



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MARION

NEWSLETTER

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The Worship of God 9th Sunday after Pentecost July 25, 2021

159th Church Anniversary

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

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

Sermon

Back to Basics
John 21:1-19
Dr. Larry Hovis

Music:

Prelude:
Sonata for Organ
Pergolesi/Green

Anthem:
Feed My Lambs
Sleeth

Postlude:
*When in Our Music God
is Glorified*
arr. Young



FBC Celebrates 159 Years of Faith and Service Guest Proclaimer: Dr. Larry Hovis

Celebrating FBC's 159th anniversary, we welcome Rev. Dr. Larry Hovis, who has been Executive Coordinator of Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina since 2004. Prior to his current position, Larry served as pastor of four congregations in North Carolina and Virginia. He holds degrees from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, and North Carolina State University in Raleigh. Larry is married to the former Kimberly Lee. They have one adult daughter, Lauren, who works as a foreign service officer with the United States Department of State. Most notably in Larry's distinguished career, he served twice as a summer ministry intern at First Baptist Church of Marion in 1983 and 1984.

*After worship, a church birthday party will be held in the
Blanton Family Ministry Center with cupcakes and punch provided.*

Updated Worship Service COVID-19 Guidelines

FBC's Deacons met recently and decided to move incrementally toward "normal" worship with no COVID-19 restrictions on Sunday, September 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.

- Face coverings are not 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.
- Congregational singing has resumed. Those not vaccinated are strongly encouraged to wear a face mask at all times and especially while singing. Also, many experts continue to recommend face masks while singing for even the vaccinated. Keeping that in mind, those who are fully vaccinated but still prefer to wear a face mask while singing, please feel free to wear one.
- 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	59
Visitors Present	0
<u>Total Present</u>	<u>59</u>

Sunday Worship:

In-Person	97
Livestream Views	354

Budget Report:

Required this Week	10,092.52
Received this Week	5,105.00
Required to Date	292,683.08
Received to Date	218,416.50
+/- of Budget	-74,266.58

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 7/18/21)



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:

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| Erasers | Backpacks | Notebook Paper |
| Pocket Folders | #2 & Colored Pencils | Safety Scissors |
| 1" 3 Ring Binders | Composition Books | Highlighters |
| 24 Count Crayons | Pencil Pouches | |
| Glue Sticks | Composition Books | |
| | Ballpoint Pens: Blue, Black & Red | |

Dear First Baptist Family,

My heart is overflowing with joy by your overwhelming love evidenced by your donations to the Friendship Home, Men's Shelter & Pentecostal Holiness Church on Baldwin Avenue! Thanks you for being God's Hands & Feet. This mission continues ...

Ann Harkey

CHILDCARE DONATIONS

Our Childcare Center is asking for donations to give to parents at a Free Booth they have signed up for on Saturday, September 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!

SLATE OF DEACON NOMINEES

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, Ann Harkey, Don Ramsey, Richard Wood and Jim Young. This slate will be announced in church on Sunday, July 25. The Slate of Deacon Nominees will be presented for a vote of affirmation by the congregation present at the regularly scheduled Church Conference at 11 a.m. on Sunday, August 1. The Diaconate is grateful for these individuals who have been called and set aside by their church family to serve as deacons.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Sanctuary Choir on the Lawn

*When: Wednesday, August 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, August 5
Dinner at 6 p.m.



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

Everyone will order from the menu.
Sign Up deadline Sunday, August 1

Saturday Night Lights at Tryon International Equestrian Center

Saturday, August 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 September 5

There will be a brief meeting after worship on Sunday, August 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, September 18. The team will sell T-shirts, desserts, Bigfoot items, and handmade items. Please consider volunteering and/or donating items for the sale.



PROFESSION OF FAITH

Welcome to **Bellatrix McGuire**, who presented herself to the church on July 18, professing her faith in Jesus Christ and requesting baptism. Bella is the daughter of Cathy and Roger McGuire, and sister of Rebecca and Bonnie. A baptism service will be scheduled for sometime in August.

FBC NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

Friday, August 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, August 8

THE UPCOMING WEEK

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, July 25, 2021

Church Anniversary
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Morning Worship
1-4 p.m. Lunch Bunch

Monday, July 26, 2021

No Activities

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

No Activities

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

No Activities

Thursday, July 29, 2021

No Activities

Friday, July 30, 2021

No Activities

Saturday, July 31, 2021

No Activities

SUNDAY LEADERSHIP FOR

July 25-31, 2021

Church Steward

Mike Lewis

DEACON OF THE WEEK

July 25-31 2021

Steve Pierce

442-8482

HOMEBOUND PERSON

OF THE WEEK

Willis and Doris Truesdale

53 East Glenview St.

Marion, NC 28752

Birthdays

Our Church

July 25 Kevin Griffin
July 26 Melanie Orange
Stephanie Davis
July 27 Rebekah McGuire
Will Ward
July 28 Thomas Fleming
July 30 Hunter Shook

Our Missionaries

July 26 Scott Jensen, Chaplain
Saint Joseph, MO
July 27 Peter Ott, Chaplain,
Okinawa, Japan
Sandra Smith, Chaplain,
Moore, SC
July 28 Daniel Fairchild,
Chaplain,
Holly Springs, NC
July 29 Wayne Morris,
Chaplain, Lawton, OK
William (Butch) Wise
Chaplain,
Spokane, WA
Briana Whaley,
Chaplain,
Clearwater, FL
July 30 Garnett White,
Pastoral Counselor
Midlothian, VA
Paul Byrd, Chaplain
Birmingham, AL
July 31 Amber Blackwell-
Childers, Chaplain
Inman, SC
Cindy Thorpe,
Chaplain
Greenwood, SC

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