

MOUNTAIN BROOK COMMUNITY CHURCH

women's  
MINISTRY

- FALL 2020 -

## Dear MBCC Women,

Over the past six months, I've been working on developing "flexible faith." Not a faith that bends to the whims of the world but a faith that allows the unexpected to stretch me without breaking me. With practically every aspect of life up in the air, I'm learning what it looks like to trust God regardless of my circumstance, mood, state of mind, or desires.

We can all agree that 2020 hasn't turned out the way we envisioned or hoped. Some of you downsized your dream wedding. Some of you just wanted to be able to go out on a date! Others of you birthed babies without celebratory showers and hospital visitors. Some lost jobs. Many of you acquired a new "job" as facilitators of remote learning. Vacations and milestone celebrations have been indefinitely postponed. And many of you have had to say goodbye to a loved one without all of the normal rituals of grieving a loss.

Yet through all the changes and challenges, we've learned that we can experience God's goodness and love even in the worst possible scenarios. The quarantine has helped us to slow down, rest more, identify idols of false security, and trust God for His provision. We've also discovered that the church can still be the body of Christ even without physically gathering together in a sanctuary. While it's been hard, our MBCC family has found creative ways to connect with each other. You have loved and served well in the midst of restrictions, boundaries, and obstacles.

As we forge on to the end of 2020, let's remember that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. (Hebrews 13:8) Now more than ever before, I pray we will seek Him with all our hearts! Let's continue to share life together, dig into God's Word, build relationships, serve those in need and worship our Lord and Savior. We're in this together, and I'm thankful to be traveling this journey with you.

*With love and prayers,*

Kelley Brown  
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*opportunities to  
**plug in**  
this fall include:*

**Growing in:**

*God's  
word*

*mission*

*faith &  
community*

# growing in God's word

## Bible studies

Studies begin the week of September 14. Groups will meet in a socially-distanced format at the church unless stated otherwise but will transition to online Zoom meetings as needs or restrictions arise. We are not able to offer childcare at this time.

### MONDAYS

**9:30 am** **Steadfast** by Courtney Doctor  
Led by Katherine Galloway and Amy Pattillo

**10:30am** **The Church and the Racial Divide: Finding Unity in the Race-transcending Gospel** by Trevor Atwood  
Led by Meredith Telfair (7 weeks) \*This study will meet on Zoom.

**6:30pm** **Everyday Theology** by Mary Wiley  
Led by Sarah Beth Schneider \*This study will meet on Zoom.

### TUESDAYS

**10:00am** **Matchless: The Life and Love of Jesus** by Angie Smith  
Led by Kelley Brown \*This study will meet on Zoom.

**6:30pm** **New Creation in Christ** Led by Jane Hall (8 weeks)

### WEDNESDAYS

**Morning** **Micah** An audio study led by Kelley Brown  
With unpredictable schedules and some households schooling at home, we're offering a bible study option that can be accessed at any time of the day. Kelley will be teaching through the book of Micah, and the audio lessons will release weekly on Wednesday mornings. Please register online if you would like to receive weekly reflection and study questions via email.

**6:30pm** **Be the Bridge: Pursuing God's Heart for Racial Reconciliation** By Latasha Morrison  
Led by Laura Thompson \*This is a book study

 See details for each study and register at [mbcc.us/women](https://mbcc.us/women).

## *new opportunity*

### **ENRICH YOUR BIBLE STUDY!**

Have you ever been curious about Biblical Greek and how it can transform your study of the New Testament? Now you have the opportunity to learn in a real class with real classmates and a real teacher in a live online format. It's like having a seminary class in the comfort of your living room or office! And we have arranged for Kairos Greek to teach a class specifically for our MBCC Women.



**Greek 1A - MBCC Women**  
**Thursdays, 9:30-11:00 am**  
**September 17 - November 19 (9 weeks)**

All of Kairos Greek's courses are taught online using Zoom Meetings' interactive whiteboard feature. You will follow the lessons, take notes, ask questions, and engage in discussion just as you would in a university classroom. Founded by Ryan Martin, a Beeson Divinity School graduate and Birmingham resident, this program makes learning the original New Testament language fun and affordable!

Learn more at [kairosgreek.com](http://kairosgreek.com), where you can also register for alternate class days and times. If you would like to participate in the MBCC Women's Class on Thursday mornings, please sign up on our church website. Course tuition is \$239.

## *discipleship groups*

A discipleship group (D-group) consists of 5-8 participants who commit to meeting together weekly for 18-24 months for the purpose of spiritual growth and replication. Following the daily Bible reading plan in the book Foundations, they read Scripture, journal their impressions, and then meet to discuss. Upon completion of the book, each participant prayerfully considers launching her own D-group.

*If you're interested in committing to a discipleship group, please register online by Monday, August 31.*

## harvest

Throughout the year, we periodically gather on a Wednesday morning to serve with one of our church's mission partners. We have two dates lined up for the fall.

*Please register at [mbcc.us/women](https://mbcc.us/women) so we will know how many people to expect.*

### Fall Dates:

#### September 16

9:30am - noon

Serving You

#### November 4

9 - 11am

Christian Service  
Mission

Dependent upon COVID-19 restrictions, additional opportunities to serve may include gardening at **Grace Village Community Garden** and visiting residents at **The WellHouse**. Please visit our website for details.

