



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MARION

NEWSLETTER

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**LIVESTREAM
WORSHIP** 

The Worship of God
11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 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:

Our Will and Thy Will
Genesis 45: 1-15
Dr. M. Scott Hagaman

Music

Prelude: *God of Grace and God
of Glory,*
arr. Page

Solo: *So Be It (Prayer of Surrender),* Sorenson

Postlude: *Holy God, We Praise
Thy Name*
arr. Bish



Increased Stewardship Encouraged

By M. Scott Hagaman, Pastor

The FBC membership recently received a letter from Steve Little (Deacon Chairman) and Donna Boyette (Church Treasurer) encouraging increased giving to the Church General Budget. As the budget information on page 2 of this Newsletter indicates, our budget deficit is sizeable. Significant budget deficits are not unusual for FBC during the summer months. However, the current deficit is larger than usual while we are also navigating the coronavirus pandemic and its implications on church mass gatherings, especially Sunday morning worship which includes the receiving of tithes and offerings. This church family continues to be church to one another even under such strange, difficult conditions. Thank you for supporting one another and continuing to engage in church life, even when it is virtual through Facebook and YouTube or by calling one another, or writing a note to another. Your financial gifts are another, vital way that we share the gospel during this time, providing ministry through our staff and buildings, daycare and partnerships. Please continue to give as you are able to support Christ's ministry through First Baptist Church and help erase our current budget deficit. Since you are not able to be in worship personally, please consider online giving or by sending your contributions through the mail. For further information on making contributions, please contact Susan Webber in the Church Office. For online giving, you may click on the following web address: <https://fbcmarion.org/online-giving/>.

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 .

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 |



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.

First Baptist Church
 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.
 Currently Closed on Fridays
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 Children's Center Director Emeritus

BY THE NUMBERS—8/9/2020

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	13,648.00
Required to Date	322,960.64
Received to Date	276,065.00
+/- of Budget	-46,895.64

JOYS & CONCERNS

- **Deb Ayers** - Home
- **Joyce Bingham**
- **Sim Butler**
- **Aleene Davis**
- **Sylvia Duncan**
- **Brian Gant** - Home, recovering from surgery
- **Jim Gorst**
- **Joanne Howle**
- **Willard Laws**
- **Cy Miller** - Surgery 8/17
- **Tracy Pyatt**
- **Patrick Price** - Home, recovering from surgery
- **Janis Zibelin** - Surgery 8/18

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.

ADDRESS UPDATE

Elaine Laney has moved back to Marion full time now. Please note this change of address for your church directory.

Elaine Laney
 42 Lower Haw Branch Rd., Marion, NC 28752

WILLING WORKERS

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.

BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR

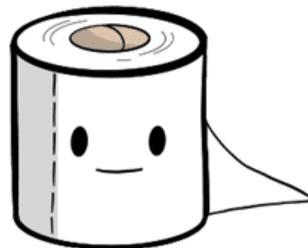
Need a Face Mask?

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 COVID-19 STORE

Essential Supplies In Stock



FBC's Essential Supplies Store remains open to help those who are unable to shop for needed items. Currently, we have limited supplies of hard-to-find basic items available for purchase at cost, including hand sanitizer, Lysol All-Purpose Disinfectant Spray, and Clorox disinfecting wipes. Since toilet paper and hand sanitizer are back in good supply in most stores, we will no longer be purchasing these items after the current supply runs out. If anyone needs essential supplies from this list or any others not listed, please contact the church office. Items in stock are available during office hours. Please call the Church Office to arrange pick up or a no-contact delivery. For further questions, please call the Church Office or one of the pastors for assistance. We are happy to be of assistance!

MUSIC MINISTRY



*We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer
A Hymn of Praise to God Through
Suffering*

The text of *We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer* was written by Julia C. Cory and published in 1902. Cory was asked by her church organist to write a new text to this 16th century Dutch hymn. The previous text is very well-known - *We Gather Together* - and often sung at Thanksgiving services. Interestingly, Cory wrote her text for a Thanksgiving service at her Presbyterian Church. According to hymnary.org, "this is a hymn of Thanksgiving that very honestly raises the question of suffering." These words are appropriate now as we struggle as a human race with Covid-19. All around us, there is fear, illness, death, uncertainty. *We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer* is a hymn of praise that offers hope in a God who has given protection throughout our lives and guides us as we go forward. Thanks be to God!

INFORMATION

**McDowell County COVID-19 Hotline:
(828) 527-6687**

SUPPORT



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.

A CORNER OF POSITIVE THOUGHTS

*I thought I could do a lot on my own,
I thought I could make it all alone,
I thought of myself as a mighty big man,
But I can't even walk without you holding my hand.*

*I can't even walk without you holding my hand,
The mountain is too high and the valley is too wide,
Down on my knees I learned to stand,
Because I can't even walk without you holding my hand.*

~Colbert and Joyce Croft



FAMILY MINISTRY



Reminder for all Children's Ministry families and friends: Be sure to join in the Virtual Sunday School Promotion Event

via Zoom on Sunday, August 16th at 4:00 pm. We will recognize the children who are moving up within the Children's Ministry and Youth. Be sure to attend!! Zoom meeting number is 997135160.

Teachers and Students: Be on the lookout for a special delivery coming your way either Thursday, 8/13 or Friday, 8/14. FBC Marion wants to make your first day of school extra special.



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.

SAINTS ALIVE MINISTRY

October Beach Retreat

Unfortunately, we will be unable to travel to Myrtle Beach for our Fall Beach Retreat. However, please mark your calendars for the week of May 2nd, 2021 as we pray we will be able to join together with a backdrop of waves!!!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Koinonia - Next Week



BRING YOUR OWN FOOD

The youth will meet again on Sunday, August 23, 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 next Sunday!*

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. For August, we will be studying Formation's "Humor in the Bible" lessons.

THE UPCOMING WEEK

Birthdays

Our Church

- Aug. 10 Joy Brooks
Aug. 17 Helen Alverson
Ellen Miller
Leah Roberts
Aug. 19 Maggie Poteat
Aug. 20 Kara Reel
Patrick Ellis
Aug. 21 Nancy Hunter

Our Missionaries

- Aug. 16 Don McNeely, (FP)
Emeritus
Aug. 17 Susan Rogers, (CST)
Jacksonville, FL
Aug. 18 Thomas Riley, Chaplain
Wilson, NC
Aug. 20 Jim Ivey, Chaplain
New Albany, IN
Sharon Spivey, Chaplain
Wilmington, NC
Aug. 21 Inetta Taylor-Shetz, Chaplain
Lubbock, TX
Alice Tremaine, Chaplain
Corbin, KY
Aug. 22 Daniel Hix, Chaplain
Maryville, TN
William Thompson, Chaplain
Los Alamitos, CA
Ana Podgaisky, 2001, (FPC)
Ukraine

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Aug. 16– Aug. 22, 2020

Smith Gibbs
828-674-3021

HOMEBOUND PERSON OF THE WEEK

Willis & Doris Truesdale
53 E. Glenview Street
Marion, NC 28752

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