



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MARION

# NEWSLETTER

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## The Worship of God 16th Sunday after Pentecost September 12, 2021

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

### Sermon:

*Getting to Know Jesus*  
Mark 8:27-38  
Dr. Scott Hagaman

### Music:

Prelude:  
*Footsteps of Jesus*  
arr. DeCou

Anthem:  
*Will You Come and Follow Me*  
arr. Bell

Postlude:  
*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*  
arr. Raney



## Limited Church Gatherings During September

The FBC staff has been planning to resume the church's normal, full schedule in September. However, due to the current surge in COVID-19 cases in McDowell County, we are pushing back these plans until October. While Sunday morning worship and Sunday School will continue as they have throughout the summer, Wednesday night supper, adult and children's groups will not be offered at this time. Also, the Church Picnic will be delayed (information below). Health experts suggest that the current coronavirus wave has plateaued and will begin to decline in the next few weeks. Hopefully, by October, we will be seeing the return of normalcy and will be able to resume our full offering of studies and activities.

## *Shall We Gather at the River?*

**Baptism Service — Sunday, September 12 — 4:00 p.m.  
Greenlee Park on the Catawba River**

We will hold an outdoor baptism service at Greenlee Park on Old Greenlee Road. From U.S. Hwy. 70, turn onto Resistoflex Road and go past Tom Johnson's Camping Center. After crossing the Catawba River bridge, turn left onto Old Greenlee Road. The park is on the left approximately 1 1/2 miles down Old Greenlee Road. The site of the baptism service will be at the river shore closest to the picnic shelter. If you need to sit during the brief service, please bring a chair. To avoid any health concerns, please do not bunch up. Families and/or friend groups are encouraged to stay together and spaced out. Bella McGuire and Maggie Shaver will be baptized that day. Perhaps you haven't yet made your public profession of faith and received baptism? If you are interested in doing so, please contact the Church Office or one of our pastors.

## Church Picnic

**NEW DATE—Sunday, October 10—4:00-7:00 p.m. (Dinner 5:30 p.m.)  
The Carson House Arbor & Grounds, 1805 U.S. Hwy. 70, 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 and serving the meal. To 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](mailto:susan@fbcmarion.org).**

## 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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Ms. Betty O. Wall

Children's Center Director Emeritus

**BY THE NUMBERS—09/5/2021**

**Sunday School:**

Members Present 45

Visitors Present 0

Total Present 45

**Sunday Worship:**

In-Person 65

Livestream Views 302

**Budget Report:**

Required this Week 10,092.52

Received this Week 5,473.00

Required to Date 363,330.72

Received to Date 301,593.50

+/- of Budget -61,737.22

**JOYS & CONCERNS**

- Shirley Anderson - Brookdale Walden Ridge Assisted Living, Asheville
- Marian and Pierce Bradley - Harmony at Reynolds Mountain Asheville
- Joe Gorecki
- Dean Henline
- Judy Hicks
- Family of Ruth Jackson – passed away 9/1/21
- Willard Laws
- Tom Mikell
- June Milligan - Rose Hill
- Doris Truesdale
- Betty Wall
- Louis Wall
- Bill Warren
- Jerrell Wilson - Death of his wife, Georgia, on 8/30/21

**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 9/5/21)**



**DONATIONS NEEDED**



**WNC Bigfoot Festival Postponed**

The Bigfoot Festival has been postponed until May 27-28, 2022 due to the severe COVID-19 outbreak in our community. Also, the Belize Mission Team had already decided not to hold its fundraiser at that time. The team will do a similar fundraiser at another time later this fall. Thanks to all those who have been donating items to sell at the fundraiser. The Bigfoot branded items will be kept to sell next spring.

**GATHERING SAFELY**

**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/>

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Budget Make-Up Day  
 Sunday, September 19**

As we move toward fall and the final months of the year, FBC is falling significantly short of our General Budget goal by approximately \$62,000. 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, September 19 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!



**Remember Your Offerings**

## MUSIC MINISTRY

*All FBC Marion Music Ministry Ensembles are postponed until October due to the surge in Covid-19 cases in our county. Below are new start dates for all choir and bell ensembles.*

**Oct. 3 — Youth Handbells & Youth Choir**

**Oct. 6 — 3-5 Children's Choir @ 4:00**  
**Children's Handbells @ 4:30**  
**K-2 Children's Choir @ 5:00**  
**Adult handbells @ 6:30**  
**Sanctuary Choir @ 7:20**

## 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 ACTIVITIES

### **Koinonia Resumes**

Regular youth gatherings for Koinonia on Sunday evenings will resume soon! Our theme for the year is: The Second Greatest Commandment: Love Your Neighbor As Yourself.

### **New Sunday School Emphasis for Fall**

On Sept. 12, our Middle and High School Sunday School classes will begin a new study called CoLABorate. Each week students will be presented a scriptural problem to explore as they work through the Bible. Make a point of being a part of this important time!

### **5th Quarter**

Join us for the next 5th Quarter on Oct. 8 after the football game. Lots of food, fun, and games!  
 9:30/10 p.m. to midnight.

## SAINTS ALIVE MINISTRY

### **Fall Beach Retreat** **Monday, Oct. 11 - Friday, Oct. 15**

Cost: \$335 for Double Occupancy  
 \$615 for Single Occupancy  
 (Secure your own roommate)



The full payment date was Sept. 5. If you have not had a chance to finalize your payments, please do that with Susan Webber this week.

## FITNESS

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

**Thursday Mornings at 10, 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.

## 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

With our COVID surge, we will postpone our September Lunch. Instead plan to join us for Lunch on the Lawn on Tuesday, Oct. 5.



# THE UPCOMING WEEK

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### **Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021**

8 a.m. Diaconate meeting,  
Choir suite  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11 a.m. Morning Worship

### **Monday, Sept. 13, 2021**

No Activities

### **Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2021**

No Activities

### **Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021**

No Activities

### **Thursday, Sept. 16, 2021**

No Activities

### **Friday, Sept. 17, 2021**

No Activities

### **Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021**

No Activities

## SUNDAY LEADERSHIP FOR

Sept. 12-18, 2021

### **Church Steward**

Amos Hardy

## DEACON OF THE WEEK

Sept. 12-18, 2021

Gail Bailey

738-3211

## HOMEBOUND PERSON OF THE WEEK

Louis Wall

NC State Veterans Home

62 Lake Eden Road

Room C-105

Black Mountain, NC 28711

## Birthdays

### **Our Church**

Sept. 13 Dean Brady  
Joe Tisdale  
Sept. 14 Elaine Laney  
Sept. 16 Matt Roberts  
Jake Rankin  
Sept. 17 Lexie Corbett  
Sept. 18 Charlotte Hughes

### **Our Missionaries**

Sept. 12 Brian Lake,  
Chaplain,  
Cumming, GA  
Sept. 13 Richard Morris,  
Chaplain,  
Lebanon, PA  
Kathy Turner,  
Chaplain,  
Charlotte, NC  
Sept. 14 Priscilla Howick,  
Chaplain,  
Jacksonville, FL  
Sept. 16 Dick Allison,  
Chaplain,  
Hattiesburg, MS  
Jeff Ellison,  
Chaplain,  
Heath, TX  
Karen Heistand,  
Chaplain,  
Rochester, MN  
Byron Johnson,  
Chaplain,  
Virginia Beach, VA  
Sept. 17 Angela Clark,  
Chaplain,  
Matthews, NC

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