

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

**April 2025**

- 1 JOY Singers Rehearsal @ Choir Room, 10:00 AM
- 3 GriefShare @ Holy Grounds Coffee Shop, 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM
- 8 JOY Singers @ Sunshine Gardens - Marion, 10:00 AM
- 10 GriefShare @ Holy Grounds Coffee Shop, 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM
- 13 Palm Sunday – “At the Table” Musical / Lord’s Supper, 10:00 AM  
AWANA Grand Prix @ Gym, 4:45 PM to 6:45 PM
- 15 JOY Singers Rehearsal @ Choir Room, 10:00 AM  
Church Luncheon, 11:30 AM @ Gym – *Call the church office to RSVP by April 10th*  
(Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Cake) - \$5 at the door
- 17 GriefShare @ Holy Grounds Coffee Shop, 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM  
Stuckey Missions Circle @ Holy Grounds Coffee Shop, 1:00 PM
- 18 Good Friday – Church Office Closed!**
- 19 Children’s Easter Egg Hunt @ Gym, 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
- 20 Easter – Resurrection Sunday, Sunday School: 8:50 AM, Worship: 10:00 AM, No Evening Services
- 22 JOY Singers @ Fifth Season Assisted Living - Marion, 10:00 AM
- 24 GriefShare @ Holy Grounds Coffee Shop, 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM
- 25 Ladies Spring Fling @ Gym, 6:00 PM
- 27 Youth Pie and Cake Auction @ Gym, 6:00 PM
- 29 JOY Singers @ Parkway Estates - Marion, 10:00 AM

**May 2025**

- 1 National Day of Prayer @ Marion Tower Square, 12:00 Noon
- 4 Children’s Musical – “The Greatest Hymn on Earth” @ Sanctuary, 6:00 PM
- 6 JOY Singers Rehearsal @ Choir Room, 10:00 AM
- 8 GriefShare @ Holy Grounds Coffee Shop, 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM
- 11 Mother’s Day – No PM Services or activities  
Next Steps @ Next Steps Room (Second Floor), 8:50 AM
- 12-16 Missions Service @ Marion Ministerial Alliance Soup Kitchen
- 13 JOY Singers @ Villas of Holly Brook – Herrin, 10:00 AM
- 15 GriefShare @ Holy Grounds Coffee Shop, 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM  
Stuckey Missions Circle @ Holy Grounds Coffee Shop, 1:00 PM
- 18 Next Steps @ Next Steps Room (Second Floor), 8:50 AM
- 20 JOY Singers Rehearsal @ Choir Room, 10:00 AM  
Church Luncheon, 11:30 AM @ Gym – *Call the church office to RSVP by May 15th* (German Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes,  
Mixed Vegetables, Salad, Rolls, Dessert) - \$5 at the door
- 22 GriefShare @ Holy Grounds Coffee Shop, 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM
- 25 No Evening Services or activities
- 26 Memorial Day Holiday – Church Office Closed!**
- 27 JOY Singers @ Parkway Estates - Marion, 10:00 AM
- 29 GriefShare @ Holy Grounds Coffee Shop, 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM
- 31 GriefShare – Loss of a Spouse Seminar @ Holy Grounds Coffee Shop, 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

**June 2025**

- 1 Faith and Family Night @ Mtn. Dew Park, Gates open @ 2:30 PM, Game starts @ 3:30 PM, NO Evening Services
- 3 JOY Singers @ Prairie Living at Chautauqua - Carbondale, 10:00 AM
- 5 GriefShare @ Holy Grounds Coffee Shop, 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM
- 9-13 Vacation Bible School (For children 4 years old – Completed 6th grade), 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
- 10 No JOY Singers Rehearsal Today!
- 12 No GriefShare Today!
- 15 Father’s Day
- 17 JOY Singers Rehearsal @ Choir Room, 10:00 AM  
Church Luncheon, 11:30 AM @ Gym – *Call the church office to RSVP by June 12th* (BBQ Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans,  
Slaw, Rolls, Banana Pudding) - \$5 at the door
- 19 GriefShare @ Holy Grounds Coffee Shop, 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM  
Stuckey Missions Circle @ Holy Grounds Coffee Shop, 1:00 PM
- 21-26 Youth go to New Camp 2025
- 24 JOY Singers @ Reflections Memory Care – Herrin, 10:00 AM
- 26 GriefShare @ Holy Grounds Coffee Shop, 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM
- 29 Patriotic Service @ Sanctuary, 10:00 AM

