



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MARION

NEWSLETTER

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MAY 3, 2020

**The Worship of God
4th Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2020**

Saints Alive Sunday
***Posted on Facebook and
YouTube. (More Info. pg. 4)***

Children's Sermon:
Rev. Christi Hollifield

Sermon:
What Now?
Psalm 139:1-14
Pat Faulkner

Music:

Anthem— *Wings of the Dawn*,
Spencer

Benediction Response -
*The Majesty and Glory of Your
Name*, Fetke

Loving Your Neighbors

By Scott Hagaman, Pastor

Face masks will be with us for some time, at least until a vaccine is developed, which is estimated to be over a year away. In light of that reality, many of us have been trying to do our part, wearing our new COVID-19 prevention face masks while out in public. I confess, I find wearing a mask quite awkward and uncomfortable. One of my first outings was to the supermarket one evening. I had a scribbled shopping list in hand, which I could not read without my glasses. However, my breath seeped up towards the lenses. My glasses kept fogging up! The situation was rather comical; but such discomforts are a small price to pay for helping stop the spread. The concept is simple. On top of practicing social distancing, face coverings add an additional barrier between one another, helping contain the virus. As the experts tell us, a standard face mask or covering of any type does not provide an impenetrable shield against viruses; but it helps. For this to work, however, everyone must do their part. Everyone must wear a face mask or covering while in public. I think there's also a faith dimension to this. Wearing a face covering is a simple way to love your neighbor. This action says, "I care about you and your well-being." With some 50% of Coronavirus cases showing no symptoms, donning a mask may keep you from spreading the virus to others. Also, wearing face masks will help our community life and economy function as we navigate the pandemic.

Need a Face Mask?

FBC has handmade face masks for anyone who needs one. These masks are cloth and washable. If you would like to receive a face mask, please call the FBC office at 652-6030, x222. Arrangements will be made for either a no-contact pick up or delivery. Also, if you are able to make your own face mask, online designs and videos are available through Million Masks Challenge and the CDC. Both of these website links are posted on the FBC Facebook group.

Fill a Barrel, Fill a Box, Fill the Need!

By Emily Roberts, Community Presence Committee

The Foothills Food Hub is working with local partners throughout McDowell County to fill the massive surge in food needs throughout our community! We've seen our food supply demand triple in the past couple of weeks, so we're asking you to "Buy One, Share One" of your favorite shelf-stable foods! Food Donation Barrels are available near the Check-out of Ingles, BiLo, Food Lion, and Frisbees grocery stores, as well as the coffee shop at Mission Hospital McDowell. Please consider donating an item and helping to ensure food security right here in our hometown. There continue to be ongoing opportunities to volunteer with the Food Hub. Two new needed volunteer positions include someone who can ride with McDowell County Transit to deliver food to homebound individuals, as well as a couple of folks to volunteer at the St. John's Community Garden. For more info, please email Emily Roberts at McDowellLFAc@gmail.com.

***For God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son...***

**2020 FBC
Missions Offering**

**Our Goal
\$20,000.00**

**Total Received
\$2,219.50
(as of 4/26/20)**

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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Children's Center Director Emeritus

BY THE NUMBERS—4/26/2020

Sunday School:

Enrollment	187
Members Present	0
Visitors Present	
Total Present	0

Sunday Worship:

Sanctuary	0
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Budget Report:

Required this Week	10,092.52
Received this Week	8,275.00
Required to Date	171,572.84
Received to Date	147,561.00
+/- of Budget	-24,011.84

JOYS & CONCERNS

- **Joyce Bingham**
- **Mike Conley**—Home
- **Beth Garrett**—Daughter of Charlotte Hughes, Duke Med. Ctr.
- **Jim Gorst**
- **Brenda Hill**—Home, recovering from surgery
- **Vangie Hollifield** & family on the death of her sister on 4/27
- **Rev. Christi Hollifield**
- **Joanne Howle**
- **Mary Lewis** —Home, recovering from surgery
- Congratulations to **Caitlin & Jared Proffitt** —Birth of son, **Jack**, 4/22

COMMUNITY FOOD RESOURCES

McDowell County Schools via the six(6) elementary schools will provide a lunch meal for students from 11am-1pm Monday through Friday. Contact MCS for further information.

Free Meal Opportunities for kids at local restaurants while school is closed. Please read the particular information about each restaurant. Limit one per day Monday-Friday.

