



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MARION

NEWSLETTER

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The Worship of God 18th Sunday after Pentecost September 26, 2021

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

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

Sermon:

*Whose Team
Are You On?*

Mark 9:38-50

Dr. Scott Hagaman

Music:

Prelude:

Flute Piece

Thorley

Anthem:

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

arr. Reynolds

Postlude:

*Where Cross the Crowded
Ways of Life*

Arr. Bish



Search Committee Recommending Candidate for New Associate Pastor for Children and Families Position

The Search Committee is preparing to share details about its recommended candidate for the open Associate Pastor for Children and Families position. A letter with more information will be mailed to the church membership next week. The schedule for introducing the candidate to the church is listed below.

- An introduction video about the candidate will be posted soon on the FBC Facebook Group and YouTube Channel.
- An outdoor gathering for children and their families to meet the candidate will be held on Saturday, October 9 at 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the yard next to the Children and Youth Building. Children's Committee and First Baptist Children's Center Board members will also be invited.
- A Drop-In Opportunity for the congregation to meet the candidate will be held on Sunday, October 10 at 9:30-10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- The candidate will participate in worship and give a brief introduction on Sunday, October 10 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.
- After worship on Sunday, October 10 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, the congregation will hold a Church Conference and vote on whether to call the candidate.

The Associate Pastor for Children and Families Search Committee includes Mark Burton, Brian Gardner, Kevin Griffin (co-chair), Caitlin Proffitt (secretary), Leah Roberts (co-chair), and Sharon Warren.

Fall Church Picnic

**NEW NEW DATE — Sunday, October 17
4:00-7:00 p.m. (Dinner 5:30 p.m.)**

**The Carson House Arbor & Grounds
1805 U.S. Hwy. 70, Pleasant Gardens**

(To accommodate the Search Committee's introduction of the candidate on October 9-10 and the ongoing severity of COVID-19 in the community, the date for the church picnic has been adjusted once again.)



We're kicking off the fall season with a church picnic at the Carson House Arbor. Along with grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, there will also be games and activities to engage one another across the generations. Tables and chairs are provided under the Arbor. However, you may 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. **Countryside will cater and serve the meal. Please make reservations by signing up on the clipboard near the Chapel, call the Church Office at 652-6030, ext. 222, 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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BY THE NUMBERS—09/19/2021

Sunday School:

Members Present	52
Visitors Present	0
<hr/> Total Present	52

Sunday Worship:

In-Person	65
Livestream Views	248

Budget Report:

Required this Week	10,092.52
Received this Week	14,383.00
Required to Date	383,515.76
Received to Date	324,749.50
+/- of Budget	-58,766.26

JOYS & CONCERNS

- Shirley Anderson - Brookdale AVL
- Marian and Pierce Bradley - Harmony at Reynolds Mountain Asheville
- Don Buchanan - Death of his brother, Dennis
- Bob Elledge - Recovering from surgery
- Robin Greene - Home, recovering from surgery
- Dean Henline
- Judy Hicks
- Willard Laws
- Tom Mikell
- June Milligan - Rose Hill
- Josie Seagle - Blue Ridge Hos. M-ton
- Doris Truesdale
- Betty Wall
- Louis Wall - NC Veterans Swannanoa

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 9/19/21)



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, in 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, ext. 221 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 because of the surge in COVID-19 cases in our county.

Look for more information as it develops.

*"I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
no turning back, no turning back.*

*Tho' none go with me, I still will follow,
Tho' none go with me I still will follow,
Tho' none go with me, I still will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.*

*My cross I'll carry, till I see Jesus;
My cross I'll carry till I see Jesus,
My cross I'll carry till I see Jesus;
No turning back, No turning back.*

*The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
No turning back, no turning back."*



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Koinonia Resumes

Join us for outdoor Koinonia this Sunday, Sept 26 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 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.

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

Join us for Lunch on the Lawn on Tuesday, Oct. 5. Bring your own food and drink and come for a nice time of fellowship. In case of rain, we will move to the Fellowship Hall and spread out.



THE UPCOMING WEEK

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021

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

Monday, Sept. 27, 2021

No Activities

Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2021

No Activities

Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2021

No Activities

Thursday, Sept. 30, 2021

No Activities

Friday, Oct. 1, 2021

No Activities

Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021

No Activities

SUNDAY LEADERSHIP FOR

Sept. 26-Oct. 2, 2021

Church Steward

Mike Lewis

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Sept. 26-Oct. 2, 2021

Mark Burton

652-3007

HOMEBOUND PERSON OF THE WEEK

Juanita Woody

Mitchell House

13681 NC 226

Spruce Pine, NC 28777

Birthdays

Our Church

Sept. 27 Brenda Greene

Sept. 29 Larry Greene

Joanna Sutton

Oct. 2 Lawrence Kearson

Our Missionaries

Sept. 26 Randy Brookshire,

Chaplain,

Greenville, SC

Sunny Mitchell,

Chaplain,

San Diego, CA

Keith Parker,

Pastoral Counselor,

Brevard, NC

Beth Sexton,

Chaplain,

Lincolnton, NC

Lynwood Walters,

Chaplain,

Gainesville, FL

Jeffrey Walton,

Chaplain,

Richmond, VA

Gloria White,

Pastoral Counselor,

Pearland, TX

Sept. 27 Cathy Anderson,

Chaplain,

Kennesaw, GA

Peggy Johnson,

Chaplain,

Hurst, TX

Sept. 28 Renate Kruklis,

Chaplain,

Braselton, GA

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