**Regular Sunday Schedule:**

- 8:50 AM – Sunday School  
for all ages
- 10:00 AM – Morning Worship
- 4:45 PM – AWANA
- 5:00 PM – Youth
- 6:00 PM – Evening Worship

**Regular Wednesday Schedule:**

- 5:00 PM – Youth
- 5:30 PM – Prayer Meeting
- 6:00 PM – Bible Study
- 7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

**THE FIRST CONNECTION**

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**APRIL, MAY, JUNE 2025**

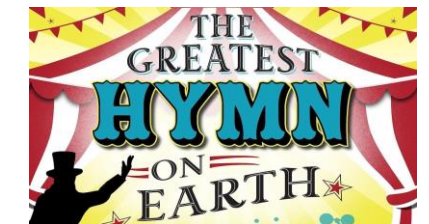
MARION FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
401 West Union, Marion, Illinois 62959  
Phone: 618-997-9386 Website: [www.fbmarion.org](http://www.fbmarion.org)  
Office Hours: 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM (Monday - Friday)  
Closed 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM for Lunch!



**Church Staff**

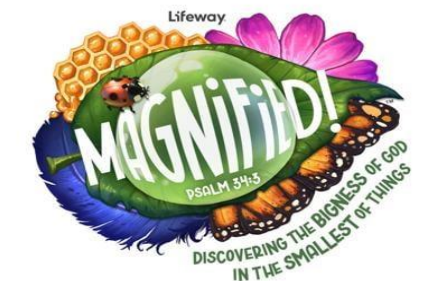
- Mike Malone – Administrator
- Ken Sharp – CARE Minister
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- Madison Presswood – Youth Minister
- Lisa McRoy – Children’s Director

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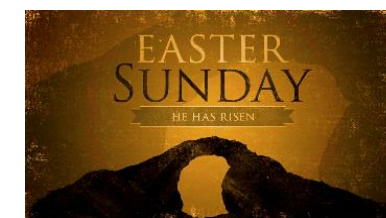


**CHILDREN’S MUSICAL**  
**Sunday, May 4th – 6:00 PM**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**



**JUNE 9TH – 13TH**  
**9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon**  
**4 Years Old – Completed 6th Grade**



**EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 20TH**

- Sunday School - 8:50 AM
- Morning Worship – 10:00 AM
- No Evening Services or Activities.





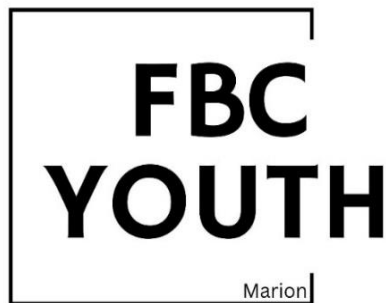
**AWANA  
GRAND PRIX  
APRIL 13TH**



**AWANA** helps to develop spiritually strong children who faithfully follow Jesus Christ. Children have fun playing age-appropriate games, learning God's Word through large-group Bible teaching and memorizing Bible verses in a small group setting to learn about God, His Word, and His plan for their lives. The last **AWANA** meeting for this school year will be on Sunday, April 13th, 4:45 PM to 6:45 PM in the Gym. The **AWANA** Grand Prix will be held on this night. Come join us!

