

*“For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth
come knowledge and understanding.”*

– Proverbs 2:6

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The MESSENGER

INSPIRE ■ INFORM ■ ENCOURAGE

BACK TO SCHOOL

From Pastor Brian's Desk

The month of August is always a season of new beginnings. As students head back to school and summer comes to a close, we also begin to shift into an exciting new season of ministry as we move into the second half of the year. We have so much to be thankful for at Marietta First Baptist Church. It has truly been an incredible summer—serving in missions here in our community, celebrating baptisms, and reaching to the ends of the earth with the Gospel. God has been so good to us. This month, we are especially looking forward to Student Day and the return of our Sunday evening activities beginning August 16th. These evenings will be filled with meaningful worship opportunities, intentional training nights, and special community worship gatherings that will continue through December. We are also excited to reopen our gym for evening use starting August 11th. We pray this space will continue to be a place of fellowship, outreach, and connection. Church family, I want to encourage you to hold tightly to Galatians 6:9–10—let us not grow weary in doing good, for in due season we will reap if we do not give up. Please know that I love you and am truly grateful to serve as your pastor. I look forward with great anticipation to all that God is going to do. Let's continue to do "whatever it takes" to be united in Christ's love through our faith, our families, our community, and to the ends of the earth.

Love always,
Pastor Brian

Church Tour with the Pastor Sunday, Aug 2
Right After Morning Service

BACK to SCHOOL EVENTS!

Sun, Aug 9 ▶ Move Up Sunday & Special Prayer Time

6th Grade Night

Wed, Aug 12 ▶ Parents are invited to join us for a special worship night

Wed, Aug 26 ▶ Back to School Carnival

See Chandler For Details

AUGUST Birthdays

- 1 Kenneth Green
- 2 Melissa Walton
- 3 Paul Schlapp
- 6 Andy Allen
- 7 Madison Powell
Brett Darnell
Kaitlynn Camp
- 8 Pat Elders
- 9 Cody Camp
- 10 Windi Foster
Remi-Kate Green
- 14 David Pepper
- 15 Sallye Winter
Kathy Rutland
- 20 Brandy Amidon
Christi Powell
Robbie Edwards
Elizabeth Cashion
- 21 Betty Foster
Edwina Ervin
Ronnie Albright
Rivers Cox
- 22 Anne Kelly
Teresa DeWease
- 23 Carla Bates
- 25 Tommy Howard
- 27 Rachel Snow
- 28 Helen Bonham
Matthew Nix
- 29 Danielle Payne
- 30 Creed Ledford
- 31 Olivia Chambers

CROCKPOT HAMBURGER HELPER

ingredients

Ground Beef
Onion
Red Bell Pepper
Minced Garlic
Salt and Pepper
Italian Seasoning
Crushed Tomatoes
Milk
Beef Broth
Dry Uncooked Macaroni
Shredded Cheddar Cheese

directions

First, brown the ground beef in a skillet over medium heat. Cook the ground beef until it is brown.

Then, put the cooked ground beef into the slow cooker. Next, add the diced onion, bell pepper, Italian Seasoning, salt, pepper, tomatoes, milk and broth. Give it a good stir and make sure everything is well combined.

Finally, cover and cook on low for 6-8 hours or high for 3-4. The last step is to add the pasta. About 15 minutes to 30 minutes before serving add the pasta to the crock pot. I recommend cooking it al dente because it will continue to cook in the slow cooker.

It will look very watery but don't worry the pasta will soak it up so you need all that liquid. Place the lid back on and allow this to cook for 15 minutes until the pasta is tender. Right before serving, stir in the cheese until melted. Serve immediately.

For The Record JULY 2026

Morning Worship, 9:30 A.M.

05: 194 12: 232 19: 211 25: 227

Evening Worship, 6:00 P.M.

