

FAQs

What are the race dates for the 2022 Marathon-Benz Marathon Weekend (MBMW)? February 10-12, 2023. Our marathon events are held on Sunday, February 12.

What is the Mercedes Benz Marathon Weekend? The MBMW is a nationally recognized weekend including five running events and approximately 8,000 participants. It is organized by our nonprofit organization, Birmingham Marathon Inc.

Who is the official race charity for the Mercedes-Benz Marathon Weekend? The Bell Center For Early Intervention Programs. They have been the official race charity since the event began in 2002 and it has been their biggest fundraiser each year. They offer crucial early intervention services for children ranging from newborn to 3 years maximizing their potential. Visit their website for more information, www.thebellcenter.org.

Can I get to church after the race begins? Yes. Road closures begin 30 minutes before the event begins, but the police will allow drivers to cross over the course to get to their destinations if needed. They may have to wait while the runners pass by, but eventually they will be able to continue on their way. To assist your members getting to church, please provide them with a copy of the official MBMW church placard. They'll need to fill in your church name and place it on their windshield.

How do I get my church involved with the Marathon? What about the youth at my church? We have churches on our course that engage their members and use Sunday race day for fellowship by working to assist our runners. You can create a cheer station and have your members make signs, play music or entertain the runners in various ways. We love to see the community cheering on our runners and helping them complete their personal goals whether it be for health, happiness and/or charity!

Is there a map of the course?

Yes, just click on Races at the top of our website and look under Marathon. Remember, our marathon and relay runners do a double loop, so they will be passing every church on the course two times.

How long will the marathon last? There is a 6-hour time limit for the marathon course. Roads will reopen as our "balloon lady" wraps up her second lap on the double loop. She is our last official participant in the race and actually has a bouquet of balloons attached to her waist. Her time will vary based on where your church resides on our course.

FOR MORE INFORMATION



PASS

**CHURCH
NAME** _____

**CHURCH
ADDRESS** _____

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