

PREPARING FOR EASTER SUNDAY!

9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

MY EASTER STORY

Personal Accounts of the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Presented by the Adult Choir

Join us in person or, by way of live stream or radio broadcast WQUL 101.7 FM 1510 AM or later on the church YouTube channel. An order of service will be posted on our web site.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Thomasene Owensby, 4-17

Jonathan Cooper, 4-18 **Brandy Fortner**, 4-18

Matt Lineberger, 4-18 Noelle Suggs, 4-19

Grant Foster, 4-19

Lee Hill, 4-21

Charlie Ramey, 4-21 Andrey

Andrew Shull, 4-23

Matthew Orias, 4-23 Brayden Orias, 4-23

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our church family grieves the death of **Pam Contreras**. We extend our love and prayerful support to her family and friends.

THE PARABLES OF JESUS

Join us on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm as our lives are changed through a study of Jesus' incredible parables.

April 13: Illustrations and Parables in the Sermon on the Mount - Matthew 5-7

April 20: Illustrations and Parables in Matthew 12

BLESSED ARE THE CHOSEN!

Paralleling each episode of The Chosen (season 2) the new study will connect us to the Bible and to the teachings of Jesus in a brand-new way. We will dive deep into the Sermon on the Mount and what it reveals about God's character, power and promises for those who follow Jesus. Once we belong to Jesus we are given a new identity and ushered into a new reality that is sure, imminent and permanent. And so... we have hope no matter our circumstances. Our new study will begin **next Sunday, April 24** at **6:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall.

YOUTH PANCAKE SUPPER

All youth are invited to a pancake supper at the Thompson's house this Wednesday, April 13 (5:45 - 7:00 pm.) There is no need to bring anything, but feel free to bring a friend.

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The Easter story is not one with an end, but one with a ripple effect, creating Easter stories for every person who believes and proclaims the name of Jesus as Lord and Savior. Because of Him, our stories are forever changed!

FLOWERING CROSS

Plans are underway to put together a beautiful flowering cross for our Easter celebration on Sunday. Contact Susan Culbreath or the church office if you would like to help. To contribute financially mark "flowering cross" on your envelope or online gift.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays * 6:30 pm

No More Excuses:

"Getting uncomfortable with each other."

Over the last several weeks, the men have been meeting together in the fellowship hall to dig into God's word and discover His design for true Biblical manhood. As Christian men, so much has been stolen from us... right from under our noses. The world has led us away from God's definition of leadership, integrity, love, & legacy, and has found itself in desperate need of the very thing it has worked so hard to destroy. Throughout our study entitled "No More Excuses" we have been challenged to become the men that God created us to be. We have been challenged, encouraged, and energized over the last few weeks... and we're only halfway through! God has been digging into our lives in ways that have been uncomfortable, but as a band of brothers in Woodruff, we've been strengthened!

Men's Campout - May 6

When the study wraps up May 3, we will celebrate with a Friday night campout behind the church, May 6. Some will camp overnight, some will head home after the campfire and come back in the morning in time for breakfast and devotions. Come be part of what God is doing in the hearts of men in our church! "No More Excuses!"

JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!

A Place to Grow and Belong! Each Sunday * 9:00 am

You are invited to join us for Bible study! A nursery will be provided. Contact us if you would like more information about which class to attend.

YOUNG COUPLES' BIBLE STUDY

All young couples are invited to join us for Bible study on Sunday mornings. It meets at 9:00 am in the room next to the youth room.

CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE

To act on recommendations from the WFBC Christian Learning Center Board concerning establishing an "After School" Ministry

Next Sunday, April 24 * After the Morning Service

We hope to create a further opportunity to teach the children and families of our community about the love of Jesus by providing an afterschool ministry beginning this August. It will be called the "Christian Enrichment Center." Board members are in the process of creating handbooks, policies, procedures and working through the various logistics and plan to have a proposal for the church at the called conference.

