



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MARION

NEWSLETTER

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The Worship of God
19th Sunday after Pentecost
October 3, 2021

World Communion
Sunday

11:00 a.m. In-Person
and Livestream on
Facebook & YouTube
(A recording will be available
after the service is complete.)

Sermon:

What Are We to God?
Psalm 8
Dr. Scott Hagaman

Music:

Prelude:
How Great Thou Art/The
Majesty and Glory of Your
Name
arr. Arant

Anthem:
The Open Table
Miller

Postlude:
Short Voluntary
Worgan



Jennifer H. Jennings Unanimously Recommended for
Associate Pastor for Children and Families Position

After a long and thorough process, with much prayer and discernment, the Associate Pastor for Children and Families Search Committee is pleased to recommend the candidate for our open position. The committee's work began last May with numerous candidates submitting resumes. The committee's process included email communications, telephone calls, zoom interviews, and a final in-person visit and interview. By late July, the committee's focus was solely upon Jennifer Jennings, who will graduate from Gardner-Webb University School of Divinity in December 2021. The search committee believes that Jennifer has remarkable gifts that fit well the dynamics of our position and a deep passion for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with children and their families. They unanimously recommend Jennifer for the congregation's consideration as an excellent candidate for the Associate Pastor for Children and Families position. Further detailed information has been mailed to the church membership.

Schedule for Considering Jennifer H. Jennings:

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

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

Celebrating Our Unity in the Lord's Supper

World Communion Sunday—Sunday, October 3 at 11:00 a.m.

No-contact prepackaged elements will be provided for in-person worship. For those worshipping at home, please call or come by the Church Office if you wish to receive prepackaged communion elements.

Rice Bowl Coin Banks will be collected and distributed before and after worship. All funds collected will be contributed to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina Hunger Fund to relieve hunger throughout our state.

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—09/26/2021

Sunday School:

Members Present 62

Visitors Present 0

Total Present 62

Sunday Worship:

In-Person 66

Livestream Views 69

Budget Report:

Required this Week 10,092.52

Received this Week 6,668.00

Required to Date 393,608.28

Received to Date 331,417.50

+/- of Budget -62,190.78

JOYS & CONCERNS

- Shirley Anderson - Brookdale AVL
- Marian & Pierce Bradley - Harmony at Reynolds Mountain Asheville
- Don Buchanan
- Bob Elledge
- Brenda & Larry Greene - Celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary
- Robin Greene
- Dean Henline
- Judy Hicks
- Willard Laws
- Tom Mikell
- June Milligan - Rose Hill
- Josie Seagle - Home
- Bill & Sharon Warren - Celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary
- Louis Wall - NC Veterans Swannanoa
- Becky Young - Surgery 10/6

MISSIONS GIVING

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

2021 FBC Missions Offering

Our Goal \$20,000.00

Received = \$7,187.00 (as of 9/26/21)



FALL PLANNING

The FBC staff is making plans to resume the church's normal, full schedule this fall. Due to the current surge in COVID-19 cases in McDowell County, we are pushing back these plans through 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 has been delayed (See below). Health experts suggest that the current coronavirus wave is beginning to decrease and will soon return to levels like in June and July. Hopefully, in November, we will be seeing the return of normalcy and will be able to resume our full offering of studies and activities.

FELLOWSHIP

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.**

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.



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/>

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Koinonia Resumes

Join us for outdoor Koinonia this Sunday, October 3rd 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.

YOUTH COUNCIL

Congratulations to the Newly Elected Youth Council
President — Molly Anderson
Vice President — Meredith Kearson
Fellowship Chairpersons — Connor Shook and Hope Wakefield
Missions Chairperson — Maggie Shaver



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, at noon. 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, Oct. 3, 2021

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Morning Worship
5:30 p.m. Youth - Koinonia

Monday, Oct. 4, 2021

No Activities

Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2021

12 p.m. Saints Alive Lunch on the
Lawn

Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2021

No Activities

Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021

No Activities

Friday, Oct. 8, 2021

9:30 p.m. Youth 5th Quarter

Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021

4-5 p.m. Children & Families meet
Jennifer Jennings - Church
Yard

SUNDAY LEADERSHIP FOR

Oct. 3-9, 2021

Church Steward

Amos Hardy

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Oct. 3-9, 2021

Mary Cate

652-4047

HOMEBOUNDED PERSONS OF THE WEEK

Pierce and Marian Bradley
Harmony at Reynolds Mountain
41 Cobblers Way
Asheville, NC 28804

Birthdays

Our Church

Oct. 4 Sonia Elledge
Oct. 5 Ann Harkey
Oct. 6 Melanie Shaver
Oct. 7 Tracy Pyatt
Ella Pyatt
Oct. 8 Carolyn Young

Our Missionaries

Oct. 3 Andrew Finkler,
Chaplain,
Fayetteville, NC
Oct. 4 Michael Metcalf,
Chaplain,
Salisbury, NC
Oct. 5 Kate Blackshear,
Chaplain,
Austin, TX
Gregory Thompson,
Chaplain,
Oakwood, GA
Christopher Towles,
Chaplain,
Pfafftown, NC
David White,
Chaplain,
Murfreesboro, TN
Oct. 7 Daniel Brockhan,
Chaplain,
Cheektowaga, NY
Oct. 8 Robb Small,
Chaplain,
Geismar, LA

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