



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MARION

NEWSLETTER

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The Worship of God
10th Sunday after Pentecost
Aug. 1, 2021

Quarterly Church Conference

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

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

Sermon

True Signs

John 6:24-35

Dr. Scott Hagaman

Music:

Prelude:

*Deck Thyself, My Soul, with
Gladness*
Brahms

Anthem:

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart
Kreutz/arr. Latona

Postlude:

Bourrée in D Minor
Handel



Quarterly Church Conference 11 a.m.

The following individuals have been nominated by the congregation and agreed to serve a 3-year term beginning in September.

The Slate of Deacon Nominees is as follows:

*Jim Burgin
Larry Greene
Ann Harkey
Don Ramsey
Richard Wood
Jim Young*

The Slate of Deacon Nominees will be presented for a vote of affirmation by the congregation. The Diaconate is grateful for these individuals who have been called and set aside by their church family to serve as deacons.

Updated Worship Service COVID-19 Guidelines

The CDC has issued new COVID guidelines in light of the spread of the Delta variant. The recommendation is for wearing masks for indoor public events, even for vaccinated adults. This applies to areas where there is a high incidence of positive cases.

Beginning Sunday, Aug. 1, FBC Marion will follow the guidelines of everyone wearing masks and there will be no congregational singing at this time.

FBC's Deacons met recently and decided to move incrementally toward "normal" worship with no COVID-19 restrictions on Sunday, Sept. 5 (Labor Day weekend). At that point, FBC will return to the full duration of worship with three hymns, hymnbooks in the pews, and no pews blocked off for social distancing. Until that time, the service will remain reduced in duration (approximately 45 minutes) with only one congregational hymn and half the pews blocked off for social distancing.

- For Sunday School: Enter FBC buildings only through the Fellowship Hall lobby doors, which are unlocked each Sunday morning at 9:15. For worship: Entry is available through the Fellowship Hall lobby as well as the three (3) sanctuary doors that face Main Street.
- The Fellowship Hall is no longer provided for overflow seating.
- Worship is at 11 a.m.; Sunday School is 9:45-10:45 a.m.
- 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.
- Livestream simulcast of worship services will continue to be provided on the FBC Facebook Group and on YouTube.

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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BY THE NUMBERS—07/18/2021

Sunday School:

Enrollment	187
Members Present	51
Visitors Present	0
<u>Total Present</u>	<u>51</u>

Sunday Worship:

In-Person	76
Livestream Views	354

Budget Report:

Required this Week	10,092.52
Received this Week	8,443.00
Required to Date	302,775.60
Received to Date	226,859.50
+/- of Budget	-75,916.10

JOYS & CONCERNS

- Shirley Anderson - Brookdale Asheville Walden Ridge Assisted Living, Asheville
- Chad Bailey
- Marian Bradley - Harmony Asheville
- Dean Henline
- Judy Hicks
- Dwight James
- Willard Laws
- Jackie McArthur
- Tom Mikell
- Freddy Rabon
- Joanne Smathers
- Doris and Willis Truesdale
- Betty Wall

MISSIONS GIVING

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

2021 FBC Missions Offering

Our Goal \$20,000.00

Received = \$5,840.00 (as of 7/25/21)



COMMUNITY NEEDS

23rd ANNUAL

OPERATION BACKPACK

Supplies & monetary donations are appreciated and needed!

There will be a bin in the hallway outside the lobby.



Items needed:

Erasers	Backpacks	Notebook Paper
Pocket Folders	#2 & Colored Pencils	Safety Scissors
1" 3 Ring Binders	Composition Books	Highlighters
24 Count Crayons	Pencil Pouches	Ballpoint Pens

CHILDCARE DONATIONS

Our Childcare Center is asking for donations to give to parents at a Free Booth they have signed up for on Saturday, Sept. 11, that is being hosted by the Bear Closet (Baby Equipment And Resource Closet). They are requesting the following items: **Small bottles of bubbles, wrapped candy, or monetary donations for printed materials.** This event will cater specifically to parents and will have the potential to boost enrollment. This is perfect timing, with news from the Universal Pre-K within the school system. Creativity WILL matter in the coming days!

GRATITUDE

Dear FBC Scholarship Committee and Church Family,

Thank you so much for selecting me for the church scholarship. It will help to offset some of my college costs this year. The continued support from FBC has helped me as I have started my studies and will aid me in whatever lies ahead. Thank you once again.

Love, Morgan Whittemore

Thank you so much for the graduation gifts! Thank you for everything you do for us.

Love, Darcy & Zoey Dean

First Baptist Church of Marion,

I recently received the honor of being awarded the FBC Scholarship. I wanted to thank the church for the constant support I have received so far in my studies and apologize for not being present during the ceremony. This support is allowing me to follow my dreams and continue at Appalachian State!