05: N/A 12: N/A 19: N/A 25: 89

Tithes and Offerings

Reg. Budget	Bldg. Fund
05: \$15,693.90	\$590.00
12: \$18,072.06	\$760.00
19: \$11,413.90	\$511.00
25: N/A	N/A

Your
Church Staff
We're here to Serve!

mfbccstaff@gmail.com

Dr. Brian L. Spearman, Senior Pastor

Scott Holtzclaw, Worship & Administrative Pastor

Stephanie Epps, Worship Leader

Chandler Moats, Associate Pastor of Families & Discipleship

Tedd Barnette, Building & Special Projects Coordinator

Melissa Crum, Administrative Ministry Assistant

Carol Ellis, Financial Ministry Assistant

Rachael Snow, Nursery Coordinator

Rob Lento, Pianist

Office Hours 8:30 am–3:30 pm M-Thur

Friday—8:30 am—12:30 pm

Church.....864-836-3518

Child Development Center.....864-836-7027

SERVANTS ON CALL

DEACONS

Kaleb Green
640-2444

Mark Stroud
979-4027

AUGUST

Keith DeWease
303-6475



FAMILY MINISTRY



From Chandler

We have so much to celebrate from summer. From VBS and camps, to missions and serve weeks and baptisms, it's always encouraging and inspiring to see God at work in the lives of our students and families. We're praying for God to continue to move in and through our students this next school year!

Events

- Back to School Day - August 9th: Special prayer time & Move Up Sunday
- 6th Grade Night - August 12th: Parents are invited to join us for a special worship night.
- Carnival - August 26th

Teachers

Nursery		2-3s	4-5s	Elementary
8/2	Brenda Ervin	Amy Logan	Liz Nix	Angela Spearman
	Edwina Ervin	Melanie Hughes	Becky Galloway	Savannah Hightower
8/9	Kim Ervin	Jessica Dilworth	Jennifer McJunkin	Pam Logan
		Kelly King	Assistant	Karen Burton
8/16	Ronnie & Lynn Albright	Hannah Blume	Bev Ford	Debbie Holtzclaw
		Assistant	Teresa Dyer	Danielle Payne
8/23	Deidre Youngblood	Emily Moats	Jennifer McJunkin	Kim Craig
		Brittni Howard	Maggi Bailey	Lauren Epps
8/30	Brenda Ervin	Amy Logan	Liz Nix	Angela Spearman
		Melanie Hughes	Becky Galloway	Savannah Hightower

Memory Verse

Matthew 28:18-20 - And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Resource

The Anxious Generation by Jonathan Haidt. In a world where kids and teens are crippled by fear, depression, loneliness, and anxiety, Haidt offers an alternative way of life to help kids and teens thrive socially & emotionally.



Marietta Worship Choir
We have a place for YOU!

Practice Starts
AUG 12
7:35 PM
CHOIR ROOM
Rm - 110

Senior Adult Bible Study



Wednesdays
11 am
In The Parlor



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

POLICE • COMMUNITY • PARTNERSHIPS

August 4 / 6 pm - 8 pm
Trailblazer Park

GYM
REOPENS

TUESDAY
AUG 11 / 6 PM

Join Us For
Food / Fun / Prizes



TEAM MEETING
AUG 16 / 4:30 PM
ADULT 5

Men's Prayer Group

Tuesdays @ 10 am
Adult 5 Rm 101



LEARN GOD'S WAY TO HANDLE MONEY

Sign Up For Money Management Class
Starts - Wed, Sept 2 @ 6:30 pm
Cost: \$50 Per Couple
See Tyler or Hannah Blume For Details
See Pastor Brian if cost is an issue



