



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MARION

# NEWSLETTER

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LIVESTREAM  
WORSHIP 

## The Worship of God 15th Sunday after Pentecost September 13, 2020

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

### Deacon Ordination:

Mrs. Gail Bailey

### Sermon:

*God of Deliverance*  
Exodus 14:19-31

Dr. M. Scott Hagaman

### Music:

Prelude

*Appalachian Sunrise*, Martin

Solo

*Called to Service*,  
Larson/McGuire

Postlude

*Promised Land*, Martin



LIVE



YouTube

## Survey on Church Gatherings Ends Sunday, September 13

By M. Scott Hagaman, Pastor

As many of you are aware, we anticipated having limited in-person worship attendance earlier in the summer, presuming the coronavirus had diminished. However, the virus did not diminish, but rather accelerated, hitting our community much harder than expected. That reality has led our church leadership to remain quite cautious regarding renewed in-person gatherings. Our deacons and staff are watching the current situation, still hoping to have limited in-person attendance for worship and small groups soon. Recently, Gov. Roy Cooper eased some statewide restrictions, which confirms that North Carolina's virus statistics are trending better. At the next deacons meeting on September 13, our church leadership will resume discussions on our next steps. In the meantime, please know that your staff and other church leaders are making plans for when that day comes, developing guidelines and rigorous safety protocols. We also want to hear from you. As posted on Facebook and sent by church email, below is a link to a survey to help the church staff and deacons plan for the coming months. Please share your opinions. The survey is quite brief, only six questions! (If you would like a paper version of the survey, please call the church office.)



### We Need Your Input! Have You Taken the Survey Yet?

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6HQJDWK>

Survey will Close on Sunday, September 13 at 1:00 p.m.

## Newly Elected Deacon Gail Bailey to be Ordained Sept. 13

By M. Scott Hagaman, Pastor

At a recent Sunday evening Zoom church conference, FBC elected seven (7) new deacons, who will serve the church over the next three years. Those elected include: Greg Anderson, Gail Bailey, Brian Gardner, Kevin Griffin, Mike Lewis, Donna Shook, and Carolyn Young. I was incorrect to report that all but one of these persons elected have previously served as a deacon. Actually, two in this group have not previously served and require ordination and installation. Kevin Griffin was elected to serve for the first time and was ordained last Sunday, September 6. This will also be the first time that Gail Bailey has been elected and chosen to serve. Therefore, we will conduct her ordination and installation on Sunday, September 13 during morning livestream worship. Like last Sunday, we will not be able to do our customary deacon ordination service with the entire congregation laying on hands due to the pandemic. However, with the help of Gail's family, they will stand in for the congregation, laying on hands and conferring the church's blessing upon Gail. So, tune in on Sunday to participate in our second virtual deacon ordination service.

### 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.  
 Fridays, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Church Staff:**

- Dr. M. Scott Hagaman, Pastor**  
 scott@fbcmarion.org
- Rev. Matthew D. Roberts, Associate Pastor**  
 for Faith Formation, matt@fbcmarion.org
- Rev. Christi S. Hollifield**  
 Minister with Children  
 christi@fbcmarion.org
- Mrs. Ruth T. Wakefield**  
 Director of Music Ministry  
 ruth@fbcmarion.org
- Mrs. Mary Lewis, Children's Center**  
 Director, fbckids@yahoo.com
- Mrs. Susan W. Webber, Office Manager**  
 susan@fbcmarion.org
- Mrs. Jean Tisdale**  
 Communications Assistant  
 jean@fbcmarion.org
- Mrs. Heather W. Anderson, Organist**  
 handerson410@gmail.com
- Mr. James Edwards, Maintenance Manager**  
 Ms. Betty O. Wall  
 Children's Center Director Emeritus

**BY THE NUMBERS—9/06/2020**

**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	12,285.00
Required to Date	363,330.72
Received to Date	317,787.00
+/- of Budget	-45,543.72

**JOYS & CONCERNS**

- Congratulations to **Emily Barton and Luke Glenn** on their engagement to marry.
- **Joyce Bingham**
- **Aleene Davis**
- **Bob & Sonia Elledge**, birth of their grandson, Beckett Orin , born 9/2
- **Brian Gant**
- **Jim Gorst**
- **Millard Hollifield** - Death of his brother, Ned Hollifield
- **Willard Laws**
- **Cy Miller**
- **Tracy Pyatt**
- **Janis Zibelin**

**CHURCH OPERATIONS**

**FBC Office Resumes Regular Hours; Open Fridays**  
 Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 Fridays, 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 and wear a mask. Please do not enter the church buildings, if you have any cold or flu symptoms, or have been in contact with someone who is sick. As always, outside of office hours, please feel free to contact Pastor Scott Hagaman at home or on his cell phone.

