



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MARION

NEWSLETTER

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The Worship of God
6th Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2020

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YouTube. (More Info. pg. 4)

First Peter
Sermon Series:
Facing Questions
1 Peter 3:13-22
Dr. Scott Hagaman

Music:

Prelude: *I Love to Tell the Story*,
arr. Raney

Anthem: *They'll Know We Are
Christians*, ST. BRENDANS

Postlude: *Come Thou Almighty
King*, arr. Smith

Food Hub Gathering Volunteers and Food Items

By Emily Roberts, Community Presence Committee

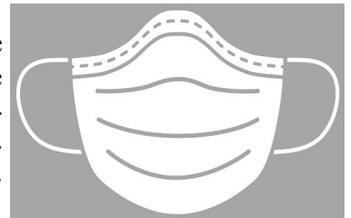
There are many opportunities to plug in and volunteer with the Foothills Food Hub. Whether you are a seasoned pro or a newcomer, we'd love to have you at the Hub! We need volunteers to help at a food box distribution in Montford Cove on Thursday, 5/14, from 3:30 - 5:30. We could also use a few folks to help out packing boxes, unloading donations, and cleaning up at the Hub on Friday, 5/15.

Also, 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 information on both opportunities, please email Emily Roberts at McDowellLFAC@gmail.com.

Need a Face Mask?

Are you doing your part to help stop the spread of COVID-19 as we all try to resume somewhat normal activities, shopping, and interaction? Wearing a face covering is an important civic duty at this time. FBC has hand-made face masks for anyone who needs one. These masks are cloth and washable. If you would like to receive a face mask, please call FBC's office at 652-6030, x222. Arrangements will be made for either a no-contact pick up or delivery.



Congratulations!

**Rev. Christi
Hollifield**

on completing her
Master of Divinity Degree
from
The School of Divinity
Gardner-Webb University

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.

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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 99 North Main Street, Marion, NC 28752
 (828) 652-6030 (828) 659-9111, FAX
Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
 Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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Children's Center Director Emeritus

BY THE NUMBERS—5/10/2020

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	8,527.00
Required to Date	191,757.88
Received to Date	168,268.00
+/- of Budget	-23,489.88

JOYS & CONCERNS

- **Joyce Bingham**
- **Congratulations to Pierce Bradley on his 95th birthday on May 14!**
- **Mike Conley**
- **Beth Garrett**—Daughter of Charlotte Hughes, Duke Med. Ctr.
- **Jim Gorst**
- **Brenda Hill**—Home, recovering from surgery
- **Rev. Christi Hollifield**
- **Joanne Howle**
- **Mary Lewis** —Home, recovering from surgery
- **Margie Smith**

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.

The Church Office has a limited supply of hard-to-find basic items available to purchase at cost. Currently, we have Members' Mark Ultra Supreme Toilet Paper, several containers of sanitizing wipes and bottles of hand sanitizer. If you are in need of these items, please contact the church office to arrange pick up.

***The Letter of
 First Peter
 Sermon Series***

Preacher: Dr. Scott Hagaman

May 17: 1 Peter 3:13-22
 May 24: 1 Peter 4:12-19
 and 5:6-11

**FBC Office Hours for May
 Mon.-Thur., 9:00 a.m. - 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. Please do not come if you have any cold or flu symptoms. Outside of office hours, please call Scott Hagaman at home or on his cell phone.

FBC's new pictorial directories have arrived and are being mailed out to those who participated in the photography. Deacons voted recently to continue not having in-person gatherings until possibly late May. Further information will be shared later in May.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Music Ministry During Covid-19 Zoom Choir Rehearsals

Children's Choir - Wednesday @ 5:00
Sanctuary Choir - Wednesday @ 7:00
Youth Choir - Sunday @ 5:00

APPRECIATION

RE: Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church – Awana Shoe Drive

Please accept our heartfelt thanks from Mt. Moriah Awana Youth Ministry for your generous donation of shoes.

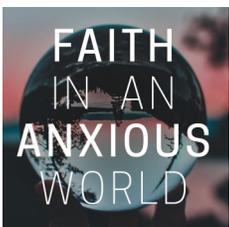
Our fundraiser is complete. With your help, Awana youth collected 40 bags, which is approximately 1,000 pair of shoes. Awana raised \$387.20 which will be contributed to our new Fellowship Hall project. Your donations helped us meet the challenge.

I hope we can work together again in the future. Feel free to call on us. If possible, we would be happy to help.

Yours in Faith,

Vanessa Monroe
Church Administrator

YOUTH MINISTRY



Our youth are exploring a series: *Faith in an Anxious World*. Over the next two 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.

2020 Graduates

Do you have a graduate (high school, college, graduate studies) that you would like to have honored as part of this year's recognition? Let Matt know!!! We don't want to miss anyone!

A Special Prayer Request

You may have noticed over the weekend that several 'digital graduation' pictures popped up on social media. These days would have signaled graduation from undergraduate and graduate programs for many students in our area and in our congregation. While these students and their families have tried to make the best of it and to celebrate these wonderful accomplishments, let us take a moment both to celebrate them and to pray for them and their next steps!

FAMILY MINISTRY

WOMEN OF JOY

Attention Ladies! It is time to sign up for The Women of Joy 2020 Conference on Friday, Oct. 9th - Sunday, Oct. 11th. The cost is \$99.00 per person plus cabin rental and meals. **We must have 10 or more to register to receive the reduced rate of \$99. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, May 20th.** Contact Christi Hollifield at 442-9225 to register or with any questions you may have.

Join us for this week's Children's Chat at 4:00 pm via Zoom. The meeting number is 997135160. Get ready for some fun with an indoor scavenger hunt. See you there!



Parent's Chat at 4:30 pm on Sundays via Zoom. Meeting number is 997135160. Hope to see you on Sunday.

Summer is just not summer without Vacation Bible School. **Mark your calendars for June 15-19th for VIRTUAL VBS.** More information coming soon.



THANK YOU

Thank you for your donation to Freedom Life. Your kindness during this time is truly a blessing to us. We are praying for your church family. If we can be of any assistance, please let us know.

*Good Bless,
Freedom Life*

SAINTS ALIVE MINISTRY

Upcoming Events

August 5-6 - Barter Theatre Overnight Trip

Breakfast in the Park

Due to the updated decision to extend our closures into May, Breakfast in the Park will be rescheduled to the summer when we feel comfortable being together!

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 is hosting lessons on 1 John for the month of May.

THE UPCOMING WEEK

Birthdays

Our Church

May 20 Sara Smith
May 21 Stella Woods
May 22 Lee Kearson
May 22 Emily Barton
May 23 Don Anderson

Our Missionaries

May 17 Jennifer Call, Chaplain
Salem, VA
May 18 Clay Polson, Chaplain
Waco, TX
Greg Slate, Chaplain
Littleton, CO
May 19 Mary Ahn, Chaplain
Round Lake, IL
May 20 Julie Perry, Chaplain
Charlottesville, VA
Marcy Thomas, Chaplain
Brentwood, TN
May 22 Jon Ivy, Chaplain
Tuscaloosa, AL
Travis Yelton, Chaplain
Almogardo, NM
May 23 Polly Barnes, Chaplain
Brandon, MS
John Schumacher, Chaplain
Columbia, SC

DEACON OF THE WEEK

May 17- May 23, 2020

Melanie Orange
828-659-6776

HOMEBOUND PERSON OF THE WEEK

Ruth Jackson
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Marion, NC 28752

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