Work continues on a "Daycare" ministry (Christian Learning Center) but due to all that will be involved, it will be at least the fall of 2023 before this could begin.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us for a wonderful study – *About Gideon: Your Weakness, God's Strength*. The study will encourage you to recognize your weakness as the key that the Lord gives you to unlock His strength in your life. Come be part of the morning group or the evening group.

Mondays * 11:00 am * Builders' Room

Led by Sandy Farmer & Lisa Abercrombie

The Evening Bible Study Group will begin the new study **next Thursday, April 21** at **7:00 pm** and will be led by Christy Thompson. Let us know if you would like for us to order a book for you.

SUMMER YOUTH CAMP

MFuge at Ridgecrest, NC – July 13-17 See Bryan Thompson to reserve a spot.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

We are preparing a Graduate Recognition Service on **Sunday, May 15**. If you know of someone who could be included, please contact the church office.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Exalt the Lord, who has established us! Thursday, May 5

Spartanburg County Baptist Network

EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETING

Tuesday, April 26 * 5:30 pm

Contact us if you would like to help represent our church.

CLOTHES CLOSET

In May, our church will be staffing the **Woodruff Community Clothes Closet** on Saturdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Contact us if you can help.

LIVE RADIO BROADCAST

Each Sunday * 10:00 am Woodruff Radio WQUL 101.7 FM 1510 AM



SEASON OF PRAYER

For Missions in North America Church Goal: \$3,500.00 Received: \$2,170.00

Please consider what you will give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering as we seek to reach the people of North America. Only the love of Christ can bring the help and hope that is so desperately needed.

All Ladies are invited to join us for a

LADIES SPRING TEA!

Saturday, May 14 * 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Come join us for a fun tea party & time of encouragement as we learn about *The Teacup Story* and *What's In Our Cups*. We would love for all of our ladies & girls from our church to be part of this special event. See Lisa if you would like to attend. Tickets are \$5 each and must be purchased by May 1.

CARE VISITS

Thursday, April 28 * 8:30 am

Join with us as we visit our Care Residents that are in facilities in the Greenville and Simpsonville areas. We will eat lunch together after the visits. Please sign up in the office if you plan to join us. See Lisa for more information. All are welcome!

SENIOR ADULT OUTING

J. Peter's * Monday, April 25 * 4:30 pm

Come enjoy food and fellowship with our Senior Adults with dinner at J. Peter's in Mauldin. Please sign up in the church office if you plan to join us. We are looking forward to a fun time!

HELP WANTED!

We are looking for volunteers who are interested in helping with Nursery, Children's Church, Vacation Bible School, summer activities and more. Please contact Lisa if you are willing to give of your time and talents to serve God and help disciple our children.

FINANCIAL REPORT				
BUDGET	<u>Apr 10</u>		<u>2022</u>	
Needs	\$ 8,962.37	9	134,435.55	
Offering	\$ 5,273.21	9	\$134,977.56	
Over/(Under)	(\$ 3,689.16)	9	542.01	
Additional Offerings Given for Special Accounts				
Annie Armstrong	-	\$	1,025.00	
Stewardship Fund		\$	3.13	
Ladies Spring Tea		\$	5.00	
Ukraine Fund		\$	250.00	
Youth Fund		\$	350.00	
FCA		\$	150.00	
Use of Church		\$	75.00	
Easter Egg Hunt		\$	10.00	

PRAY FOR UKRAINE

Through Send Relief, IMB personnel and their local partners are actively ministering to Ukrainians escaping the escalating war. 100% of your gift is used to provide emergency supplies, water, shelter and clothing and show the love of Christ in practical ways. Give today to bring help and the hope of Christ to hurting Ukrainian families at imb.org/Ukraine or simply mark "Ukraine" on your contribution envelope or online gift to the church.

