



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MARION

NEWSLETTER

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The Worship of God

14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 29, 2021

11 a.m. In-Person
and Livestream on

Facebook & YouTube

(A recording will be available
after the service is complete.)

Sunday School Promotion

Sermon:

High Demands
Psalm 15

Dr. Scott Hagaman

Music:

Prelude:
Voluntary in B flat
Battishill

Anthem:

*What a Friend We Have in
Jesus*

Scriven/Converse

Postlude:

Fugue in G minor
J.S. Bach



Church Picnic

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Sunday, September 12

4:00-7:00 p.m. (Dinner 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, there will also be games and activities 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. **Countryside will be catering the meal. To help gauge our expected attendance, please sign up on the clipboard near the Chapel, call the Church Office at 652-6030, x222, or email Susan Webber at susan@fbcmarion.org.**

Women's Exercise Group

Thursday Mornings, 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

This weekly exercise 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 further information.

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 hand-made 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—08/22/2021

Sunday School:

Enrollment	187
Members Present	57
Visitors Present	0
<hr/> Total Present	<hr/> 57

Sunday Worship:

In-Person	80
Livestream Views	159

Budget Report:

Required this Week	10,092.52
Received this Week	12,150.00
Required to Date	343,145.68
Received to Date	287,849.50
+/- of Budget	-55,296.18

JOYS & CONCERNS

- Shirley Anderson - Brookdale Walden Ridge Assisted Living, Asheville
- Malinda Barrington - Upon the death of her sister
- Marian and Pierce Bradley - Harmony at Reynolds Mountain Asheville
- Joe Gorecki
- Dean Henline
- Judy Hicks
- Dwight James
- Willard Laws
- Carole Markum and family, on the death of Don on 8/25
- Tom Mikell
- June Milligan - Rose Hill
- Doris 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 = \$5,870.00 (as of 8/22/21)



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!

GATHERING SAFELY

Recent FBC COVID-19 Vaccine Survey

Last March, a survey was conducted to see how many adults in the FBC community were taking advantage of the COVID-19 vaccine. That survey showed about 94% of FBC adults had either taken the vaccine or were planning to take it. To see where we are now in late summer, we have conducted the same survey, which now includes teenagers as well. As you will see below, the First Baptist community has heavily embraced the vaccine, making us a dramatically safer group to gather together. Such a high vaccination rate is truly exceptional in any context in our society. For example, the vaccination rate for McDowell County is currently 41%. With 121 participants in the FBC COVID-19 Vaccine Survey, here are our results:

96% = Yes taken the COVID-19 vaccine (at least one shot)

4% = No and do not plan to take it

Participant Ages: 65+ 55%; 35-64 36%; 18-34 6.5%; 12-17 2.5%

Current 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

DATE CHANGE!!!

Sanctuary Choir Start-up

*Now: Wednesday, Sept. 1, 7 p.m.
Youth Space Lawn*



Youth Choir Kick-Off

When: Sunday, Sept. 19

Time: 4:30-5:30 p.m.

FBC Youth, it's time to make joyful noise together again! Meet at the choir room.

Children's Choirs and Bells

Starting in September!

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.

STAYING HEALTHY

N95 Face Masks Available

The Church Office has a supply of the highly valued N95 face masks. These are available for \$3 each or for free to senior adults or the chronically ill who are most vulnerable to COVID-19. Please contact the Church Office if you would like to receive some.

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.

DIACONATE

2021-2022

Deacon Officers

Chairman—Steve Little

Vice Chairman—Larry Greene

Secretary—Amos Hardy

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.

SAINTS ALIVE LUNCHEON

Join us for Lunch on the Lawn, Tuesday, Sept. 14 at noon outside the Youth Ministry Center. Bring your own food and drink. Sit at the picnic tables or bring your own chair. In case of bad weather, we will relocate to the Fellowship Hall.

Hope to see you there!



THE UPCOMING WEEK

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, Aug. 29, 2021

9 a.m. Sunday School promotion
day breakfast
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Morning Worship

Monday, Aug. 30, 2021

No Activities

Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2021

No Activities

Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021

7 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021

No Activities

Friday, Sept. 3, 2021

No Activities

Saturday, Sept. 4, 2021

No Activities

SUNDAY LEADERSHIP FOR

Aug. 29-Sept. 4, 2021

Church Steward

Amos Hardy

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Aug. 29-Sept. 4, 2021

Warren Zibelin

652-2185

HOMEBOUND PERSON

OF THE WEEK

June Milligan

Rose Hill Retirement Community

120 Fleming Avenue, Room 113

Marion, NC 28752

Birthdays

Our Church

Aug. 29 Sara Lewis
Landon Latner
Aug. 31 Faith Parrow
Sept. 2 Mark Burton
Jed Rankin
Beckett Finn

Our Missionaries

Aug. 29 Robert Blackwood,
Chaplain,
St. Petersburg, FL
Pam Foster,
Chaplain,
Haslet, TX
Blake Strother,
Chaplain,
Durham, NC
Aug. 30 Teresa Darnell,
Chaplain,
Louisville, TN
Christiana Liem,
Chaplain,
Houston, TX
Stacy Painter,
Chaplain,
Charleston, SC
Aug. 31 Barbara Miller,
Chaplain,
Murfreesboro, TN
Cecelia Walker,
Chaplain,
Birmingham, AL
Sept. 1 Reginald Bradley,
Chaplain,
Atlanta, GA
Terry Eddinger,
Chaplain,
Winston-Salem, NC

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