

# **MBBC Students**

**Fall 2020  
Ministry Guide**

# Welcome to MBBC Students!

Mountain Brook Baptist Church believes God designed the family to be the primary place of discipleship – parents are most significant faith influence in their children's lives. For that reason, the MBBC Student Ministry seeks to come alongside families of Junior and Senior High students to raise up a generation to be all God desires them to become. We desire to equip and encourage parents and students alike to grow in their faith as we learn to follow the way of Jesus together.

In this Ministry Guide we'll introduce you to our ministry team, share our programming plan and help you get connected & serve.

The pandemic has changed a lot of our regular rhythms, but we hope to continue to meet together in responsible, gradual, and flexible ways as much as we're able. **For now, all our gatherings are physically distanced, and everyone is required to wear a mask.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know!

Our ministry team is here to serve your family in every way and we look forward to all God has in store for us on our journey of faith together. Thank you for the privilege of partnering with your family as together we learn to *Love God and Live with Grace & Generosity!*

Blessings,



Ben Winder  
Minister to Students

# Student Ministry Staff

## **Ben Winder** Minister to Students

Ben joined the MBBC staff in 2018. He's worked with students, previously at churches in Tennessee & Texas, since 2006.

Ben married his wife, Laura Beth, in 2009 and they have a son named Levi.

Ben likes watching sports, especially soccer & the Baylor Bears, and learning random stuff, often on Wikipedia and YouTube.

LB likes making music and is the Movement & Music teacher at the MBB Early Learning Center.

Levi likes Monster Trucks, racecars, and every single sport he's ever seen. He's in 3K at the MBB ELC.

The Winders love to spend time with you whenever you're available – give us a shout or swing by, we'd love to see you!

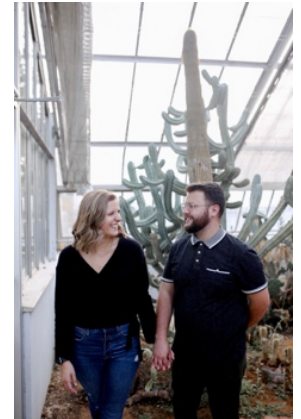
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## **Tim Sanderlin** Associate Minister to Students

Tim has been on staff at MBBC since 2017, having previously served with other churches and ministries in Birmingham & Auburn. Tim was born in Littleton, Colorado but was raised here in Birmingham– he's a graduate of Vestavia Hills High School. Tim met his amazing wife Lauren while they were students at Auburn University, and they've been married since 2018.



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## Joel Burks

Associate Minister of Contemporary Worship



Joel and Sara Burks live in Mountain Brook with their cat Lola. Joel joined the MBBC staff in 2017, and the same year he married Sara. Joel is a graduate of UAB with a degree in music performance. Sara is currently finishing up her Doctorate in Pharmacy at Samford University.

Joel and Sara love spending time with their church family, whether at retreats, or on Sunday mornings. If you or your child plays an instrument, or enjoys singing, Joel wants to hear from you!

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## Amy Hirsch

Associate Minister of Family Ministries

Amy is originally from Ellenboro, North Carolina and a graduate of the University of South Carolina & Beeson Divinity School. She has been on staff at MBBC since 2016.

Amy and her husband Matt are looking forward to new season of life as parents as they welcome their daughter, Eliza Ruth, into their family this Fall.

Amy is a Rockstar at knowing if you've paid for a trip or you're missing a form – if you're not sure, feel free to ask her!



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# Weekly Programs



## Sunday Morning Bible Study

Sundays, 10-11 am | CLC Gym\*

*\*Temporary location to allow physical distancing.*

Our weekly time of focused attention on God's BIG story in Scripture and our place in it. We begin in a large group teaching time to help frame our conversation, then we transition to discussion groups where we talk about applying what we're learning from scripture in our lives.

### Our SMBS adult discussion group leaders are:

Tim & Lauren Sanderlin  
Meredith Stutts  
Ben & Laura Beth Winder

## The Brook

Sundays, 6-7 pm | Parking Lot\*

*\*Temporary location to allow physical distancing.  
In the event of inclement weather we will meet in the gym.*

Our Sunday evening gathering three times per month.  
Each Sunday of the month has a different focus.  
Check out the Monthly Update for specific plans for each month!



## Worship Night

A relaxed atmosphere for worship, teaching, and games aimed to meet students where they are and help them find the Way of Jesus.  
Led by our Student Ministry Worship Team.



## Fellowship Night

A no-frills time to have fun together. A great "front door" to introduce your friends to your Student Ministry family.



