

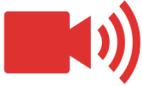


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MARION

NEWSLETTER

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**LIVESTREAM
WORSHIP** 

**The Worship of God
FBC 158th Anniversary
July 19, 2020**

**11:00 a.m. Livestream
on Facebook & YouTube
(a recording will be available
after the service is complete.
More Info. on Page 4)**

Sermon:

Weeds Among Us
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
Dr. Scott Hagaman

Children's Sermon

Rev. Christi Hollifield

Music

Prelude: *Adagio*, Bennet
Solo: *Grace Alone*, arr. Ijames
Postlude: *Horn Pipe*, Wesley

**Live from the Corner
of Main and Fort Streets**
By M. Scott Hagaman, Pastor



For a 158 year-old, traditional church like ours, last Sunday's livestreamed worship service was a significant milestone. Our worship service was broadcast live from the sanctuary on Facebook and YouTube. We had a few small technical problems, but overall, our first effort went well. In fact, according to the number of participants, the service went very well. As of Monday (July 13), 194 people have viewed the service on Facebook and 31 more have viewed it on YouTube, for a total of 225. It is also significant that by moving to livestream we reclaimed the traditional time for weekly worship, 11:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. Having been recorded and posted on the internet in perpetuity, the service can be watched anytime after its original broadcast. However, by gathering live at 11:00 a.m., we have the opportunity to worship together in time, even if we cannot be together in physical space. I think that is significant and important. While gathering separately in our homes and before our screens, we are nonetheless together in spirit, worshipping the one God who makes us one in Jesus Christ. This coming Sunday, let us come together to worship again via livestream as we celebrate the 158th anniversary of the founding of First Baptist Church of Marion. Just as a reminder, to watch the service live, you will need to begin watching at the beginning of the service (not after it starts). However, after the service is complete, a recording will be available to watch at any time. See you on YouTube and Facebook!



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

**2020 FBC
Missions Offering**

**Our Goal
\$20,000.00**

**Total Received
\$3,394.50
(as of 7/12/20)**

**Need a Face Mask?
FBC Has One for YOU!**

Face coverings are now required in North Carolina in all public spaces and buildings. Thanks to some of our dedicated sewers, 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 FBC's office at 652-6030, x222. Arrangements will be made for either a no-contact pick up or delivery.



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
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Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
 Currently Closed on Fridays

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 Ms. Betty O. Wall

Children's Center Director Emeritus

BY THE NUMBERS—7/12/2020

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	13,217.00
Required to Date	282,590.56
Received to Date	241,751.00
+/- of Budget	-40,839.56

JOYS & CONCERNS

- **Joyce Bingham**
- **Sim Butler**
- **Kathryn Curran** - Death of her mother
- **Aleene Davis**
- **Sylvia Duncan** - Rosehill Assisted Living
- **Pat Faulkner**
- **Jim Gorst**
- **Joanne Howle**
- **Willard Laws**
- **Tracy Pyatt** - Home, recovering from surgery
- **Patrick Price**
- **Joann Smathers**

COMMUNITY FOOD RESOURCES

McDowell County Schools in partnership with Lunch Bunch provides lunch meals for students throughout the week in the summer months. Contact MCS or your local school for further information.

BABY SHOWER ANNOUNCEMENT

In case you missed the previous announcement Alice & Steve Little are going to be grandparents around August 9, 2020. Mary & Jason Apicella are almost as excited as Steve & Alice!

With the current COVID-19 pandemic and the need for social distancing, Mary & Jason have decided to have a Post-Baby Shower "Sip & See". What is a Sip & See? It's exactly what it sounds like: close friends & family come over to sip a beverage and see the new baby or at least pictures of the new baby. Think of it as a baby welcoming party!



We plan to host the "Sip & See" at First Baptist Church in the fellowship hall. A date and time will be scheduled so that all guests can come at once rather than a steady stream of family and friends ringing the doorbell at home. This way, the new (exhausted) parents don't have to entertain for more than about two hours total.

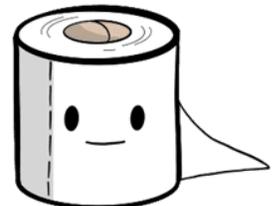
Mary would like colors of the rainbow, especially purple, green and yellow. They are registered at the following link:

www.babylist.com/baby-mary-apicella

COVID-19 RELATED

Essential Supplies

FBC's administrative office has limited supplies of hard-to-find basic items available to purchase at cost. Currently, we have toilet paper (Charmin, Cottonelle, etc.) and hand sanitizer. We are working to obtain a new supply of Clorox wipes and other cleaners. If you need any of these items, please contact the church office to arrange pick up or a no-contact delivery. If you need any essential supplies or have other needs during the pandemic, please call the Church Office or one of the pastors for assistance. We are happy to help you!