- **Fat Boys Burritos-** For any K-12 McDowell County School attendees Only-Free kids meal one taco with chips and a drink- In house only
- **Smokey Q's-** For any K-12 McDowell County School attendees Only-Free kids meal with a drink
- **McDowell Local-**For any McDowell County student K-12-Free kids meal with a drink- Tuesday- Friday- Dine In or Carry Out- Children must be present
- **Main Street Pizza-**Free kids meal during school closure for any child- 6 different choice options
- **BoonDocks Sports Bar and Grill-**For any and every kid enrolled in a K-12 school-Free kid's meal- Dine in or carry out- Child must be present
- **Luisa's Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria-** For McDowell County School attendees K-12-Free kid's meal from children's menu with a drink and with one paying adult meal
- **McDonalds on West Henderson and Hwy 70 West-**For school age children-Free kids meal of hamburger, cheeseburger, or 4-piece chicken nugget and small fries; apples or yogurt, Between the hours of 11am-2pm any day of the week until school is back in session.
- **McDonalds in Old Fort-** For school age children-Free kids meal of a hamburger, cheeseburger or 4 piece chicken nugget, and a choice of one side (gogurt, apple slices, or small fry). Child must be present, valid one per child. Any day from 11am-2pm
- **Whistle Stop in Old Fort-**For school age children- Free kids meal- 7 inch cheese or pepperoni pizza and a drink
- **Bruce's Fabulous Foods-** 2 Free kids meals with an adult meal purchase -Children up to age 12 must be present to receive a free grilled cheese sandwich, chips or Doritos, brownie or cookies and a beverage.
- **Burrito Brothers-**For McDowell County School attendees- Free kids meal of a cheese quesadilla, chips and salsa. Child must be present.

McDowell County COVID-19 Hotline - (828) 527-6687
 Hotline operates between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. seven days a week. If you think you have been exposed to the Coronavirus or are experiencing a fever, please call 527-6687. The operator will ask a list of screening questions and provide appropriate medical instructions based upon the answers given.

The Season of Easter
The Letter
of
First Peter
Sermon Series

Proclaimer:

Dr. Scott Hagaman

- April 19 - 1 Peter 1:1-9
- April 26 - 1 Peter 2:2-10
- May 10 - 1 Peter 2:13-25
- May 17 - 1 Peter 3:13-22
- May 24 - 1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11

Adjusted Church Office Hours for April

The Church Office will be open Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If possible please call the church office rather than visiting. If, however, you need to come in person, please practice social distancing. If you have any cold or flu like symptoms, please do not come to the church. For pastoral support, outside of office hours, please call Scott Hagaman at home or on his cell phone.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

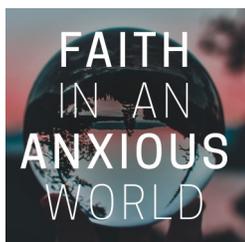
As we seek to be church to one another and to be good neighbors during the Coronavirus crisis, what can you do? Here are some suggestions:

- Practice social distancing to prevent the spread of the virus. Stay at home and away from crowds. Make phone calls rather than visits. Send emails rather than sending cards. In general, avoid contact with others. When you are in contact with others, wash your hands often, cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze, and do not touch your face.
- For those younger and healthier, sign up to be a volunteer to help those who cannot get out in public. The Church Office is compiling a list of those available to help. Community Presence Committee is also organize support for those in need. Their information will be posted regularly in the FBC Facebook Group.
- Call and check on your fellow church members and neighbors who may need assistance, especially the elderly and chronically ill. Deacons and staff will be joining in this effort to keep us connected and supportive of one another.
- Continue to make tithes and offerings to First Baptist Church. Contributions may be made by mail or over the internet, using our church website: <https://fbcmarion.org/online-giving/>. If you need assistance, please contact Susan Webber in the Church Office.
- PRAY! PRAY! PRAY! For those who have contracted the virus: for healthcare professionals, for government officials, for our families, neighbors, church, and country and, indeed, for the whole world. Continue to ask God to bring healing and wholeness to all people!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Koinonia Zoom

Join us each week on Zoom as we continue Koinonia Digitally, each Sunday afternoon at 6pm.



New Study

Beginning this Sunday, the youth will start a new series:

Faith in an Anxious World

Over the next four weeks (via Zoom), we will dive in and tackle some tough questions related to mental health, anxiety, and how we continue to live a life of faith in difficult times. I think this is perfect for us right now, and I cannot encourage you enough to participate! And if you have a friend that is struggling right now, invite them to join us.

Parent Resource

To go along with the new youth study, there will be a parent podcast that you will be directed to. Listen each week to gain insight on parenting with anxiety and be guided to have meaningful conversations with the students in your life.

FAMILY MINISTRY



Want to see familiar faces and hear friendly voices? **Join us for Children's Chats with Ms. Christi on Sunday at 4:00 pm.** Simply go to www.zoom.us; click join group; and enter meeting ID #997135160. Talk soon!