## Mission Night

A time to tangibly serve others in Jesus' name.  
Planned by our Student Ministry Mission Council.



## **Student Growth Groups**

Wednesdays, 7-8 pm | MBBC

Weekly gatherings designed to dive deeper into relational discipleship by encountering scripture and providing the encouragement & accountability of authentic community.

MBBC Growth Groups are divided by gender.  
Student Growth Groups are divided Junior/Senior High.

*High School students have the option to join an intergenerational Adult Growth Group in place of a Student Growth Group.*

### **Our student growth group adult leaders are:**

Sara Burks & Laura Beth Winder | Junior High Girls  
Joel Burks & Ben Winder | Junior High Guys  
Lauren Sanderlin & Meredith Stutts | High School Girls  
Wayne Ingram & Tim Sanderlin | High School Guys

## **Other Opportunities**

### **The Brook Worship Team**

We love for students with skills and a heart for leading worship to help plan and lead worship for Worship Night at The Brook.  
To serve on this team, contact Joel Burks.

### **Student Ministry Mission Council**

As part of our effort to help students grow a life-long heart for the mission of God, our Student Ministry Mission Council lets students engage with missional partners locally and internationally through financial grants provided by the church and hands-on mission engagement, especially helping us plan our monthly Mission Night at The Brook.

To serve on this team, contact Ben Winder.

### **Children's Ministry Leaders**

A great place to invest your energy is our Children's Ministry – whether it is as a weekly volunteer with missions & music on Wednesday evenings or special events. Plus, it is so much fun!  
To serve in Children's Ministry, contact Sharon Howard.

### **Chapel Choir**

**\*\*Currently on hiatus due to the Covid-19\*\***

Our choir for Junior High & High School students, Chapel Choir give you opportunity to learn sacred choral music of various styles, occasionally lead in worship, and take part in choir tour trips. It is a lot of fun and everyone is invited to join us when we resume!

## Stay Connected

### Students Doing Their Thing

Whatever you do, we hope you will do it for the glory of God.  
And we want to come cheer you on!

Please share your schedules for sports, recitals/concerts, and other activities with our Student Ministry Staff.

We'll help spread the word to the Student Ministry family!

### Church League Basketball

Each year we have MBBC Student Ministry basketball teams play in leagues with other churches around the city. No experience is necessary, but it is always a lot of fun. It has not yet been determined if Church League will be happening this year, but if you would like to play, be looking for sign-ups in the Fall!

To stay in-the-know about events and more, be sure to:

1. **Show up.** You'll hear in-person announcements.
2. **Keep us up to date with your contact info.** You'll receive a Monthly Update email and other stuff you need to know.
3. **Connect on social media.** You'll see announcements, reminders, media, and more on our social media accounts.



@mbbcstudents  
@mtnbrookbaptist

@mountainbrookstudents  
@mountainbrookbaptistchurch

4. **Join our Remind group.** You'll get text reminders.

  
Visit [remind.com/join/mbbcstumin](https://remind.com/join/mbbcstumin)  
OR text "@mbbcstumin" to 81010



5. **Visit our website - [mbbc.org/students](https://mbbc.org/students).** You'll find the latest info, sign-ups, forms, and more!

# Become an Adult Leader

We welcome adults of all ages and stages of life to serve alongside our AMAZING team of adult leaders. We want to build a web of relationships for each of our students with adults who love Jesus and love them.

There are a few steps required as part of our process to keep everyone safe, but it is well worth it!

Here are some roles you might consider:

## **Direct Leadership**

We need adults to lead weekly Bible studies, serve as chaperones for trips, and be involved in other relational aspects of our ministry.

## **Indirect Service**

We need adults who are willing to serve our ministry by cooking meals, building stuff, and doing other vital, behind-the-scenes, but not always relational work with our ministry.

## **Resource Provider**

We need adults who are willing to offer their material possessions to help us do ministry – that might mean letting us utilize your house, pool, cabin, boat, etc. or giving financially to subsidize students' expenses for trips & activities (sponsorships).

## **Other**

However God has uniquely gifted you, there might be a way for you to invest that gift in our Student Ministry, let's talk about it!

**Contact Ben Winder to begin the process of becoming an adult leader with our Student Ministry. Thank you for investing your life in the lives of MBBC Students!**



# Fall 2020 Dates

## Growth Groups

September 9  
September 16  
September 23  
September 30

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October 7  
October 14  
October 21  
October 28

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November 4  
November 18 [Party]

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## The Brook

September 13  
September 20  
September 27

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October 4  
October 11  
October 18

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November 1  
November 8  
November 15



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