



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MARION

# NEWSLETTER

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LIVESTREAM  
WORSHIP 

**The Worship of God**  
10th Sunday after Pentecost  
August 9, 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:**

*Can I Be Your Friend?*  
Mark 2:1-12  
Rev. Matt Roberts

**Children's Sermon**  
Rev. Christi Hollifield

**Music**

Prelude: *Sonata for Organ,*  
Pergolesi

Solo: *Be Still My Soul (In You I  
Rest),* arr. Galbraith

Postlude: *Rigaudon,*  
Campra



## OPERATION BACKPACK

*An increase in need is anticipated due to the  
events experienced so far in 2020*

There is a bin in the hallway outside the lobby.  
Donations may be dropped off at the church or you  
can buzz and leave them at the front door if you wish.

### Items needed:

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|--|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Backpacks  | Notebook Paper       |                                    |
| 1" 3 Ring Binders  | #2 & Colored Pencils |                                    |
| Pocket Folders   | 24 Count Crayons     |                                    |
| Safety Scissors  | Highlighters         |                                    |
| Glue Sticks  | Erasers              |                                    |
| Composition Books  | Pencil Pouches       | Ballpoint Pens: Blue, Black, & Red |
| Classroom Project: Facial Tissue (Kleenex) and Sanitizing (Clorox) Wipes |                      |                                    |



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

**2020 FBC  
Missions Offering**

**Our Goal  
\$20,000.00**

**Total Received  
\$3,694.50  
(as of 8/2/20)**

## 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.



**Lend a Hand**

### **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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**Office Hours:**

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

**Church Staff:**

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 handerson410@gmail.com

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 Ms. Betty O. Wall

Children's Center Director Emeritus

**BY THE NUMBERS—8/2/2020**

**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	2,654.00
Required to Date	312,668.12
Received to Date	262,417.00
+/- of Budget	-50,251.12

**JOYS & CONCERNS**

- **Deb Ayers** - Surgery 8/3
- **Joyce Bingham**
- **Sim Butler**
- **Aleene Davis**
- **Sylvia Duncan**
- **Pat Faulkner**
- **Jim Gorst**
- **Joanne Howle**
- **Jennifer Kearson & Family**, Death of her father on 8/1
- **Willard Laws**
- **Cy Miller**— Surgery 8/17, St. Luke's Hospital
- **Tracy Pyatt**
- **Patrick Price** - Surgery 8/6

**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](http://www.babylist.com/baby-mary-apicella)

**BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR**

**Need a Face Mask?**

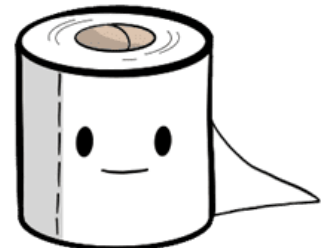
Face coverings are now required in North Carolina in all public spaces and buildings. Thanks to some of our dedicated sewers, FBC has handmade face masks for anyone who needs one. These masks are cloth and washable. If you would like to receive a face mask, please call FBC's office at 652-6030, x222. Arrangements will be made for either a no-contact pick up or delivery.



**FBC STORE**

**Updated Essential COVID-19 Supplies**

FBC's Essential Supplies Store is still open for business. The church administrative office has limited supplies of hard-to-find basic items available for purchase at cost. Currently, we have toilet paper, hand sanitizer, disinfectant spray cleaner, and disinfecting wipes. We are working to obtain a new supply of Clorox wipes and other cleaners. Since toilet paper is back in good supply in most stores, we will no longer be purchasing this item after the current supply runs out. 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!



## MUSIC MINISTRY

### Sanctuary Choir In August

This is the time of the year that we would be preparing for and promoting our annual Sanctuary Choir Retreat. Well, because of Covid-19 and it not being safe to sing together at this time, we will not be having our normal retreat at Christmount. We are considering a time of socially-distanced, outdoor gathering as long as it meets the requirement for outdoor gatherings mandated by the State of NC (no more than 25 people) and NO singing at this time. Be on the lookout for more information the first of August.

## THANK YOU

*Dear Church Family,  
I am so appreciative of the love, support, and financial support I have received over the last few years while I have been in school. It is always nice to come home and be welcomed as if I have never left. I ask for your continued prayers as I go into my final year of school with so many uncertainties. Love you all!*

*Best,  
Shelby Pyatt*

*Dear FBC Family,  
Thank you for your continued support of myself and the other students from our congregation. It means so much to have your love and support as I continue my education. I appreciate your love and ask that you continue to pray for myself and the other college students as we begin our next semester. Thank you for all you do.*

*Zachary Kearson*

*Dearest Church Family,  
Thank you so much for all the thoughts and prayers during and after my knee surgery. The text messages, cards and calls are all appreciated. I also love the beautiful prayer shawl that was given to me; it has come in handy. Recovery is going well so please continue the prayers. My family and I are so blessed to have this church family in our lives. Thank you again and God Bless you all.*

*Tracy Pyatt*

## A CORNER OF POSITIVE THOUGHTS

*When peace like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say  
It is well, it is well, with my soul.*

*It is well, with my soul  
It is well, it is well, with my soul.*

*Horatio Spafford*

## FAMILY MINISTRY



**Children's Chat and Parent's Chat are CANCELLED for Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**Calling all Children's Ministry Families!!** Mark your calendars and plan to attend the **Special Edition Children's Chat on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.** We will recognize those children promoting within the Children's Ministry Program and into Youth. Be sure to attend!! Zoom meeting number is 997135160.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



### 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](mailto:McDowellLFAC@gmail.com).

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Spaghetti Luncheon Refunds

The Spaghetti Luncheon has been cancelled. If you would like a refund, please either contact the youth family from whom you purchased tickets, or contact the church office at 652-6030. Thank you for your continued youth support and patience through this process!

### Koinonia - This Week

The youth will meet again on Sunday, August 9, from 5:30 to 7 to share dinner and hang out. Bring your meal and drink, a chair or blanket, and wear a mask. **See you Sunday!**



**BRING YOUR OWN FOOD**

## 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. On 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**

Aug. 12 Chris Hollifield  
John Mabry  
Aug. 14 Donna Boyette  
Aug. 15 Nancy Barfield  
Jim Young  
Kathy Evans

#### **Our Missionaries**

Aug. 10 Nicholas Wright, Chaplain  
Honolulu, HI  
Elliott Sample, 2004, (FPC)  
San Francisco, CA  
Aug. 11 Robbie Byrd, (PC)  
Fayetteville, NC  
Karen Rector, Chaplain  
San Diego, CA  
Aug. 12 Charline Berry, Chaplain  
Baltimore, MD  
Aug. 13 Clyde Angel, Chaplain  
Indianapolis, IN  
Rodney Bolejack, Chaplain  
Denton, TX  
Aug. 14 Mike, (FP)  
Southeast Asia  
Aug. 15 Daniel Shadix, Chaplain  
Prattville, AL

### DEACON OF THE WEEK

Aug. 9– Aug. 15, 2020

Kathy Flowers  
828-442-1404

### HOMEBOUND PERSON OF THE WEEK

Lucille Toney  
Autumn Care Nursing & Rehab.  
1264 Airport Rd.  
Marion, NC 28752

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Organization  
U.S. Postage  
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