



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MARION

# NEWSLETTER

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MAY 30, 2021

**The Worship of God**  
Trinity Sunday  
May 30, 2021

**Graduate Recognition Sunday**

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

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

**Sermon**

*One Complex God*  
John 3:1-17  
Dr. M. Scott Hagaman

**Music:**

Graduate Processional:  
*Crown Imperial*  
Walton

Anthem:  
*A Prayer to the Trinity*  
Mauldin

Recessional:  
*To God Be the Glory*  
arr. Schrader

## *Celebrating Our 2021 Graduates*

High School Graduates

Owen Cook – McDowell High School  
Ella Pyatt – McDowell High School  
Samantha Robinson – McDowell Early  
College

College and University Graduates

Susana Leyva Blas - Asheville-Buncombe  
Technical Community College  
Abbey Hollifield – McDowell Technical  
Community College, Dec 2020



Zoey Dean – Western Carolina University  
Colter Ellis – University of North Carolina at Greensboro  
Ben Hagaman – Boston College

Luke Hardy - West Virginia University, Dec 2020  
Shelby Pyatt – University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
Bethany Schmidt – University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
Taylor Smith - University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Dec 2020  
Courtney Taylor – North Carolina State University  
Avery Wilkerson – Appalachian State University, Dec 2020

Katie Orndoff – Campbell University  
Rachael Whittemore - Shenandoah University, Dec 2020

Congratulations also go to our 2021-22 FBC Marion Scholarship  
Recipients who will be announced during worship on May 30th.

## **VBS 2021: DISCOVERY ON ADVENTURE ISLAND**



The Children's ministry is preparing a small VBS  
this summer for FBC Families. June 21st to 25th.  
We will be meeting from 5:00p.m. to 6:45p.m.  
each night with supper from 5:00 to 5:30 and  
programming from 5:30 to 6:45. Put it on your  
calendar! Registration info coming soon! And if  
you would like to help, go ahead and let Matt know  
and we will get you plugged in!



### **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:

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

Fridays, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Church Staff:

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handerson410@gmail.com

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Mr. Richard Lonon, Cleaning Specialist

Ms. Betty O. Wall

Children's Center Director Emeritus

**BY THE NUMBERS—05/23/2021**

**Sunday School:**

Enrollment 187

Members Present 47

Visitors Present 0

Total Present 47

**Sunday Worship:**

In-Person 97

Livestream Views 240

**Budget Report:**

Required this Week 10,092.52

Received this Week 5,401.00

Required to Date 211,942.92

Received to Date 168,083.50

+/- of Budget -43,859.42

**JOYS & CONCERNS**

- **Marian Bradley**—Harmony Services
- **Joy Brooks**—Upon Death of her father, Jim Shepherd, 5/22
- **Doris Buff**—Rose Hill
- **Dean Henline**
- **Judy Hicks**
- **Millard Hollifield**—Home, recovering from surgery
- **Dwight James**
- **Willard Laws**
- **Jackie McArthur**—Surgery 6/9
- **Patrick Price**
- **Freddie Rabon**—Home, recovering from surgery
- **Joann Smathers**—Autumn Care
- **Doris and Willis Truesdale**
- **Janis Zibelin**

**MISSIONS GIVING**

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

**2021 FBC Missions Offering**

**Our Goal \$20,000.00**  
**Received = \$3,680.00 (as of 5/23/21)**



2021 FBC Missions Offering Goal = \$20,000	Distribution	
McDowell Mission Ministries	20%	\$4,000
Lunch Bunch Food Program	5%	\$1,000
Foothills Food Hub	10%	\$2,000
Freedom Life Ministries	10%	\$2,000
FBC Local Missions/Benevolence	10%	\$2,000
Youth Mission Trip	10%	\$2,000
Adult Mission Trip	10%	\$2,000
CBF Offering for Global Missions	25%	\$5,000

**COVID-19 VACCINE INFO**

In North Carolina, all groups are now receiving the COVID-19 vaccination, which includes adults and adolescences age 12 and up. Locally the McDowell County Health Dept./EMS are providing vaccines at Grace Community Church to all adults, regardless of health condition. EMS will also do home visits with the homebound, who need the vaccine. Other vaccine providers include Walgreens, CVS, and Atrium Health. If you are eligible and want the COVID-19 vaccine, call the following telephone number or click on the following link to sign up to receive your vaccine:

**McDowell County Vaccine Hotline**  
**828-803-4552, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**  
[www.mcdowelllem.com](http://www.mcdowelllem.com)

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR SEARCH**

On Sunday, May 2, the church in conference approved a new full-time position and established a search committee to find and recommend the person to fill that position. This new pastoral role will focus on ministry to children and their families, the students, staff, and families of the daycare, and a greater emphasis on equipping our parents and grandparents as we seek to nurture faith among our children. The search committee is gearing up for a fast start and have already had their first meeting. Kevin Griffin and Leah Roberts will serve as co-chairs and Caitlin Proffitt will serve as secretary. Please be in prayer for the Search Committee, for the process, and for the candidates. While we do not know how the ultimate timeline will unfold, our hope is to have a new minister on staff by the fall.