**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.

Current FBC Office Hours

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

If possible please call the church office rather than visiting. If, however, you need to come in person, please practice social distancing and wear a mask. 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.

MUSIC MINISTRY



Note Change!
Sanctuary Choir Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, July 22,
7:00 p.m.

Sorry for the last minute change! We are going to meet NEXT week, Wednesday, July 22 on Zoom. We hope you'll join us for this time of fellowship and music. Look for a link for the Zoom meeting in your email soon!

THANK YOU

I want to thank my church family for their continued support for my own education and those of my friends in the church as well. Especially as I am entering my senior year, I am so grateful for all of the kind words of encouragement and questions about my schooling that I always get when I am home! Please continue to pray for all of our college students as we enter an especially unusual year of university life and embark on the long road ahead.

Warmly,
 Ben Hagaman

MEMORIAL SERVICE



John (Pop) Litaker
Saturday, July 25 @ 11:00 a.m.
Paw Creek Presbyterian Church
7400 Mount Holly Road
Charlotte, NC 28214

Due to COVID-19 restrictions the service will be outdoors (weather permitting). Dress cool and comfortable. Please bring a lawn chair if possible. Masks requested.

SPAGHETTI AUCTION UPDATE

With clarity about youth mission possibilities for 2020, the decision has been made to fully cancel the spaghetti auction fundraiser. Many of you had already purchased tickets for yourself or your business. We want to offer you a refund at this time. If you remember which youth family you purchased from, please contact them for a reimbursement. However, if you do not remember, please contact the church office. Also, many donations for our auction were made. If you would like your items returned, please contact Matt. If not, they will be stored and used at the next fundraising opportunity.

Thank you for your continued youth support and patience through this process!

FAMILY MINISTRY

Children's Chat at 4:00 pm and Parent's Chat at 4:30 pm via Zoom. The meeting number is 997135160. See you there!!!

DON'T

FORGET

WILLING WORKERS MINISTRY

Ramp Building Crew Needs Volunteers

Over the last month, our Willing Workers have completed two wheelchair ramps for families in need in our community. Due to COVID-19 concerns, several of our longtime, older team members cannot participate in the projects currently. So, we need some new volunteers. What about you? Would you be willing to help build a wheelchair ramp when the need arises? Charles Corbett is our team leader. While carpentry skills are preferred, they are not required. If you are willing, we will put you to work! Please contact Scott Hagaman or Charles Corbett, if you are interested.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



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Volunteer at the Food Hub

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! For more information on both opportunities, please email: Emily Roberts at McDowellLFAC@gmail.com.

A CORNER OF POSITIVE THOUGHTS

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
 all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

Each little flow'r that opens, each little bird that sings,
 he made their glowing colors, he made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
 the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky.

He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
 how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

Cecil Frances Alexander

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, set up 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, set up 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:

Continued Resources for Spiritual Growth

As we move into summer, a list of resources and opportunities for continued study and growth is now available for you as an newsletter insert or on Facebook. Continue to seek after the God who is actively seeking after you!

Sunday School:

Each Sunday, a Sunday School lesson will be offered on the church Facebook page. Last Sunday, July 5th, we started a new series based on Hosea from the Formations literature that many of our classes use. A new lesson will be posted each Sunday morning.

THE UPCOMING WEEK

Birthdays

Our Church

July 20 Christopher Boyette
July 21 Keith Laney
July 21 Chad Bailey
July 21 Brooke Mabry
July 22 Pat Faulkner
July 22 Paden Gardner
July 22 Parker Gardner
July 22 Smith Gibbs
July 24 Jason Roberts
July 25 Kevin Griffin
July 26 Dr. Melanie Orange
July 26 Stephanie Davis

Our Missionaries

July 19 Steven Hill, Chaplain
Knoxville, TN
July 20 Carol Ashworth, Chaplain
Richmond, VA
July 21 Peter Arges, Chaplain
Durham, NC
July 22 Jessie Kearns, Chaplain
Lumberton, NC
July 23 Mark Traeger, Chaplain
San Antonio, TX
July 24 Laurel Link, (PC)
Winston-Salem, NC
July 26 Scott Jensen, Chaplain
Saint Joseph, MO

DEACON OF THE WEEK

July 19– July 26, 2020

Sim Butler
828-652-1318

HOMEBOUND PERSON OF THE WEEK

Mary Frances Queen
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