



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MARION

NEWSLETTER

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The Worship of God 19th Sunday after Pentecost October 11, 2020

**11:00 a.m. In-Person
and Livestream on
Facebook & YouTube**

*(a recording will be available after
the service is complete. Info. Pg 4)*

Children's Sermon:
Rev. Christi Hollifield

Sermon:

God of Forgiveness
Exodus 32:1-14

Dr. M. Scott Hagaman

Music:

Prelude:
Siciliano, Alcock

Solo:
*Forgive Our Sins As We
Forgive, Raabe*

Postlude:
Trumpet Voluntary, Dupuis



Our Church Directory: A Vital Tool for Ministry

By Scott Hagaman, Pastor

Due to COVID-19 and restrictions on in-person gatherings, this year's updated church directory will not be distributed as usual. Rather than the typical, Meet-Your-Deacon Day, many of you have already received your new church directory by email. This digital version will work well as we seek to reduce potential virus exposure through personal contact. For those who do not receive church emails, you may request a paper copy of the

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Limited In-Person Worship - Sunday, October 11

FBC's return to in-person worship went well last Sunday. This coming Sunday will follow the same process. Due to seating limitations, reservations are required. The process is outlined below.

COVID-19 GUIDELINES:

FBC's guidelines have been distributed to the church membership and newsletter recipients. If you have not read this document, our guidelines are posted on the church website at fbcmarion.org and on the church Facebook group. The core of the guidelines are the key CDC recommendations: Wear a face mask. Practice social distancing. Wash your hands frequently.

What to Expect as You Return to In-Person Worship?

Watch FBC's Welcome Back Video!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jUgxVB-oYIU>

RESERVATIONS:

Each week, in-person worship reservations open Mondays at 10:00 a.m. and close on Thursdays at 12:00 noon. Call (828) 652-6030, extension 221. Jeannie Tisdale will oversee the reservation process and communicate with participants. Three reservation lists will be kept by the Church Office:

- Openings for 40 people in the Sanctuary, including 10 spaces reserved for staff, worship leadership, and audio-visual crew. Thus, 30 spaces will be available for worship participants.
- Openings for 40 people in the Fellowship Hall, including 2 audio-visual crew. Thus, 38 spaces available for worship participants.
- Waiting List with preference of seating location. If openings should occur prior to Sunday morning, those next on the waiting list will be contacted. Those who remain on the waiting list will have first right for the next Sunday's worship reservations.
- To allow everyone the opportunity to worship in-person in the sanctuary, those with sanctuary reservations one Sunday will not be allowed to make sanctuary reservations for the next Sunday until seating capacity expands.

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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 Office Hours:
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 Children's Center Director Emeritus

BY THE NUMBERS—10/4/2020

Sunday School:

Enrollment	187
Members Present	45
Visitors Present	2
Total Present	47

Sunday Worship:

In-Person	47
Livestream Views	263

Budget Report:

Required this Week	10,092.52
Received this Week	8,140.00
Required to Date	403,700.80
Received to Date	352,110.00
+/- of Budget	-51,590.80

JOYS & CONCERNS

- **Joyce Bingham**
- **Don Buchanan** - Home, recovering from surgery
- **Ansel Clark**
- **James Edwards**
- **Jim Gorst**
- **Brenda Hartis** - Surgery 10/7
- **Willard Laws**
- **Mary Frances Queen** - Mission Hospital in Asheville, recovering from surgery
- **Janis Zibelin**

FORMATION

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!**

DIACONATE

October Monthly Deacons' Meeting Sunday, October 11 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Meeting information and link will be sent by email.

(Please note, this corrects the time and place stated in the October newsletter calendar.)

BUDGET PROCESS

FBC's General Operating Budget for the next year is usually developed and submitted by the Finance Committee in September. However, due to the uncertainties related to the pandemic, the budget development process for 2021 will be delayed until November. Further information will be shared with committee chairs and staff at that time.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES (CONTINUED)

directory to be sent to you by postal service. If you would like a paper copy, please call the church office at 652-6030, extension 221. By whatever means you receive your directory, please know that your deacon for the year 2020-2021 will be available to you should you need assistance. You should hear from your assigned deacon soon, either through a telephone call or by letter. He or she will want to know you better and to be available to serve you on behalf of the church. Do not hesitate to call upon them!

