



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MARION  
**NEWSLETTER**

VOLUME 47, NUMBER 1 JANUARY 5, 2020

**The Worship of God**  
**Epiphany**  
**Sunday, January 5, 2020**  
**11:00 a.m., Sanctuary**

**Sermon**

*By Revelation*

Matthew 2:1-12, Eph. 3:1-12  
 Dr. Scott Hagaman

**Children's Sermon**

Rev. Christi Hollifield

Prelude:

*Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts*  
 arr. Bish

Offertory:

*Gavotte*, arr. Camidge

Postlude:

*Trumpet Tune on March of the Kings*, Young



**All Committees Meeting**

Wednesday, Jan 8th is a very important date for our church. It is the night of the All Committees Meeting. This is the time when new committee members are welcomed into their new roles and each of our committees begin the important work of planning for the new year of ministry. Please make every effort to meet with your committee during this time.

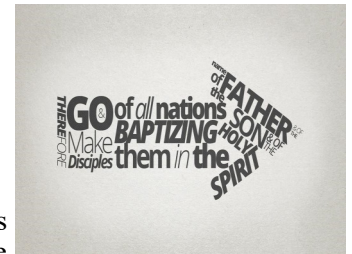
Dinner is provided at 5:30.

Please RSVP to the church office by Noon on Tuesday, Jan 7th to reserve your meal.

Meetings will follow from 6 to 7:15.

\*\*\*Committee Chair Persons: Please contact your committee directly to let them know if you plan to meet\*\*\*

***The Reason for the Season:***  
***Jesus and His Mission***  
**By M. Scott Hagaman, Pastor**



Above and beyond missions spending in FBC's General Budget, our congregation sets a challenge goal each year in the FBC Missions Offering, which funds Great Commission efforts both locally and globally. The largest portion (35%) is targeted to the Offering for Global Missions of Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. CBF's OGM is the primary way missionaries and their ministries are funded. This support covers personal expenses like food, housing, and health insurance as well as the needed resources to accomplish their ministry goals. To fund CBF's missionaries, which are called Field Personnel, we participate in a dynamic partnership with these commissioned individuals as well as with hundreds of other congregations. This effort is at the heart of what it means to be associational missionary Baptists. We are pooling our resources to accomplish ministries together that we could not do on our own. The results are big and impactful on a global scale, from North Carolina to the ends of the earth. Please remember these missionaries in your giving and in your prayers, as they serve the Lord in partnership with FBC Marion and so many others.

**Our Mission Statement**

*First Baptist Church of Marion is a community of faith on mission to be God's people and presence throughout the world. Following the leadership of God's Son, Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we seek to worship God in word and action, to love and support one another, and to share the Good News.*

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**BY THE NUMBERS—12/29/2019**

**Sunday School:**

Enrollment	187
Members Present	
Visitors Present	
Total Present	95

**Sunday Worship:**

Sanctuary	132
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**Budget Report: 12/31/19**

Required this Week	9,894.61
Received this Week	26,436.27
Required to Date	514,519.57
Received to Date	524,058.64
+/- of Budget	9,529.07

**JOYS & CONCERNS**

- **Joyce Bingham**—Home, recovering from surgery
- **Brenda Greene**—Surgery 1/2/20
- **Jim Hemphill**—Mission - Asheville
- **Rev. Christi Hollifield**
- **Joanne Howle**—Home
- **Hilda Messer**—Hospice Care
- **Sonja Mikell**—Home
- **Margie Smith**—Home from McDowell Mission Hospital
- **Lucille Toney**—Autumn Care Rehabilitation of Marion

**FBC FAMILY NIGHT**

**Regular Wednesday  
 Night Supper/  
 Activities will resume  
 on**

**Wednesday, 15, 2020**



**KEEPING IN TOUCH**

As we prepare for a new pictorial church directory, the Church Office staff is working to ensure that your contact information is up to date, including address, email, and telephone number. A number of homes no longer have telephone land lines, while cell numbers have not been updated in the directory. Please call or come by the Church Office to update your information. For questions, please see Jeannie Tisdale, our Church Communications Assistant.

**FUNDRAISER**



The Community Presence Committee is supporting a shoe drive fundraiser/mission project being held by the youth at our sister church, Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church. The shoes will go to individuals in need, and the funds raised will be used to help complete construction of the church's new fellowship hall. Please bring any gently worn shoes you no longer use and drop them off in the donation bin outside of the sanctuary by mid-January. The youth are working to gather 2500 pairs of shoes and need our help! Contact Emily Roberts with questions.

**BELIZE MISSIONS**



The Belize Medical Mission Team is collecting reading glasses to distribute at their clinics in February 2020. Donations of reading glasses can be placed in the collection bin near the chapel.

**REMINDER**



**Remember to pick up  
 your Christmas cards by  
 January 5!**

There are a number of Christmas cards left in the boxes in the church lobby. Please pick yours up by Sunday, January 5th so we won't have to throw them away.

**CONTRIBUTIONS**



Please remember to pick up your box of 2020 contribution envelopes. They are located in the BFMC lobby.

