall@mbpcusa.org) or contact  
the church office at 967-5037.

**WEDNESDAY  
EVENINGS  
ARE BACK!**



The "First Sunday" Food  
Drive is still going strong.  
The items to donate  
October 1 are  
10 oz cans of soup.  
Thank you for your  
continued support!



Join Pastor Lant Davis  
for  
Bible Study each  
Thursday  
at 10:00 am in the  
Reception Room.  
Beginning September 5  
they will  
be studying Philemon.

# RALLY DAY 2019

## **Join us for Rally Day Sunday on September 8th**

Schedule for the day:

9:30 AM- Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

10:00-10:55 AM=

(For the youth) Children's Bible  
Exploration

(For Adults) A Word from Pastor Lant  
Davis

11:00 AM= Worship in the Sanctuary which  
will include the presentation of Bibles and  
blessing of the backpacks

\*Bibles will be given to 1st and 4th graders

**Behold, I am doing a  
new thing; now it  
springs forth, do you  
not perceive it? I will  
make a way in the  
wilderness and rivers in  
the desert.**

**ISAIAH 43:19**

# Bibletimes on Brookwood 2019



# Missions and Outreach Committee Update

## SAVE THE DATE ~ NOVEMBER 2



MBPC's date to help with the Presbytery-sponsored Habitat for Humanity project in Center Point will be Saturday, November 2, 2019. A grant from the Benevolence and Mission Endowment Fund in the amount of \$5,000 was approved for this annual hands-on project. Additional details and sign-up information will be provided later.

### Meet Jasmine and Darius Parham

*"Owning my home will change my life," said Jasmine. "It will be one of the biggest tasks and greatest accomplishments. Me and my son have prayed for a house; this shows my son that faith and prayers are real, and that working and striving for things come in due time."*



## Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley 2019 Pentecost Campaign

### Certificate of Appreciation

Mountain Brook  
Presbyterian Church

In recognition of 3rd Place Overall Giving

*Walter J. Williams, III*  
General Presbyter

*8/12/2019*  
Date

*Rita Loston*  
Hunger Action Advocate

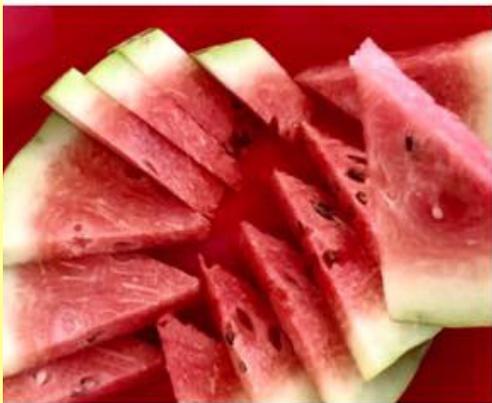
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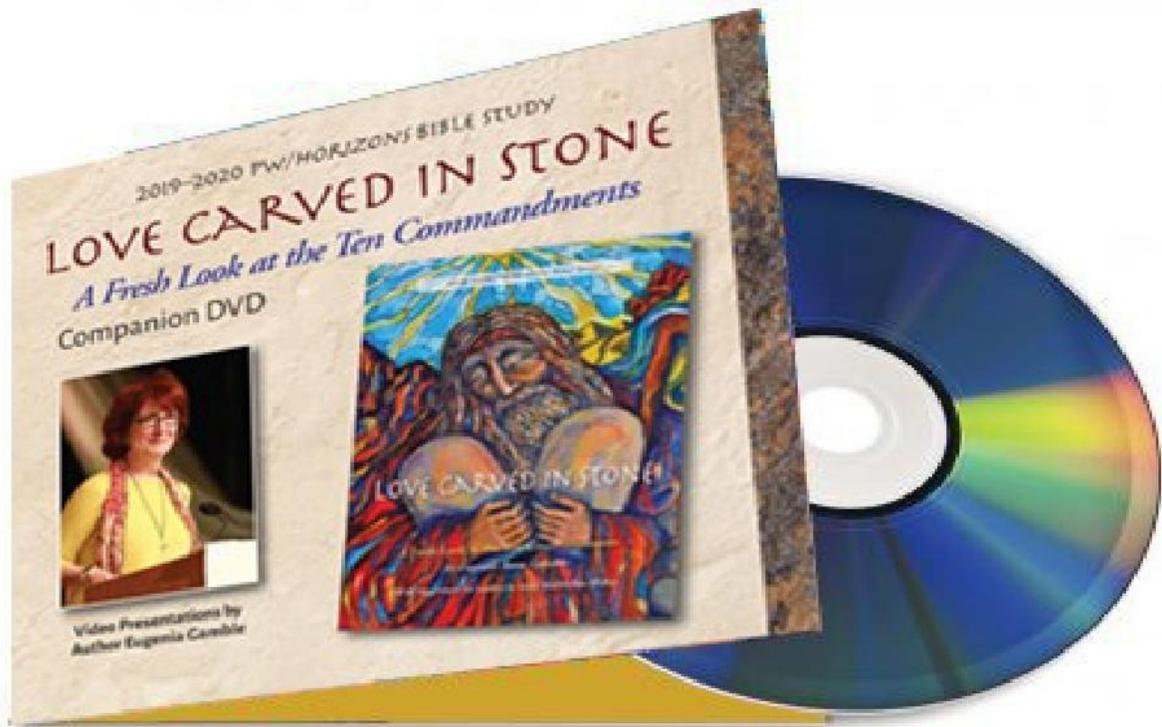
# Preschool Update

Our first week back to school has been amazing! We even had a lunchtime treat of watermelon from our school garden.



# **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIRMINGHAM CLUSTER**

**( This is a time of fellowship and worship for all P.C. Women whether you have active P.W. circles or not. Come for fellowship and worship with old friends and new. )**



## **FALL GATHERING**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2019**

**COME TO THE HISTORIC WESTMINSTER P.C.  
25 SIXTH AVE., S.W., BIRMINGHAM, AL 35211**

**9:00 – 10:00 A.M. REGISTRATION- CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST  
SERVICE 10:15 – 11:15**

## **STUDY OVERVIEW**

**BY**

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# Troop 320 50th Anniversary Celebration

Troop 320, which is sponsored by Mountain Brook Presbyterian Church, celebrated their 50th anniversary this year with a special Open House and Reunion of past Troop Members. The celebration was held on August 25th from 4-7 p.m. at the scout hut behind the church. Thank you MBPC for supporting us the last 50 years!