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

Beginning on Tuesday, Sept. 15, we will offer a **new Bible Study** and we want you to participate! In the pattern of Sunday School (but on Tuesday, so we don't overload Sunday morning!), we will gather virtually for a lectionary based lesson. The Bible study will be hosted on Zoom each week so that you not only hear the lesson from a variety of great FBC teachers, but you are able to participate with the rest of the group as we discuss and just catch up with one another's lives. The login information will go out on Facebook and will be emailed with the newsletter each week. While it may not be a classroom on Sunday morning, it is Bible Study, and it is together. I hope you will join in each **Tuesday at 9am!**

**COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

**McDowell County COVID-19 Hotlines:**

**(828) 527-6687, Medical Screening Hotline**  
**(828) 559-9683, General COVID-19 Information**  
**(828) 460-1256, Español COVID-19 Hotline**

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.

**SUPPORT**



**COMMUNITY PARTNER**

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your \$500.00 donation. It's such a blessing to have you joining us in making our homeless ministries available to as many as possible, especially during this CoVid-19 pandemic. God bless you all!

McDowell Mission Ministries



*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**

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### Adult Handbells Ringing Once Again

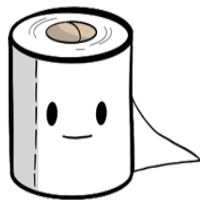
We are able to physically distance and wear our masks so that we can ring together once again! We will start ringing on **Wednesday, September 16 @ 6:30 p.m.**

### Youth Choir Kick-Off!

Hey FBC Youth! We are going to start meeting this coming a **Sunday, September 13 @ 5:00 on Zoom.** We have missed singing with you. Our Kick-Off will be a great time to reconnect and have some musical fun. Look for an email in the coming days with the link to the our Zoom Kick-Off.

## FBC COVID-19 STORE

### Essential Supplies In Stock



FBC's Essential Supplies Store remains open to help those who are unable to find needed cleaning items. Currently, we have limited supplies of hard-to-find basic items available for purchase at cost, including hand sanitizer, disinfectant spray, disinfecting wipes, and various brands of toilet paper. Please call the Church Office

to arrange pick up or a no-contact delivery.

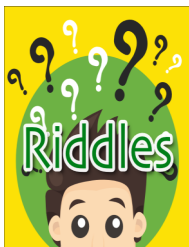
## DIACONATE

### Deacons' Meeting Sunday, September 13 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Participation information has been emailed to all deacons and staff. Deacons rotating off are not expected to participate. Please contact the Church Office or Pastor Hagaman, if you have any questions.



## A CORNER OF POSITIVE THOUGHTS



Three times I have been divided  
doing what God had decided.

Twice a garment was the tool  
that led me to obey God's rule.  
I was the threshold of new things  
and the limit of many kings.

Once God's son I did embrace.

Once the ark stood in my place.  
Never have I walked the ground,  
nor in the heavens was I found.

What am I? Think you know? Email Matt to check your answer!

## FAMILY MINISTRY



**ATTENTION PARENTS AND KIDS!** Be sure to check your mail for your child's Sunday School materials. **Children's Virtual Sunday School classes will begin this Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> with Ms.**

**Christi.** Details about how to connect with your class will be included in the packet.

**ATTENTION PARENTS:** Please check your email regarding the updates to the Fall Children's Ministry schedule. Contact Christi at 828.442.9225, if you have not received the email or have questions.



**Children's Virtual Sunday School begins this Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. I am looking so forward to connecting with all the kids as we start back our Sunday School classes.** The schedule is as follows:

10:00 -10:20 a.m. – Toddler- Pre-K Class

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. – K- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class

12:00 – 12:30 p.m. – 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



### Volunteer at the Food Hub

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** 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



### A New Pattern for Fall

Beginning in September, the youth ministry will alternate weeks between Digital Choir and In-Person Handbells and Koinonia. This rotation begins with Digital Choir on Sept. 13th. Look for more information from Matt and Ruth in the next couple of weeks!

## HOW TO ACCESS 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 service 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. Then, 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." Then, 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.

## THE UPCOMING WEEK

### Birthdays

#### **Our Church**

- Sept. 13 Joe Tisdale  
Dean Brady  
Christi Hollifield  
Sept. 14 Elaine Laney  
Sept. 15 Kit Alverson  
Sept. 16 Matt Roberts  
Jacob Rankin  
Sept. 17 Lexie Corbett  
Sept. 18 Ruth Jackson  
Charlotte Hughes

#### **Our Missionaries**

- Sept. 13 Richard Morrie, Chaplain  
Lebanon, PA  
Sept. 14 Bart Grooms, (PC)  
Birmingham, AL  
Sept. 15 Brandy Mullins, Chaplain  
Manvel, TX  
Sept. 16 Dick Allison, Chaplain  
Hattiesburg, MS  
Sept. 17 Angela Clark, Chaplain  
Matthews, NC  
Sept. 19 Cari Willis, Chaplain  
Benson, NC

### DEACON OF THE WEEK

#### Sept. 13– Sept. 19, 2020

Steve Little  
652-9299

### HOMEBOUND PERSON

#### OF THE WEEK

Ruth Jackson  
Rosehill Retirement Center  
120 Fleming Avenue  
Marion, NC 28752

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Organization  
U.S. Postage  
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