## MUSIC MINISTRY



### *FBC Music Ministry Schedule 2020*

*Sunday Rehearsals begin on Jan. 12*  
*Youth Handbells @ 3:45*  
*Alpha & Omega Youth Choir @ 4:30*

*Wednesday Rehearsals begin on Jan. 15:*  
*Children's Handbells @ 4:30*  
*Young Musicians Children's Choir @ 5:00*  
*Adult Handbells @ 6:30*

*Sanctuary Choir begins on Jan. 8 @ 7:20*

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### *Upcoming Events*

Jan 12th - Koinonia Resumes  
 Jan 15th - Wed Night Youth Activities Resume  
 July 12th - 21st - Summer Mission Trip to Slovakia

### *Youth Committee*

We will meet at the All Committees meeting on Jan 8th. Dinner is at 5:30 and our meeting will go from 6 to around 7:15p.m. Please try to be in attendance so we can start strong.

### *Wed Night Book Clubs*

For the first month, our youth will be joining a Bible Book Club along with the adults. The youth will pick a book to read a chapter from each week and then join together for a discussion. We will help them make a choice about groups on Jan 15th. I hope you will be part of this excellent opportunity and I know you will add substantially to the groups you are in!!!

## FAMILY MINISTRY



### **Feeding the Community**

Advent project of filled food boxes are due back at the church by Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Children and Ms. Christi will deliver boxes to St. John's Episcopal Food Pantry on Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will leave at 6:15 pm and return by 7:30pm.

Volunteers are needed to help with our quarterly Foster Care Respite Night on Friday, February 14, 2020 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. See Christi Hollifield, if interested in helping with this event.



Attention Children's Committee Members -We will NOT meet on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> during All Committees Meeting. **Our scheduled meeting is Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm.**



## SAINTS ALIVE MINISTRY

### Upcoming Events

January 8th - All Committees - SA Will Meet  
 Tuesday, Jan 21st - Saints Alive Luncheon

### Saints Alive Luncheons: Making a Change!!!

Many of our Saints Alive members end up spending a lot of time at church on Wednesdays! So, we are going to try something new - our monthly luncheons will be on Tuesdays this spring. Our first luncheon will be Tuesday, Jan 21st at noon. More details coming soon!

### 2020 Outlook

2020 will be a big year for our Saints Alive group! We want you to join us for our (Tuesday) lunches each month, for dinners on the town, for our Myrtle Beach retreats, and all of our other opportunities for fellowship and growth! Don't miss out.

# THE UPCOMING WEEK

## CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, Jan. 5, 2019

Epiphany

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
3:45 p.m. Youth Handbells  
4:30 p.m. Alpha & Omega Choir  
5:30 p.m. Koinonia - Youth

**Monday, Jan. 6, 2020**

No Activities

**Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020**

No Activities

**Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2020**

5:30 p.m.- All Committee Dinner/Mtg

**Thursday, Jan. 9, 2020**

Gardner Webb Group

**Friday, Jan. 10, 2020**

VBS Workshop

**Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020**

VBS Workshop

## SUNDAY LEADERSHIP FOR

Jan. 5, 2020-Jan. 11, 2020

Church Steward - January  
Smith Gibbs

**Library Worker**

Sonia Elledge

**Nursery Workers**

Infants:

Jeannie Tisdale & Wanda Hyder/Blount

Toddlers:

Marc Cook & Hope Wakefield

## DEACON OF THE WEEK

Jan. 5, 2020-Jan. 11, 2020

Steve Pierce  
828-724-4999

## HOMEBOUND PERSON OF THE WEEK

Doris Buff  
Rosehill Retirement Center  
120 Fleming Avenue  
Marion, NC 28752

## January Ushers

Charles Webber  
Warren Zibelin  
Bobby Ward  
Kenny Greene  
Jim Young  
Amos Hardy  
Lawrence Kearson

## Birthdays

### Our Church

Dec. 30 Bob Brackett  
Dec. 30 Susan Webber  
Dec. 30 Dawn Hollifield  
Dec. 31 Martha Milliren  
Jan. 02 Lamar Wakefield  
Jan. 03 Jim Pugh  
Jan. 04 Nancy Talbert  
Jan. 06 Steve Little  
Jan. 06 Freddie Davis  
Jan. 09 Betty Markham  
Jan. 11 Katy Cook  
Jan. 11 Charlotte Moore

### Our Missionaries

Jan. 05 Richard Durham, Chaplain  
Mount Pleasant, NC  
Charles Kirby, Chaplain  
Hendersonville, NC  
Jan. 06 Larry Hardin, Chaplain  
Topeka, KS  
Solon Smith, Chaplain  
Jan. 07 Richard Catlett, Chaplain  
Richmond, VA  
Jan. 08 Luis Calza, Chaplain  
Greenwood, SC  
Rachel Hill, Chaplain  
Shelby, NC  
Jan. 09 Paul Hamilton, Chaplain  
Lodge, SC  
Jan. 10 Jill Zimmer, Chaplain  
Columbia, TN  
Melody Harrell, (FP)  
Emeritus  
Jan. 11 Michael Gerace, Chaplain  
Casper, WY

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