Adults' Chats begin directly after Children's Chats on Sundays at 4:30 pm. Simply go to www.zoom.us; click join group; and enter meeting ID #997135160. Looking forward to seeing you too!



ATTENTION PARENTS:

Send Ms. Christi either a baby or toddler picture of your child or children by Friday, April 24th. We will be using these for a guessing game on our Children's Chat



next Sunday, 4/26 at 4:00 pm. You can either text them or email to christi@fbcmarion.org.

Mid-week children's lessons and activities are posted each Wednesday on the FbcMarion Children's Group Facebook page. Check them out whenever your schedule allows. You can even view the previous ones, if you have not joined in the fun already. See you Wednesday!



CHURCH BUSINESS

The Church Business Conference scheduled for Sunday, May 3 is postponed until in-person gatherings resume. In light of not meeting, a Treasurer's Report will be mailed to FBC members with your year-to-date contributions record. Deacons are meeting via Zoom on Wednesday night, April 28 to discuss ongoing pandemic shelter-in-place order. Any change in the governor's order is not expected for several more weeks.

SAINTS ALIVE MINISTRY

Upcoming Events

May 3rd - Saints Alive Sunday
May 19th - Breakfast in the Park
August 5-6 - Barter Theatre Overnight Trip

Breakfast in the Park

Our group always looks forward to this fun morning, and we will gather on Tuesday, May 19th for a time of fellowship and food. See you there!



CHURCH LIFE ONLINE

On Sundays, First Baptist Church worship services are posted on both the FBCM Facebook Group and on the FBCM YouTube Channel.

- To watch FBC services online, you will need internet and one of the following devices: Smartphone, computer, tablet, smart TV, or TV streaming device (Roku, Amazon Fire, Google Chromecast, Apple TV, etc.)
- To watch on YouTube: YouTube may be accessed where you access the internet (smartphone, computer, or TV streaming applications). If you do not have one already, setup a free YouTube account. Search for "First Baptist Church of Marion." Once found, mark "subscribe," which will save the FBCM channel in your account for easy future viewing. A library of current and older services are available for watching. If you have a smart TV or TV streaming device with the YouTube app, you can watch FBC services on your larger TV screen.
- To watch on Facebook: If you do not have one already, setup a free Facebook account. Once you are logged into your account, search for "First Baptist Church of Marion." Search results will show two options for "First Baptist Church of Marion": (1) a Page, which gives basic information about the church for the general public, (2) a Group with 500+ members, which is a closed group requiring approval for joining. The second choice is the one you need to choose. If you are not a member of the FBC group, request membership. One of the group administrators will approve your membership within a few hours. The most recent worship services will be posted at the top of the page, under announcements. Other older services are available in the "Media" section, under "Videos." Facebook can be accessed on your computer or smart phone, and on some smart TVs and TV streaming devices.

During this time when we will not meet, we will continue to offer some special opportunities that you can connect to from home:

A New Digital Wed Night Class:

Matt has started a new class based on the book, "Liturgy of the Ordinary." This study will help us to be open to holy moments in the everyday - which we have a lot of right now! I hope you will join me! Videos will be posted on the FBC Digital Small Groups page each Wednesday!

Sunday School:

Each Sunday, we will offer a Sunday School lesson on the church Facebook page. Steve Pierce will start a new round of lessons on 1 John for the month of May.

THE UPCOMING WEEK

Birthdays

Our Church

May 03 Roger McGuire
May 03 Christopher Corbett
May 03 Courtney Gardner
May 09 Everette Clark
May 09 Daylen Parrow
May 09 Opal Woody
May 09 Debbie Whittemore

Our Missionaries

May 04 Johann Choi, Chaplain
Fairfield, CA
Gary Metcalf, Chaplain
Kingsport, TN
Skip Wisenbaker, Chaplain
Atlanta, GA
May 05 Karen Long, Chaplain
Birmingham, AL
May 06 Carol Dalton, Chaplain
Swannanoa, NC
Jessica Jasper, Chaplain
Elizabethtown, KY
May 08 Rusty Elkins, Chaplain
Edmond, OK
Brenda Pace Jones, (PC)
Hendersonville, NC
May 09 Rich Behers, Chaplain
Lakeland, FL
Leigh Jackson, Chaplain
Austin, TX

DEACON OF THE WEEK

April 3– May 9, 2020

Steve Little
828-652-9299

HOMEBOUND PERSON OF THE WEEK

Doris Buff
Rose Hill Retirement Center
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Organization
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Permit No. 95
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