Also, I want to remind everyone what a vital tool for ministry our church directory is. During the current pandemic, the importance of this ministry tool is vital. Due to COVID-19 prevention, we are all more isolated and disconnected from one another. The necessary social distancing caused by the pandemic strains our church fellowship as well as our individual members, especially those who live alone or may be homebound.

So, as you receive your updated church directory, please look for opportunities to use it to reach out to one another, fulfilling the promises we make in our Church Covenant, which reads in part:

*That we will exercise concern and watchfulness over each other;
 That we will remember each other in prayer;
 That we will participate in each other's joys,
 And endeavor with tenderness and sympathy to bear each other's burdens and sorrows;*

Our covenant reminds us who we are. We are all ministers to one another. I wish you abundant blessings as you engage in ministry, seeking to love one another even as Christ has loved us!

MUSIC MINISTRY

FBC MUSIC MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, October 7
Children's Handbell's @ 5:00
Sanctuary Choir on Zoom @ 7:00

Sunday, October 11 - Youth Choir on Zoom @ 5:00

Wednesday, October 14
Children's Choir on Zoom @ 5:00
Adult Handbells @ 6:00

THANK YOU

To Our Church Family,

Whether you kept us in your prayers, sent a lovely arrangement, gave a memorial donation or helped out in any way, your love and kindness brought us great comfort and will always be remembered.

The Ed Rankin Family

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.

MISSIONS GIVING



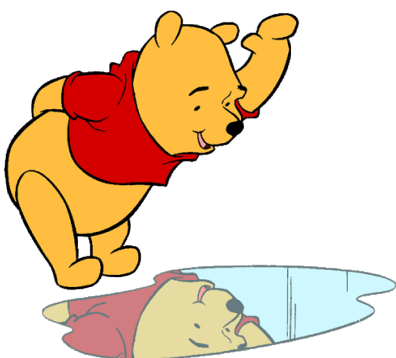
*For God so loved the world
 that he gave his only Son...*

2020 FBC Missions Offering

Our Goal \$20,000.00

Total Received \$3,694.50
 (as of 10/04/20)

A CORNER OF POSITIVE THOUGHTS



*As water
 reflects the
 face,
 so one's life
 reflects the
 heart.*
Proverbs 27:19

FAMILY MINISTRY



Weather permitting, FBC Marion will host a Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 25th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.

How can you participate....? First, contact Christi Hollifield or the church office to reserve

a car spot. Secondly, decorate the truck of your car or van with the theme of your choice. Lastly, on Sunday, October 25th come and park in your reserved spot in the Wells Fargo Parking lot, pop the trunk, and distribute a small treat to each child that passes by. Vehicles will be spaced to allow for social distancing guidelines, masks worn by all, and plenty of hand sanitizer to keep everyone's hands clean.

RESERVE YOUR TRUNK OR TREAT VEHICLE SPOT TODAY. Contact Chrsti at 442-9225 or Jeannie in the church office at 652-6030 ext. 221.



**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY –
 OCTOBER 25TH AT 11:00
 AM.**

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Council

Congratulations to our newly elected

Youth Council:

President - Ella Pyatt

Vice President - Molly Anderson

Fellowship Chairperson - Connor Shook

Missions Chairperson - Hope Wakefield

HOW TO ACCESS SUNDAY WORSHIP ONLINE

On Sundays, First Baptist Church worship services are broadcast livestream on both the FBCM Facebook Group and on the FBCM YouTube Channel. Also, after the livestream service is complete, a recording will be available to watch at any time.

- 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

- Oct. 12 Markham Orange
- Oct. 14 Frances Whitson
Vangie Hollifield
- Oct. 15 Robert Davis
- Oct. 17 Elizabeth Roberts

Our Missionaries

- Oct. 12 Melba Miller, Chaplain
Gainesville, GA
Terry Newell, (PC)
Zebulon, NC
- Oct. 13 Lloyd Blevins, Chaplain
Fayetteville, NC
- Oct. 14 Yarelis Montex de Oca, Ch.
Miami, FL
- Oct. 16 Matthew Andrews, Chaplain
Birmingham, AL
Karen Black, Chaplain
Fort Worth, TX
Betty Drayton, Chaplain
Sumter, SC
- Oct. 17 David Fambrough, Chaplain
Greenville, NC

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Oct. 11– Oct. 17, 2020

Charles Webber
828-659-9139

HOMEBOUND PERSON

OF THE WEEK

Louis Wall
NC State Veterans Home
62 Lake Eden Rd.
Black Mtn. NC 28711

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