



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MARION

NEWSLETTER

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The Worship of God

7th Sunday of Easter
May 23, 2021

Saints Alive 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)*

Testimony

Rose Wakefield

Sermon

From Pentecost to Partnerships

Acts 2:1-21

Mrs. Becky Young

Music:

Prelude:

Siciliano

Alcock, Jr.

Anthem:

Holy Spirit Live in Me

arr. Schrader

Postlude:

Trumpet Tune

ed. Wolff



In Response to New CDC and NC Guidelines: Updates to FBC's In-Person Gatherings

By M. Scott Hagaman, Pastor

The U. S. Centers for Disease Control and North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper surprised many of us by announcing that most COVID-19 restrictions are now lifted. In response, FBC's Deacons met last Sunday night to determine new guidelines for our church gatherings. Those guidelines have been mailed to the membership and are enclosed in this newsletter. As you will see, the Deacons chose not to remove all our restrictions immediately. With some deacons suggesting continued caution, these guidelines were developed consulting with the two medical doctors who are deacons along with state and federal recommendations. The biggest point of caution remains whether to sing or not. Congregational singing and choirs has proven to be a serious risk of COVID-19 spread. Current guidelines for religious gatherings and singing have not been updated to be inline with the newest CDC and state guidelines. Therefore, we will hold off on congregational singing and full choirs a bit longer until we get better direction from trusted sources. Please be supportive and patient as your church leadership seeks to provide the best situation for all our members!



Highlights of New In-Person Gatherings:

- ◆ 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.

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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Children's Center Director Emeritus

BY THE NUMBERS—05/16/2021

Sunday School:

Enrollment	187
Members Present	56
Visitors Present	0
Total Present	56

Sunday Worship:

In-Person	88
Livestream Views	84

Budget Report:

Required this Week	10,092.52
Received this Week	7,443.00
Required to Date	201,850.40
Received to Date	162,682.50
+/- of Budget	-39,167.90

JOYS & CONCERNS

- **Marian Bradley**—Harmony Services
- **Doris Buff**—Rose Hill
- **Jim & Gerry Gorst**—71st Wedding Anniversary on May 12
- **Dean Henline**
- **Judy Hicks**
- **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**
- **Carolyn Young**—Home, recovering from surgery
- **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 = \$2,630.00 (as of 5/16/21)



<u>2021 FBC Missions Offering Goal = \$20,000</u>		<u>Distribution</u>
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

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 SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 19 - Children's Handbells @ 5:00
- Sanctuary Choir Zoom @ 7:00

Sunday, May 23 - Youth Handbells @ 4:30
- Youth Choir @ 5:00

Wednesday, May 26 - Children's Choir Zoom @ 5:00
- Adult Handbells @ 6:00

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Final Spring Koinonia - May 23rd
 5:30 to 6:30 in the Youth Space

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

LIMITED IN-PERSON VBS

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 to 5:30 and programming from 5:30 to 6:45. Put it on your calendar! Registration info coming soon!



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

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Graduate Recognition Sunday is May 30th. We invite all of our graduates to attend this service to be recognized. High School graduates will wear their cap and gown and process in at the beginning of worship. This service will include the presentation of FBC Marion scholarships. We hope you can be present in worship to celebrate our wonderful students and share in the joy of their accomplishments!



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

THE UPCOMING WEEK

Birthdays

Our Church

May 20 Sara Smith
May 21 Stella Woods
May 25 Willis Truesdale
Laurie Buchanan
Bob Elledge
May 26 Luke Glenn
James Edwards
May 30 Margie Smith

Our Missionaries

May 24 Paulette Porter-Hallmon, (CH)
Spartanburg, SC
Meron Acker, 2000, (FPC)
Uganda
May 25 Stephanie Vance, (FP)
Athens, AL
May 26 Stephanie Coyne, Chaplain
Conyers, GA
May 27 Grace Freeman, Chaplain
Dunwoody, GA
May 28 David Smith, (PC)
Alpharetta, GA
May 29 Aleesa Naish, Chaplain
Birmingham, AL
May 30 Lane Riley, (S-South Carolina)

DEACON OF THE WEEK

May 23, 2021– May 30, 2021

Mr. Brian Gardner
828-514-3533

HOMEBOUND PERSON

OF THE WEEK

June Milligan
Rosehill Retirement Community
120 Fleming Ave.
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