**Search Committee:**

**Mark Burton, Brian Gardner, Kevin Griffin, Caitlin Proffitt, Leah Roberts, and Sharon Warren**

**MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Journey Sunday School Class, in collaboration with Helen Alverson, will be setting up a new scholarship in memory of Lt. Col. Kit Alverson. This new Scholarship will be directed at high school graduates seeking a college education in route to serving in the United States Armed Forces. Further details about the scholarship will be shared soon. If you would like to contribute, please designate your contribution to FBC to "Kit Alverson Scholarship."

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### FBC MUSIC MINISTRY SUMMER

It's our tradition to take the summer off from weekly music rehearsals. I just want to thank all of our handbell ringers and choir members for continuing to rehearse throughout the pandemic, whether in person or virtually. Your dedication has helped us continue to learn and grow and minister in our church. Have a wonderful summer!

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL



In-person Children's Sunday School resumed on May 9th. Due to the pandemic, some teachers are no longer able to serve. The following is a list of needed teachers. Please pray about this and see if God's leading you to work in one of these areas:

K-2nd grade need a teacher to teach every other month alternating with Tracy Pyatt.

Pre-school need some assistants to serve week 2, week 3, and week 4. This assistant will help the co-teachers, Sharon Warren and Alice Gibbs.

The Nursery's wonderful teacher, Tanya Hunter has retired. Her very big shoes need to be filled. If you can serve every week in this capacity, you will be blessed. Also, needed are assistants for weeks 3 and 4. Prayerfully consider this need and allow the Lord to use you in these capacities. If you are interested, as the Lord has led you, please let Sharon Warren or Matt Roberts know your decision.

## 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:

[McDowellL FAC@gmail.com](mailto:McDowellL FAC@gmail.com).

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Mission Trip Window**  
**July 5 to 22nd**  
More info coming soon

HERE I AM  
LORD  
SEND ME

## LOCAL MISSIONS



### Freedom Life Ministry Fundraiser

### Darryl Strawberry Community Event

Thursday, June 17, 2021  
Big League Camp, Marion

5:00PM Tailgate Activities  
6:30PM Main Event Kickoff

*Featuring Baseball Legend Darryl Strawberry*  
*Music by Heartcry*

Tickets: Adults \$5 Donation  
Children 12 and Under Free

See Rev. Bill Warren for tickets, or click  
on the Freedom Life website at  
[www.freedomlifeministries.org](http://www.freedomlifeministries.org)

## PHASE 3 GUIDELINES HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Seating is on a first come basis. No reservations required.
- ◆ Face coverings are no longer required. However, those who have not been fully vaccinated for COVID-19 are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering at all times while in FBC facilities. Also, for those who are fully vaccinated but still prefer to wear a face mask, please feel free to wear one.
- ◆ Enter FBC buildings only through the Fellowship Hall lobby doors, which are unlocked each Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m.
- ◆ The Fellowship Hall will remain open for overflow seating with the service livestreamed on the video screens.
- ◆ Sunday School will resume regular schedule: 9:45 -10:45AM.
- ◆ Sunday School classes may return to their original classrooms at their discretion.
- ◆ Children's Sunday school classes (K-5th grade) will continue to wear face masks. Preschool children are exempt from wearing face masks.
- ◆ All adults and youth are encouraged to get the COVID-19 vaccine before returning to in-person gatherings.

## SAINTS ALIVE

### Lunch on the Lawn

Join us again for a 'bring your own lunch' fellowship on Tuesday, June 8th. Sit at the picnic tables or bring your own chair. 12 Noon. Hope to see you there!

## 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.

### Link to FBC Marion YouTube Channel:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJf2MZRkyo\\_piQb29QHdqRA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJf2MZRkyo_piQb29QHdqRA)

## THE UPCOMING WEEK

### Birthdays

#### **Our Church**

- June 1 Dianne Rowe
- June 2 Brenda Hartis
- June 3 Bill Morgan
- June 4 Donna Shook
- June 6 Colby Bailey

#### **Our Missionaries**

- May 31 Stacey Buford, Chaplain  
Murfreesboro, TN  
Blake Miller, Chaplain  
Atlanta, GA
- June 1 Thong, Lun, Chaplain  
Houston, Texas  
Karen, (FP)  
North Africa
- June 2 Inakali Kuruvilla, Chaplain  
San Antonio, TX  
Gary Sparks, Chaplain  
Tyler, Texas
- June 3 Susan Arnold, Chaplain  
La Grange, KY
- June 4 Sarah Smith, Chaplain  
Winston Salem, NC
- June 5 Stacy Sergent, Chaplain  
Mount Pleasant, SC
- June 6 Wayne Bruner, Chaplain  
Augusta, GA

### DEACON OF THE WEEK

May 31, 2021– June 6, 2021

Mr. Kevin Griffin  
828-460-7295

### HOMEBOUND PERSON

#### OF THE WEEK

Brad Love  
McDowell Assisted Living  
P.O. Box 909  
Marion, NC 28752

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Organization  
U.S. Postage  
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