**UPCOMING  
CHILDREN'S  
MINISTRY  
EVENTS**

**April 19th – Easter Egg Hunt** @ Gym from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon  
**May 4th – Children's Musical: "The Greatest Hymn on Earth"** – 6:00 PM  
**June 9th – 13th: Vacation Bible School** from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon  
(4 Years Old – Completed 6th Grade)



**Sundays:** 8:50 AM and 5:00 PM – 3rd Floor  
**Wednesdays:** 5:00 PM – Holy Grounds Coffee Shop  
**April 27th:** 6:00 PM - Pie & Cake Auction for New Camp 2025 @ Gym  
**May 18th/June 8th/June 29th:** 6:00 PM  
Youth leading Worship. Message by Bro. Madison  
**June 21st - 26th:** Youth going to New Camp 2025



**COME SING WITH US IN THE CHOIR!**

**Celebration Choir Rehearsal**  
Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM in the Choir Room.

**JOY Singers Rehearsal**  
Tuesdays @ 10:00 AM in the Choir Room.

If you have any questions, please contact Marcela Tyler. Thank You!



**Ladies' Spring Fling – Friday, April 25th – 6:00 P.M**

*Our program this year will be a Livestream event through Illinois Baptist State Association with the Priority Women's Conference. It will be a relaxing and uplifting time of fellowship with friends and family. Reservations for the event will begin soon. Watch for more details to come!*



**FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT @ MTN. DEW PARK**

**Sunday, June 1st, 2025**

Gates open @ 2:30 PM – Pregame Christian Concert  
Game @ 3:30 PM – Thrillville Thrillbillies vs. O'Fallon Hoots  
Cost for the game: \$10, plus FREE Stadium Food - All you can eat!  
(Courtesy of Egyptian Exterminating of Marion!)

To reserve your tickets, please go to the church office and get your name on the list by paying \$10 per ticket. We have reserved a block of 100 tickets behind Home Plate in Section 108, Rows D-L. You will pick up your tickets at the Will Call Window at the ballpark on the day of the game. Reservations for tickets are, First Come, First Served. Come to the game with us!



**We meet on THURSDAYS  
At Holy Grounds Coffee Shop**  
AM Group: 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon  
PM Group: 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

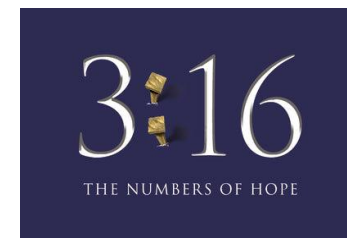


Please Enter at Office Entrance on Monroe Street.

For more information or to register, go to [www.griefshare.org/ministries/208311](http://www.griefshare.org/ministries/208311) or use our QR Code above.

**Loss of a Spouse Seminar**

Saturday, May 31st, 2025 – 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon  
Holy Grounds Coffee Shop – For more information, or to register, go to:  
[www.griefshare.org/ministries/208311](http://www.griefshare.org/ministries/208311) or use the QR Code above.



**3:16 – The Numbers of Hope  
Wednesday Evening Bible Study Series**

This is a focused and deeply personal study of the most-loved verse in the Bible—John 3:16. We pray that this study will move you to a profound awareness of God's limitless love, His incalculable sacrifice, and the certainty of His offer of eternal life.

This study will also reveal the gospel story surrounding the promise and unpack God's plan of restoration from the human problems of sin and death.

It's time to live into the promise, to trust it, so much that this message of God's unending

**Bro. Ken will teach this study on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM in the Chapel, Beginning April 23rd.**



**BELONG – GROW - SERVE**

**NEXT STEPS is the BEST way to get plugged in at Marion First Baptist!**  
During NEXT STEPS, we get to know each other better, as you hear our heart for the vision God has given us: *"Loving God, Loving Others, and Living Like Jesus!"*

Upcoming NEXT STEPS Dates: May 11th, and May 18th.  
You will need to attend both weeks!

So what are you waiting for? Sign up today either at the Welcome Center, or contact Bro. Ken in the church office, and join us as we take our NEXT STEPS in our faith journey together!