



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MARION

NEWSLETTER

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The Worship of God 11th Sunday after Pentecost August 15, 2021

**11 a.m. In-Person
and Livestream on
Facebook & YouTube**
*(a recording will be available
after the service is complete.)*

Parent-Child Dedication

Parents: Greg & Anne Norman
Child: William Baxter Norman

Sermon

Ticking Time
Ephesians 5:15-20
Dr. Scott Hagaman

Music:

Prelude:
Take My Life and Let it Be
arr. Smith

Anthem:
Take Time to Be Holy
arr. Rouse

Postlude:
For the Beauty of the Earth
arr. Page



Revised COVID-19 Guidelines for In-Person Indoor Church Gatherings By M. Scott Hagaman, Pastor

Last Sunday, at their regular monthly meeting, the Deacons discussed how best to navigate the current COVID-19 Delta Variant wave. Our church bylaws provide that part of the role of the deacons is to establish all facility use policies. I am grateful that our Deacons have prayerfully and thoughtfully provided wise guidance to the congregation throughout the pandemic. Once again, in representation of the greater congregation, the diaconate has established guidelines that are intended to provide a healthy environment for our congregation as we gather. Unfortunately, the significant increase in local COVID-19 cases means that our return to fully normal gatherings will need to be delayed until the outbreak diminishes. While continuing to hold in-person gatherings, mitigation efforts are recommended. The following guidelines are our simple approach for all indoor in-person church gatherings, meetings, and activities.

- ◆ While inside FBC buildings, face coverings are strongly encouraged and highly recommended.
- ◆ Worship is at 11 a.m.; Sunday School is 9:45-10:45 a.m.
- ◆ Worship services will remain shorter in duration (approximately 45 minutes); congregational singing is suspended for now; every other pew is blocked off to promote social distancing.
- ◆ Enter FBC buildings only through the Fellowship Hall lobby doors. Doors are unlocked each Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m.
- ◆ 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.

Deacons Designate Sunday, August 22 Budget Make-Up Day

As First Baptist Church navigates the summer months, we find ourselves falling significantly short of our General Budget goal by approximately \$57,000. In past years, we have been in similar situations but have always been able to make up the shortfall by year end because of your generous support. In an effort to close the gap, the Deacons have designated Sunday, August 22 as an official "Make-Up Sunday". Please prayerfully consider making an extra contribution at that time to strengthen our financial position and ensure our continued successful ministry. Thank you for your generous stewardship, which supports the vital ministries of Jesus Christ through First Baptist Church!

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—08/08/2021

Sunday School:

Enrollment	187
Members Present	67
Visitors Present	0
<hr/> Total Present	<hr/> 67

Sunday Worship:

In-Person	98
Livestream Views	147

Budget Report:

Required this Week	10,092.52
Received this Week	31,768.00
Required to Date	322,960.64
Received to Date	266,058.50
+/- of Budget	-56,902.14

JOYS & CONCERNS

- Shirley Anderson - Brookdale Walden Ridge Assisted Living, Asheville
- Marian Bradley - Harmony Asheville
- Joe Gorecki - Surgery 8/12
- Dean Henline
- Judy Hicks
- Dwight James
- Willard Laws
- Jackie McArthur
- Tom Mikell
- June Milligan - Rose Hill
- Joanne Smathers
- Doris Truesdale
- Betty Wall
- Bill Warren - Surgery 8/17

MISSIONS GIVING

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

2021 FBC Missions Offering

Our Goal \$20,000.00

Received = \$5,870.00 (as of 8/8/21)



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!

SUPPORT YOUR NEIGHBORS



23rd ANNUAL OPERATION BACKPACK

Supplies & monetary donations are appreciated and needed! A collection bin is located in the hallway near the Chapel.

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
Glue Sticks	Composition Books	

COMMUNITY NEED

McDowell Senior Center Needs Volunteers

The McDowell County Senior Center is desperately seeking volunteers (9 a.m. to 12 p.m.), volunteer drivers (10 a.m. to 12 p.m.) whether it's older teens, 17 and up, or adults. We are flexible to whatever set day or days they can help. We need help in our kitchen, packing for meals on wheels and then serving when dining room opens July 1. We also really need drivers for our meals on wheels program in McDowell County. If you or someone you know has time, this is a wonderful place and great program. If interested, call 828-659-0821 and speak to volunteer coordinator, Jessica.

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

McDowell County Vaccine Hotline

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

828-803-4552 or <http://www.mcdowelllems.com/>

MUSIC MINISTRY

Children's Choirs and Bells

We have exciting news in our music ministry! We will be offering **TWO** children's choirs this fall, a K-2 choir and a 3-5 choir as well as our Children's Handbells (grades 3-5)

The schedule will be as follows:

Children's Handbells @ 4:00 p.m.
3-5 Choir @ 4:30 p.m.
K-2 Choir @ 5:00 p.m.

Look for our start date soon!



Sanctuary Choir on the Lawn

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

Come join us as we sing and enjoy ice cream on the lawn outside the Youth Space. Bring a chair! This is a perfect time to try out choir in a relaxed setting.

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!).

PROMOTION SUNDAY

On Sunday, Aug. 29, we celebrate and promote children and youth who will be joining a new Sunday School class. That Sunday, promoting students will join their new classes for the very first time, learn new spaces, teachers, and be welcomed into a new fellowship! Stay tuned for details about the promotion celebration!



SAINTS ALIVE MINISTRY

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 4:30 p.m.
Cost: Free + your dinner



Fall Beach Retreat

Sunday, Oct. 10 - Friday, Oct. 15

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.

BELIZE MISSIONS

As the Bigfoot Festival returns to Marion, FBC's Belize Mission Team will hold a fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 18. The team will sell T-shirts, desserts, Bigfoot items, and handmade items. If you are able to volunteer and/or donate items for the sale, please contact Scott Hagaman.



FBC NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

Friday, Aug. 27
Game at 6:35 p.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!

THE UPCOMING WEEK

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, Aug. 15

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Morning Worship

Monday, Aug. 16, 2021

No Activities

Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2021

No Activities

Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2021

10 a.m. Saints Alive
Committee Meeting

Thursday, Aug. 19, 2021

No Activities

Friday, Aug. 20, 2021

9:30 p.m. Fifth Quarter

Saturday, Aug. 21, 2021

No Activities

SUNDAY LEADERSHIP FOR

Aug. 15-21, 2021

Church Steward

Amos Hardy

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Aug. 15-21, 2021

Charles Webber

659-9139

HOMEBOUND PERSON OF THE WEEK

Doris Buff

Rose Hill Retirement Community
120 Fleming Avenue, Room 119
Marion, NC 28752

Birthdays

Our Church

Aug. 15 Nancy Barfield
Jim Young
Kathy Evans
Aug. 17 Helen Alverson
Ellen Miller
Leah Roberts
Aug. 19 Maggie Poteat
Aug. 20 Kara Reel
Aug. 21 Nancy Hunter

Our Missionaries

Aug. 15 Daniel Shadix,
Chaplain,
Prattville, AL
Aug. 18 Thomas Riley,
Chaplain,
Wilson, NC
Aug. 20 Jim Ivey,
Chaplain,
New Albany, IN
Sharon Spivey,
Chaplain,
Wilmington, NC
Aug. 21 Inetta Riddell,
Chaplain,
Lake in the Hill, IL
Alice Tremaine,
Chaplain,
Corbin, KY

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