



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MARION

# NEWSLETTER

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## The Worship of God 13th Sunday after Pentecost August 22, 2021

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

**Children's Sermon**  
Rev. Matt Roberts

**Sermon**  
*Equipped for Victory*  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
Dr. Scott Hagaman

**Music:**  
Prelude:  
*Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*  
arr. Wilson

Anthem:  
*Be Strong in the Lord*  
Johnson/Fettke

Postlude:  
*God of Grace and God of Glory*  
arr. Page



## Budget Make-Up Day Sunday, August 22

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, supporting the vital ministries of Jesus Christ through FBC!



## Church Picnic

**Sunday, September 12  
3:00-7:00 p.m. (Dinner Served at 5:30 p.m.)  
The Carson House Arbor and Grounds  
1805 U. S. Hwy. 70 in Pleasant Gardens**

Amidst the pandemic, we have often been necessarily separated from one another. This year, a church picnic will kick off the fall season in our church life in a safer outdoor setting at the beautiful, historic Carson House. Along with a grilled dinner of hamburgers and hot dogs, games and activities will be provided to help us engage with one another across the generations. Stay as long as you like or come just for dinner. The grounds of the Carson House will be available all afternoon. Tables and chairs are provided under the Arbor. However, you may also want to bring chairs or blankets for sitting elsewhere. If it happens to rain, the Carson House Arbor provides a large covered area to keep us dry. FBC's Growing Young Team is organizing this event with the help of the Fellowship Committee, staff, and others.



## Belize Mission Trip Fundraiser

**WNC Bigfoot Festival — Saturday, September 18**

As the Bigfoot Festival returns to downtown Marion, FBC's Belize Mission Team will hold a fundraiser on Saturday, September 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. The next Belize Mission Trip is scheduled for February 12-20, 2022.

## 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—08/15/2021**

**Sunday School:**

Enrollment	187
Members Present	48
Visitors Present	0
<u>Total Present</u>	<u>48</u>

**Sunday Worship:**

In-Person	107
Livestream Views	247

**Budget Report:**

Required this Week	10,092.52
Received this Week	9,591.00
Required to Date	333,053.16
Received to Date	275,699.50
+/- of Budget	-57,353.66

**JOYS & CONCERNS**

- Shirley Anderson - Brookdale Walden Ridge Assisted Living, Asheville
- Marian Bradley - Harmony Asheville
- Bob Elledge
- Joe Gorecki - Home, recovering from surgery
- Dean Henline
- Judy Hicks
- Dwight James
- Willard Laws
- Don Markum - Blue Ridge Morganton
- Tom Mikell
- June Milligan - Rose Hill
- 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 8/15/21)**



**DONATIONS NEEDED**

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	

**GATHERING SAFELY**

**Revised COVID-19 Guidelines for In-Person Indoor Church Gatherings**

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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.

**McDowell County Vaccine Hotline**  
**Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.**  
**828-803-4552 or <http://www.mcdowellems.com/>**

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### *Sanctuary Choir Start-up*

*Our Sanctuary Choir will begin rehearsing on a regular basis OUTSIDE on the youth space lawn. We are preparing to be ready to lead in worship when the time comes for singing again in our sanctuary.*

*When: Wednesday, Aug. 25, 7 p.m.*



### *Children's Choirs and Bells*

We have exciting news in our music ministry! We will be offering **TWO** children's choirs on Wednesdays 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 p.m.**

**3-5 Choir @ 4:30 p.m.**

**K-2 Choir @ 5 p.m.**

**Look for our start date soon!**

## FITNESS

### **Women's Exercise Group**

**Thursday mornings @ 10, Fellowship Hall**

This group is provided by the Golden Circle Sunday School class and is open to everyone. They use Silver Sneakers videos. Put on some comfortable clothes and tennis shoes and join them! Contact Jan Ramsey for info.

## YOUTH KOINONIA RESUMES

We plan to be back to regular weekly in-person meetings this fall on Sunday evenings! Regular events will resume on Sunday, Sept. 19. Our theme for the year is: The Second Greatest Commandment; Love Your Neighbor As Yourself.

## PROMOTION SUNDAY

On Sunday, Aug. 29, we celebrate and promote children and youth who will be joining a new Sunday School class.

Promoting students will join their new classes for the first time, learn new spaces, teachers, and be welcomed into a new fellowship! Breakfast will be at 9 a.m. and then students will report for Sunday School at 9:45.



## SAINTS ALIVE MINISTRY

### **Fall Beach Retreat**

**Sunday, Oct. 10 - Friday, Oct. 15**

Cost: \$335 for Double Occupancy

\$615 for Single Occupancy

(Secure your own roommate)



The sign-up deadline has been extended to Sept. 5, which will also be the date that your full trip payment is due.

## GRATITUDE

To the FBC family and staff,

I am sorry this letter is late; I have been very busy with summer classes. I wanted to say thank you for the generous scholarship you all awarded to me. I greatly appreciate the support toward my education. I hope to graduate this May with my B.A. in Public Policy and Political Science. You all have helped make this possible!

Charlotte Moore

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The McDowell County Senior Center is desperately seeking volunteers (9 a.m. to 12 p.m.) and 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 in the dining room. 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.

## 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. 22, 2021**

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

### **Monday, Aug. 23, 2021**

No Activities

### **Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2021**

No Activities

### **Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2021**

No Activities

### **Thursday, Aug. 26, 2021**

No Activities

### **Friday, Aug. 27, 2021**

Asheville Tourists game

### **Saturday, Aug. 28, 2021**

No Activities

## SUNDAY LEADERSHIP FOR

Aug. 22-28, 2021

### **Church Steward**

Mike Lewis

## DEACON OF THE WEEK

Aug. 22-28, 2021

Carolyn Young

756-4432

## HOMEBOUND PERSON OF THE WEEK

Ruth Jackson

Rose Hill Retirement Community  
120 Fleming Avenue, Room 214  
Marion, NC 28752

## Birthdays

### **Our Church**

Aug. 22 Nora Proffitt  
Aug. 23 Nancy Hollifield  
Aug. 24 Emily Clark  
Aug. 25 Sherron Crawford  
Aug. 26 Jackie McArthur  
Kyle Boyette

### **Our Missionaries**

Aug. 22 Daniel Hix,  
Chaplain,  
Maryville, TN  
William Thompson,  
Chaplain,  
Los Alamitos, CA  
Sharondalyn Dupree,  
Chaplain,  
Sacramento, CA  
Aug. 23 Mike Bumgarner,  
Chaplain,  
Norman, OK  
Keith Little,  
Chaplain,  
New Bern, NC  
Aug. 24 Timothy Boschen,  
Chaplain,  
Waynesboro, VA  
Craig Klempnauer  
Chaplain,  
Hewitt, TX  
Brian Wilson,  
Chaplain,  
Louisville, KY  
Aug. 25 Robert McMillan  
Chaplain,  
Oklahoma City, OK  
Megan Pike,  
Chaplain,  
Quincy, IL

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