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***Then he said to his disciples,  
“The harvest is plentiful, but the  
laborers are few; therefore pray  
earnestly to the Lord of the  
harvest to send out laborers  
into his harvest.”*** Matthew 9:37-38



*growing in faith & community*

*mentoring*

*book club*

*equipped*

Based on Titus 2:3-5, **mentoring** is a ministry that benefits women of all ages. An older woman invests in the the life of a younger woman through listening, guidance, prayer, encouragement, laughter, and good company.

Mentors meet with their mentee at least once per month and maintain weekly contact via text, phone calls, email, etc. The meeting format is informal and flexible, ranging from coffee dates or meals out to visiting in each other's homes to simply running errands together. Mentors will be provided with discussion questions based on the Equipped monthly podcast content to share with their mentees and facilitate conversation and spiritual encouragement.

While a mentor is expected to pursue and reflect Jesus, she is simply one who has gone before us and can offer insight and wisdom from her life experience thus far. If you're interested in being a mentor, mentee, or both, **please register online by August 31.**

Our ladies' **Book Club** will meet the first Monday evening of each month (October-May) to discuss a designated book, which will vary in genre. The book to be discussed at the first meeting is *The Heart Mender* by Andy Andrews.

**Registration deadline is October 4.**



Life is busy and time is valuable. For that reason, we want to provide you with a resource you can utilize at any time or place that works for you. Every month, the Women's Ministry will release an episode that covers a topic related to spiritual growth and faith. You'll hear from women in our church family who will share both encouragement and practical suggestions. The hope is that you'll feel more equipped for challenges such as: overcoming fears of praying aloud, handling confrontation with grace, studying the Bible on your own, and even using social media for the glory of God.



# Beach retreat

8th  
annual

**APRIL 22-25, 2021**  
SAVE THE DATE  
& PRAY!

Join us as we rest, relax, and refresh together at the BEACH! This is a wonderful opportunity to grow deeper in your faith, spend time with friends, and connect with women of all ages. Look for more details and registration info in January 2021.

**SAN DESTIN, FLORIDA**

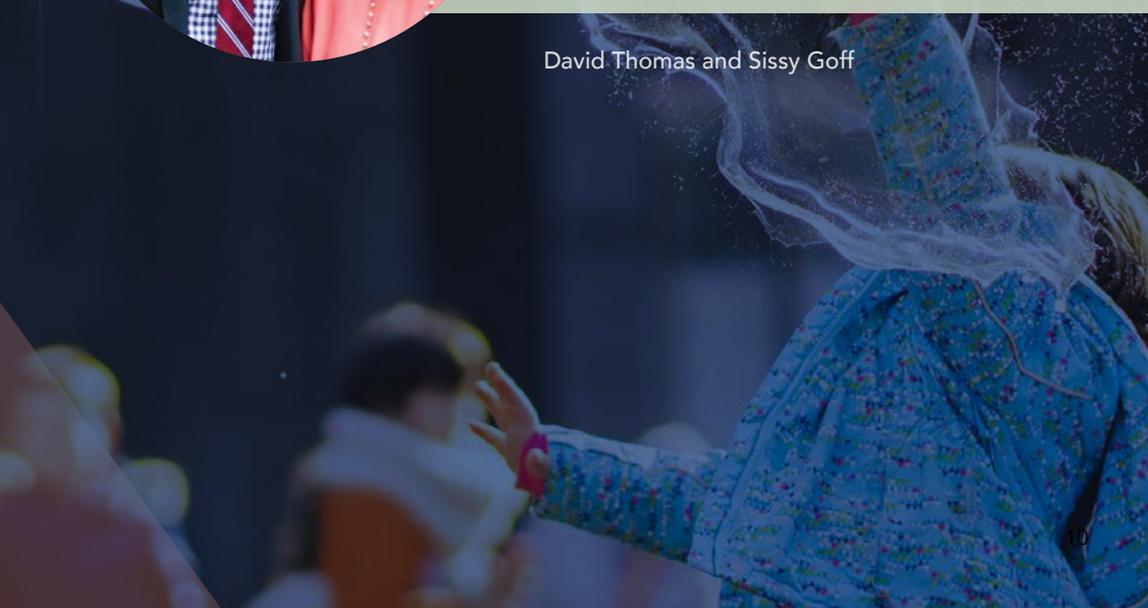


While the parenting conference originally scheduled at MBCC for August 28-29th has been cancelled, we are excited to provide access to the **"Raising Boys and Girls"** online sessions with Sissy Goff and David Thomas! The four sessions discuss the ages and stages of boys and girls—who they are and what they need from the grown-ups who love them at every stage. The session recordings will launch Friday, August 28th and will be available to you for 3 months.



*Learn what it means to call out the unique identity of the kids you love. This class is filled with practical tips and suggestions aimed to free you to parent and lead with more life and love. You will receive fresh insight and much-needed encouragement for the road of raising boys and girls.*

David Thomas and Sissy Goff



*join us on*

## **SOCIAL MEDIA!**

MBCC Women's Ministry is now on Instagram and Facebook! Be sure to follow us for up-to-date information, announcements, and pictures.



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