



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MARION

NEWSLETTER

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The Worship of God 11th Sunday after Pentecost August 8, 2021

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

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

Sermon

Commonly Gifted
Ephesians 4:1-16
Dr. Scott Hagaman

Music:

Prelude:
Lord, Here Am I
arr. Jordan

Anthem:
Many Gifts, One Spirit
arr. Raney

Postlude:
I Am Thine, O Lord
arr. Raney



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	

Updated Worship Service COVID-19 Guidelines

By M. Scott Hagaman, Pastor

The recent revised state and CDC health guidelines to address the new COVID-19 Delta Variant recommend wearing face masks for indoor public events, including for those vaccinated, especially in areas where there is a high incidence of positive cases. Under the advisement of Drs. Burton and Orange, FBC's deacon leadership and pastor made the decision to require face masks and to suspend congregational singing starting Aug. 1. The Deacons, who set facility use policy for FBC, are meeting on Sunday, Aug. 8 to determine our ongoing policy as our community navigates this new strain of the virus. Presumably, face masks will be with us for the coming weeks. However, the plan of the Deacons is to move toward "normal" worship with no COVID-19 restrictions by Sunday, Sept. 5 (Labor Day weekend). This new strain and the rapidly increasing number of McDowell County cases will need to be evaluated and plans adjusted accordingly. Hopefully, this new wave will be brief and FBC will soon return to the full duration of worship with three congregational 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) and half the pews blocked off.

- For Sunday School: Enter FBC buildings only through the Fellowship Hall lobby doors, which are unlocked at 9:15 a.m.
- For worship: Entry is available through the Fellowship Hall lobby as well as the three (3) sanctuary doors that face Main Street.
- 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	60
Visitors Present	0
<hr/> Total Present	60

Sunday Worship:

In-Person	84
Livestream Views	152

Budget Report:

Required this Week	10,092.52
Received this Week	7,431.00
Required to Date	312,668.12
Received to Date	234,290.50
+/- of Budget	-78,377.62

JOYS & CONCERNS

- **Shirley Anderson** - Brookdale Walden Ridge Assisted Living, Asheville
- **Marian Bradley** - Harmony Asheville
- **Patricia Brock** - death of her father, Clyde Lindsey
- **Dean Henline**
- **Judy Hicks**
- **Dwight James**
- **Willard Laws**
- **Tom Mikell**
- **June Milligan** - Rose Hill
- Family and friends of **Rev. Warren Owens**, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Marion who died 8/1/21
- **Joanne Smathers**
- **Doris Truesdale and family** - Death of her husband, **Willis**, on 8/3

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 8/1/21)



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!

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to **FBC Nick, Melanie, and Maggie Shaver!** On Sunday, Aug. 1, the Shavers were presented and received by the church into our fellowship. Melanie and Nick come by transfer of letter from Clinchfield Baptist Church in Marion. Maggie comes professing her faith in Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Savior and requesting baptism. The Shavers have been active in FBC life over the past year, with Maggie being a vital participant in our youth group. We welcome them officially into the FBC family! A baptism service is being schedule in the coming weeks for Maggie and others.

GRATITUDE

Dear Diaconate, Officers, and Staff of FBC,

Your words of kindness and appreciation meant so much to me. Thank each of you from the bottom of my heart. I have truly enjoyed my time at FBC and as I said, "It was a life saver for me."

Thank you for the beautiful travel bag. I'm sure that I'll get a lot of use out of it! Thank you for the check so much. I look forward to seeing all of you in the days ahead.

Forever grateful,
 Jeannie Tisdale

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

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, please call 828-659-0821 and speak to the volunteer coordinator, Jessica.

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

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.

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!



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. 8

8 a.m. Deacons Meeting,
Choir Suite
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Morning Worship
1-4 p.m. Lunch Bunch

Monday, Aug. 9, 2021

No Activities

Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2021

No Activities

Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2021

7 p.m. Choir on the Lawn

Thursday, Aug. 12, 2021

No Activities

Friday, Aug. 13, 2021

No Activities

Saturday, Aug. 14, 2021

4:30 p.m. Saturday Night Lights at
Tryon Equestrian Center

SUNDAY LEADERSHIP FOR

Aug. 8-14, 2021

Church Steward

Mike Lewis

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Aug. 8-14, 2021

Jeff Wakefield
659-4539

HOMEBOUND PERSON OF THE WEEK

Frances Whitson
1264 Airport Road
Marion, NC 28752

Birthdays

Our Church

Aug. 8 Atticus Finn

Aug. 12 John Mabry

Aug. 14 Donna Boyette

Our Missionaries

Aug. 8 LuAnne Provost,
Chaplain,
Knoxville, TN

Aug. 9 Sarah Roome,
Chaplain,
Greer, SC

Aug. 10 Nicholas Wright,
Chaplain,
Fort Campbell, KY

Aug. 11 Robbie Byrd,
Pastoral Counselor
Fayetteville, NC

Justin Murphy,
Chaplain,
Leesburg, FL

Karen Rector,
Chaplain,
San Diego, CA

Aug. 12 Charline Berry,
Chaplain,
Baltimore, MD

Aug. 13 Rodney Bolejack
Chaplain,
Denton, TX

Thomas Dougherty,
Pastoral Counselor,
Mechanicsville, PA

Wayne Maberry,
Chaplain,
Alturas, FL

Johnny Taylor,
Chaplain,
Plano, TX

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