Special Election
to select a
replacement
candidate
for
Lindsey Graham

August 11
7 am - 7 pm
@ MFBC



AUGUST 2026
SCHEDULE

TUESDAYS

4 **GYM CLOSED**
In The Evening

11 **GYM REOPENS**
David Welborn
Linda Tankersley
Wayne Tankersley

18 Gary Ervin
Edwina Ervin
TJ Howard

25 Jeremy Bowers
Brian Ledford

THURSDAYS

6 **GYM CLOSED**
In The Evening

13 Benny Ford
Brian Burton
Marrie Loftis

20 JJ Hughes
Melanie Hughes
Nate Spearman

27 Ronnie Albright
Lynn Albright

- 02: 9:30 am, Worship
- 10:45 am, Sunday School
- 6:00 pm, Evening Worship
- 03 : 10:00 am, Pickleball
- 04: 9:00 am, SALT
- 10:00 am—1:00 pm, Lighthouse
- 6:30 pm, Set Free
- 05: Love Thy Neighbor
- 6:30 pm, Mid Week Service
- (RAs, GAs, Mission Friends, Youth, Adults)
- 06: 6:00 pm, Storehouse
- 09: 9:30 am, Worship
- 10:45 am, Sunday School
- 6:00 pm, Evening Worship
- 10: 10:00 am, Pickleball
- 6:00 pm. Art Expressions
- 11: 10:00 am—1:00 pm, Lighthouse
- 6:30 pm, Set Free
- 12: 6:30 pm, Mid Week Service
- (RAs, GAs, Mission Friends, Youth, Adults, CARE)
- 13: 6:00 pm, Storehouse
- 16: 9:30 am, Worship
- 10:45 am, Sunday School
- 6:00 pm, Family Night
- 17: 10:00 am, Pickleball
- 18: 9:00 am, SALT
- 10:00 am—1:00 pm, Lighthouse
- 6:30 pm, Set Free
- 19: 6:30 pm, Mid Week Service
- (RAs, GAs, Mission Friends, Youth, Adults, CARE)
- 20: 6:00 pm, Storehouse
- 23: 9:30 am, Worship
- 10:45 am. Sunday School
- 6:00 pm, Family Night
- 24: 10:00 am, Pickleball
- 25: 10:00 am—1:00 pm, Lighthouse
- 6:30 pm, Set Free
- 6-9:00 pm, Bingo
- 26: 6:30 pm, Back To School Carnival
- (RAs, GAs, Mission Friends, Youth, Adults)
- 27: 6:00 pm, Storehouse
- 30: 9:30 am, Worship
- 10:45 am, Sunday School
- 6:00 pm, Equip Night

WORSHIP CHOIR SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

- 02, 9:30am Worship (NO CHOIR)
- 05, NO REHEARSAL
- 09, 9:30am Worship (NO CHOIR)
- 12, Rehearsal 7:35pm
- 16, 9:30am Worship
- 19, Rehearsal 7:35pm
- 23, 9:30am Worship
- 26, Rehearsal 7:35pm
- 30, 9:30am Worship

If you are thinking about joining the Worship Choir, then Wednesday, August 12th will be a great time. We hope to see you then at 7:35pm in the choir room.

He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God. -Ps. 40:3



PICKLEBALL MONDAYS
10 am - Noon



Love Thy Neighbor
August 3 & 19
See Stewart or Kathy Wilkey to Get Involved!



NEED THIS MONTH

**Mac & Cheese**

**Canned Fruit**

Regular Size / Any Variety



KIDS
MINISTRY

EQUIP NIGHT
AUGUST 23 @ 6 PM



Family Night Worship and Fellowship Meal

- August 16 @ 6 pm
- Starting in the Sanctuary

Bring Your Favorite Mexican Dish

A Seat At His Table



LADIES RETREAT

Speaker: Emily Moats

Double Room (2 People)
\$295 per person

Double Room (3-4 People)
\$245 per person

Scan To
Register Online



NEW
MEMBER'S
CLASS

Aug 23 & 30
@ 10:45 am

See Scott Holtzclaw
if you'd like to
attend these
2 Classes



the
Lighthouse

AUGUST
Schedule

SET FREE TUESDAYS
6:30 - 8 PM

- AUG 4 - Celebration Night
- AUG 11 - Regular Meeting
- AUG 18 - Regular Meeting
- AUG 25 - Regular Meeting

DAY
ACTIVITIES

TUESDAYS
10 AM - 1 PM

ART EXPRESSIONS

MONDAY
AUG 10
@ 6 PM



cameron's HOUSE

This Fall, we will have openings
for students impacted by parental
substance use. For more information
Email: cameronshousesc@gmail.com

Program For This
School Year Has Ended

Regular Schedule Will
Resume - AUG 18

Or Call: 864-610-5747

S.A.L.T. BINGO

4th Tues Night / 6 - 9 pm
Fellowship Hall

- Bring Finger Food
- Bring New or Used Items as Prizes (Under \$5)

See Teresa Dyer
for details