> First Person: How two Ukrainian boys personalized the war by Caroline Anderson

"Den & Dimi are the same ages as two of my nephews - 2 & 4. They also look & act like my nephews – blond hair, blue eyes, with a childlike joy & the desire to capture the attention of adults. What made these four boys so similar made their differences much harder for my heart to handle. Den & Dimi are Ukrainian refugees, displaced by the war. They are living in a church along the border of Romania & Ukraine with hundreds of other refugees. All around them was chaos, vet here we sat on the carpeted floor of the church basement, working on a puzzle. The boys & their parents, Alexander & Victoria, fled with a few bags. Their village was pummeled. Den & Dimi personalized the war in Ukraine for me."

"This Ukrainian family stopped at an aid station organized by Romanian Baptists at the border of Moldova & Romania. At this station, Romanian Baptist David Vasiliu directed the family to Casa de Rugacuine, a Romanian Baptist church in the city of Iasi. David's father, Florian, pastors Adora Christi, a church heavily involved in helping Ukrainian refugees. On our visit to the church, Florian gave Alexander and Victoria a children's Bible and a book about dealing with grief. "I'm sorry for what is happening in Ukraine. We don't know why it is happening. We would like to offer our love to you because Jesus loves you," Florian told Alexander & Victoria. We formed a circle & prayed. Den came & stood in the middle of the circle, looking up at all the adults with their eyes closed - trying to catch one of us peeking. I had my eyes halfclosed, & I winked at him & smiled."

"To my knowledge, Alexander & Victoria are not Christians. They hope to move to Australia. I pray they get connected to a church. These connections are a crucial part of the assistance Romanian Baptists provide. Refugees pass through Romania to travel to other countries. & Florian, David & other Romanian Baptists are connecting them to Baptist churches throughout Europe & beyond so they can continue to be shown the love of Jesus & cared for by the body of Christ."

"I'd like to challenge us all to think of the 2 & 4year-olds in our lives when we hear updates on the war in Ukraine. Think of their faces. I promise it will change everything."

DAY BY DAY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

5:45 pm Missions & Music (4 years to grade 5) Youth Pancake Supper – Thompson's 6:00 pm The Parables of Jesus - Live on YouTube 6:45 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, APRIL 15 - Good Friday Office Closed

SUNDAY, APRIL17 - Easter

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship Service - Live on Radio & YouTube

MONDAY, APRIL 18

11:00 am Ladies Bible Study - About Gideon

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

6:30 pm Men's Bible Study - No More Excuses

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5:45 pm Missions & Music (4 years to grade 5) Youth Lighthouse (grades 6 - 12) 6:00 pm The Parables of Jesus - Live on YouTube 6:45 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

6:00 pm CLC Board & Deacons' Meeting - Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study – About Gideon

ONLINE GIVING

Secure online giving is available on our church website: www.fbcwoodruff.org

CHRISTIAN LEARNING CENTER BOARD & DEACONS' MEETING

Thursday, April 21 * 6:00 pm * Fellowship Hall

HELPING HANDS CAR SHOW

Saturday, April 23 * 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Woodruff Church of God * Fun, Food, & More

STONE SOUP STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

April 21-24 * Woodruff, SC

www.stonesoupsc.org/festival/

The majority of events take place at MUSE 134 (134 S. Main Street, Woodruff, SC 29388).

MINISTRY PARTNERS – APRIL 17

Nursery: E Westmoreland, R Jeter (am) Children's Worship – T Smith, J Jeter Welcome Center - M & T Smith Outside Ushers - N Fortner, B Abercrombie

THANK YOU!

Love and appreciation are expressed to all who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt and the Covered Dish Meal. We had a great day! Lisa Abercrombie

Dear Preacher Andrew & Church.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support during this time! It is greatly appreciated!

Love, Lee, Courtney & Lacey Thrift

THE **ENCOURAGER**

"...to prepare all God's people for the work of Christian Service to build up the body of Christ."

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First Baptist Church * Woodruff, South Carolina **April 13, 2022**



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Monday – Thursday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Friday 8:00 am – 12:30 pm

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