Sara Lewis

MUSIC MINISTRY

Sanctuary Choir on the Lawn

*When: Wednesday, Aug. 11
Time: 7 p.m.*

Come join us as we sing and fellowship on the lawn outside the Youth Space. Bring a chair!

SAINTS ALIVE MINISTRY

Dinner on the Town

Join us for Dinner on the Town at Bear Creek Marina
Thursday, Aug. 5
Dinner at 6 p.m.



We will plan to take the bus and carpool from the church at 5:30 p.m.

Everyone will order from the menu.
Sign-up deadline is Sunday, Aug. 1

Saturday Night Lights at Tryon International Equestrian Center

Saturday, Aug. 14

Join us for an evening at the track. Pick your restaurant, do some shopping, and then enjoy the sporting events!

Depart at 4:30p.m.

Cost: Free + your dinner



Fall Beach Retreat

Sunday, Oct. 10 - Friday, Oct. 15

We have waited long enough! Let's go to the beach!

Cost: \$335 for Double Occupancy
\$615 for Single Occupancy
(Secure your own roommate)

\$100 deposit due by Aug. 15
Full payment by Sept. 5

There will be a brief meeting after worship on Sunday, Aug. 15 to talk about possible savings, fishing, and entertainment.

Trip will include time for relaxation, shopping, incredible food, inspiring devotionals, and potentially a fishing excursion for those interested.



WEAR YOUR WITNESS



The Church Office has a good selection of men's and women's shirts in various colors embroidered with the FBC logo. Wearing an FBC logo shirt may give you the opportunity to talk about your church and your Lord. This clothing may give you the opportunity to speak about our worship services, our music programs, and our youth and children's offerings, and our service to our neighbors. These shirts may give you the opportunity to invite someone to church or even to share the Gospel. Buy an FBC shirt and try it out. Wear your witness! And then, when the opportunity comes, speak your witness! FBC logo shirts are available in the Church Office at cost, \$20 each for solid colors and \$25 each for stripes. Current colors in stock include royal blue, light blue, black, sage green, mint green, and pink. Men's and women's shirts are available in other colors and sizes upon request.

BELIZE MISSIONS

As the Bigfoot Festival returns to downtown Marion, FBC's Belize Mission Team will hold a fundraiser. The date is Saturday, Sept. 18. The team will sell T-shirts, desserts, Bigfoot items, and handmade items. Please consider volunteering and/or donating items for the sale.



YOUTH — 5TH QUARTER

Join in for the first Youth 5th Quarter of the year!

Friday, Aug. 20 from 9:30 to midnight.

We will have an evening of food and games.

Gather in the youth space around 9:30

(or come when the football game ends!).

FBC NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

Friday, Aug. 27

Game at 6:35p.m.

Depart from FBC if using church transportation at 5 p.m.



Open to all ages and groups of the church.

Tickets are \$10 per person.

There will be fireworks after the Asheville Tourists game and it is \$1 hotdog night!

Sign Up and Pay for Your Ticket
by Sunday, Aug. 8

THE UPCOMING WEEK

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, Aug. 1

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Quarterly Church Conference
Morning Worship
Lord's Supper
1-4 p.m. Lunch Bunch

Monday, Aug. 2, 2021

No Activities

Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2021

No Activities

Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2021

No Activities

Thursday, Aug. 5, 2021

5:30 p.m. Saints Alive Dinner
on the Town

Friday, Aug. 6, 2021

No Activities

Saturday, Aug. 7, 2021

No Activities

SUNDAY LEADERSHIP FOR

Aug. 1-7, 2021

Church Steward

Amos Hardy

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Aug. 1-7, 2021

Donna Shook

442-6644

HOMEBOUND PERSON OF THE WEEK

Pierce and Marian Bradley

41 Cobblers Way
Asheville, NC 28804

Birthdays

Our Church

Aug. 3 Brad Love
Aug. 6 Tommy Stone
Our Missionaries
Aug. 1 Steven Safreed,
Chaplain,
Waynesville, NC
Stephen Saunders,
Chaplain,
Live Oak, TX
Aug. 3 Mary Ellen Yates,
Pastoral Counselor,
Louisville, KY
Aug. 4 Mark Pruitt,
Chaplain,
Martinsburg, WV
Diane Stamey,
Pastoral Counselor,
Clyde, NC
Aug. 5 Susan Allen,
Chaplain,
Midway, KY
Ronald Howard,
Chaplain,
Tuscaloosa, AL
Donald Lederer,
Chaplain,
Kingsport, TN
John Oliver,
Chaplain,
Durham, NC
Charles Hamilton,
Chaplain,
Stone Mountain, GA
Aug. 6 Larry Hamm,
Chaplain,
Greenwood, IN
Deborah Jenkins,
Chaplain, Novato, CA

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