



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MARION

NEWSLETTER

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The Worship of God 15th Sunday after Pentecost September 5, 2021

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

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

Children's Sermon:

Mrs. Ann Harkey

Sermon:

Unpredictable Jesus

Mark 7:24-37

Dr. Scott Hagaman

Music:

Prelude:

I Need Thee Every Hour
arr. Raney

Anthem:

*O Christ, the Healer, We Have
Come*
Green/Walker

Postlude:

*Trumpet Fanfare on "Rescue
the Perishing"*
arr. Hustad



Church Picnic

Sunday, September 12

4:00-7:00 p.m.

Baptism Service, 4:00 p.m.

Multigenerational Activities, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Dinner Served at 5:30 p.m.

The Carson House Arbor and Grounds
1805 U.S. Hwy. 70 in Pleasant Gardens

Amidst the pandemic, we have often been necessarily separated from one another. This year, a church picnic will kick off the church's fall season 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 in a safe manner. To help 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.**

Shall We Gather at the River?

Baptism Service — Sunday, September 12 — 4:00 p.m.

Greenlee Park on the Catawba River

In conjunction with the Church Picnic, we will hold an outdoor baptism service at the McDowell County Park on Old Greenlee Road. 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.



WNC Bigfoot Festival Postponed Until Spring

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.

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—08/29/2021

Sunday School:

Members Present 45

Visitors Present 0

Total Present 45

Sunday Worship:

In-Person 63

Livestream Views 159

Budget Report:

Required this Week 10,092.52

Received this Week 5,473.00

Required to Date 353,238.20

Received to Date 293,322.50

+/- of Budget -59,915.70

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
- Dwight James
- Willard Laws
- Carole Markum and family - Death of her husband, Don, on 8/25, and brother-in-law, Gary, on 8/24
- 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 = \$5,870.00 (as of 8/29/21)



DONATIONS NEEDED

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!

GATHERING SAFELY

Recent FBC COVID-19 Vaccine Survey

Last March, a survey was conducted to see how many adults in the FBC community were taking advantage of the COVID-19 vaccine. That survey showed about 94% of FBC adults had either taken the vaccine or were planning to take it. To see where we are now in late summer, we have conducted the same survey, which now includes teenagers as well. As you will see below, the First Baptist community has heavily embraced the vaccine, making us a dramatically safer group to gather together. Such a high vaccination rate is truly exceptional in any context in our society. For example, the vaccination rate for McDowell County is currently 41%. With 121 participants in the FBC COVID-19 Vaccine Survey, here are our results:

96% = Yes taken the COVID-19 vaccine (at least one shot)

4% = No and do not plan to take it

Participant Ages: 65+ 55%; 35-64 36%; 18-34 6.5%; 12-17 2.5%

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/>

MUSIC MINISTRY

Youth Choir Kick-Off

When: Sunday, Sept. 19

Time: 4:30-5:30 p.m.

FBC Youth, it's time to make a joyful noise together again! Meet at the choir room.



Children's Choirs and Bells

Starting in September!

The schedule will be as follows:

Children's Handbells @ 4 p.m.

3-5 Choir @ 4:30 p.m.

K-2 Choir @ 5 p.m.

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

We plan to be back to regular weekly in-person meetings this fall on Sunday evenings! Regular events will resume on Sunday, Sept. 19. 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

Sunday, Oct. 10 - Friday, Oct. 15

Cost: \$335 for Double Occupancy

\$615 for Single Occupancy

(Secure your own roommate)



The sign-up deadline has been extended to Sept. 5, which will also be the date that your full trip payment is due.

FITNESS

Women's Exercise Group

Thursday Mornings, 10 a.m., 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, Tuesday, Sept. 14 at noon outside the Youth Ministry Center. Bring your own food and drink. Sit at the picnic tables or bring your own chair. In case of bad weather, we will relocate to the Fellowship Hall.

Hope to see you there!



THE UPCOMING WEEK

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021

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

Monday, Sept. 6, 2021

Holiday, Church office and
Child Care Center closed

Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021

No Activities

Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021

7 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, Sept. 9, 2021

No Activities

Friday, Sept. 10, 2021

No Activities

Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021

No Activities

SUNDAY LEADERSHIP FOR

Sept. 5-11, 2021

Church Steward

Mike Lewis

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Sept. 5-11, 2021

Greg Anderson

442-6869

HOMEBOUND PERSON OF THE WEEK

Brad Love

McDowell Assisted Living

Room 7

P.O. Box 909

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Birthdays

Our Church

Sept. 5 Bob Boyette
Sharon Warren
Sept. 6 Josie Seagle
Favour Osarekhoe

Our Missionaries

Sept. 5 Kelly Belcher,
Chaplain,
Asheville, NC
Roger Benimoff,
Chaplain,
Grand Prairie, TX
Becky Brannon,
Chaplain,
Gainesville, GA
Alexandria Geovanni,
Chaplain,
Lake Charles, LA
Sept. 6 Carla Cherry,
Chaplain,
Worthington, OH
Daniel Tatum,
Chaplain,
Marietta, GA
Sept. 7 Martha Harper,
Chaplain,
Madison, MS
Sept. 8 Daniel Hall,
Chaplain,
Pineville, KY
Jody Harrison,
Chaplain,
Dallas, TX
Chad Mustian,
Chaplain,
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