



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MARION

NEWSLETTER

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The Worship of God 17th Sunday after Pentecost September 19, 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:
Jesus Welcomes Children
Mark 9:30-37
Dr. Scott Hagaman

Music:
Prelude:
Prelude in C
Purcell

Anthem:
Speak, O Lord
arr. McDonald

Postlude:
Fugue in C
Boyce



Budget Make-Up Day Sunday, September 19

As we move toward fall and the final months of the year, FBC has fallen significantly behind our General Budget goal by approximately \$63,000. 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 this 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!



Partner with Christ and FBC to share the Good News with the world through FBC's General Budget and Missions Offering. Electronic giving options are available through the following links:

App: *Abundant Giving*
Online: <https://fbcmarion.org/online-giving/>



Fall 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.**

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

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BY THE NUMBERS—09/12/2021

Sunday School:

Members Present	54
Visitors Present	0
<u>Total Present</u>	<u>54</u>

Sunday Worship:

In-Person	69
Livestream Views	184

Budget Report:

Required this Week	10,092.52
Received this Week	8,773.00
Required to Date	373,423.24
Received to Date	310,366.50
+/- of Budget	-63,056.74

JOYS & CONCERNS

- Shirley Anderson - Brookdale Walden Ridge Assisted Living, Asheville
- Marian and Pierce Bradley - Harmony at Reynolds Mountain Asheville
- Bob Elledge - Recovering from surgery
- Joe Gorecki
- Dean Henline
- Judy Hicks
- Dwight James - Praise that he is now cancer free
- Willard Laws
- Tom Mikell
- June Milligan - Rose Hill
- Doris Truesdale
- Betty Wall
- Louis Wall
- Bill Warren

MISSIONS GIVING

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

2021 FBC Missions Offering

Our Goal \$20,000.00

Received = \$6,187.00 (as of 9/12/21)



FALL PLANNING

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 (See page 1). 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.

GATHERING SAFELY

Current FBCM 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/>

ARE YOU GETTING FBC'S E-NEWS?

The Church Office is now using the service Constant Contact to send our email communications. We are using the email address list from previous years. However, some email addresses do not work, bounce back, or some people have not been getting their church e-news. **If you have an updated email address or have not been receiving church email communications, please update your email address with Marjo Rankin.** Here is Marjo's contact information: Telephone, (828) 652-6030, x221 or marjo@fbcmarion.org.

COVID-19 PREVENTION

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.

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



SEARCH PROCESS

The Associate Pastor for Children and Families Search Committee continues to be hard at work. Over the past month, the committee has been focused on a single candidate. They are wrapping up final discussions and plans with this person, and will be presenting this candidate very soon. Please be in prayer for the committee and the candidate.

Search Committee Members:

Mark Burton, Brian Gardner, Kevin Griffin, Caitlin Proffitt, Leah Roberts, and Sharon Warren

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Koinonia Resumes

Join us for outdoor Koinonia this Sunday, Sept 19 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Feel free to bring a snack/meal if you would like. Bring a chair to spread out on the lawn. See you Sunday!

New Sunday School Emphasis for Fall

On Sept. 12, our Middle and High School Sunday School classes began a study called CoLAB-orate.

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.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



October 3

The church is constituted as a new people who have been gathered from the nations to remind the world that we are in fact one people. Gathering, therefore, is an eschatological act as it is the foretaste of the unity of the communion of the saints.
 ~ Stanley Hauerwas

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. 19, 2021

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

Monday, Sept. 20, 2021

No Activities

Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2021

No Activities

Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2021

No Activities

Thursday, Sept. 23, 2021

No Activities

Friday, Sept. 24, 2021

No Activities

Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021

No Activities

SUNDAY LEADERSHIP FOR

Sept. 19-25, 2021

Church Steward

Mike Lewis

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Sept. 19-25, 2021

Jim Burgin

652-2158

HOMEBOUND PERSON OF THE WEEK

Shirley Anderson
Brookdale Asheville Walden Ridge
4 Walden Ridge Dr.
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Birthdays

Our Church

Sept. 19 Jaime Stone
Sept. 20 Nicholas Shaver
Warren Zibelin
Sept. 22 Patty Hollifield
Brian Gardner
Sept. 24 Andrea Hardy
Sept. 25 Marc Cook

Our Missionaries

Sept. 19 Cari Willis,
Chaplain,
Benson, NC
Sept. 20 David Bluford,
Chaplain,
Lenoir City, TN
Renee Owen,
Chaplain,
Marietta, GA
Heidi Dechow,
Chaplain,
Salisbury, NC
Adam Ridenhour,
Chaplain,
Winston-Salem, NC
Sept. 21 Mark Flores,
Chaplain,
Lynchburg, VA
Sept. 22 Kim Chafee,
Chaplain,
Virginia Beach, VA
Becky Shoaf,
Chaplain,
Atlanta, GA
Sept. 23 Donna Seay,
Chaplain,
Baltimore, MD

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