

THIS SUNDAY

April 19, 2020

10:00 AM "DRIVE UP" WORSHIP SERVICE

From the Front Porch of the Sanctuary

We must insist that everyone remain in their cars.

Broadcast Live on

Woodruff Radio WQUL 101.7 FM 1510 AM

Pastor's Message:

WHERE THE RIVER FLOWS

Ezekiel 47:1-12

(A message about the life, restoration and healing that flows from the Throne of God.)

12:15 PM RADIO WORSHIP SERVICE

Pastor's Message:

THEN JESUS CAME

(A message that helps us remember stories in the Gospels when Jesus came and brought sight, help, serenity, sanity, cleansing, wholeness, comfort, hope, forgiveness and power.)

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We plan to post the service on our church YouTube channel at the end of week both as a complete service and as individual segments that can be watched separately.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH REGULAR SERVICES, ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS REMAIN CANCELED

In order to help "flatten the curve," slow the spread of COVID-19, and keep our hospitals from being overwhelmed, President Trump has asked Americans to not gather in groups of more than 10. Governor McMaster has asked South Carolinians not to gather in groups of more than 3.

LET US KNOW IF YOU NEED HELP!

If you need help picking up groceries or items from the pharmacy, please contact us. We are very happy to help. Contact our pastor, church staff or deacons if you discover ways our church can be a channel of God's love and care. Check on each other. During this time that we are not able to meet together, reach out by telephone to those in your Sunday School class and others that God places on your heart.

FAITHFUL GIVING

Remember to give faithfully (through the mail or online or through the church office) so that our church will have the resources to continue to pay bills, meet obligations, enable ministry and serve effectively.

RADIO BROADCAST EACH SUNDAY

Join with your First Baptist Family on our Woodruff radio station, **WQUL 101.7 FM 1510 AM**, each Sunday at **12:15 pm**. WQUL will broadcast sermons and music from our church YouTube channel. **This Sunday (April 19)** there will be an additional broadcast at **10:00 am** that will be "live" from the front porch of our sanctuary.

YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Each week we are recording and posting a number of sermons, special music and lessons for youth and children on our Church YouTube Channel. Visit our church website www.fbcwoodruff.org for a link to this channel or search for "First Baptist Woodruff" on YouTube. We give thanks for all who have been involved in recording, editing, and making this possible.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Noelle Suggs, 4-19

Lee Hill, 4-21

Andrew Shull, 4-23

Brayden Orias, 4-23

Levi Brown, 4-25

Tonya Jett, 4-26

Sergey Culbreath, 4-29

Amy Carlile, 5-1

Grant Foster, 4-19

Charlie Ramey, 4-21

Matthew Orias, 4-23

Jerry Cooper, 4-25

Jessica Lambert, 4-25

Courtney Morgan, 4-28

Mason Meadows, 4-29

Kate Hames, 5-2

SERMON IN THE WOODRUFF TIMES

The April edition features a sermon by our pastor, "THINK OUTSIDE THE TOMB!" Subscriptions for The Woodruff Times (as well as our pastor's sermon) are available at www.thewoodrufftimes.com. It can also be purchased at local businesses.

THANKS FROM THE GOOD NEWS CLUB

Even though our Good News Club did not end as expected, we are praising God for His work in them. Over 300 children prayed to receive Christ from within our 4 counties this school year. I am happy to write that 10 of those decisions came from your Woodruff Club. Thank you for your commitment to go into Woodruff Elementary School to share the gospel. You, the Church, are making a difference. – Child Evangelism Fellowship

ONLINE GIVING

Secure online giving is available

on our church website: www.fbcwoodruff.org

Giving online is easy and convenient but if you need assistance, Carol Morgan, our Church Secretary, is able to help. Feel free to give her a call, 476-8171.

FINANCIAL REPORT

BUDGET	April 12	2020
Needs	\$ 8,821.10	\$132,316.50
Offering	\$ 3,286.00	\$128,157.97
Over/(Under)	(\$ 5,535.10)	(\$ 4,158.53)
Additional Offerings Given for Special Accounts		
Annie Armstrong Offering		\$ 325.00

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

Church Goal: \$3,500.00 * Received: \$1,265.00

New Orleans ICU Nurse in Quarantine with COVID-19 Shares Gospel Hope

Lexie Green was still a few months shy of her two-year anniversary as a nurse at Ochsner Medical Center in Kenner, LA, just outside of New Orleans, when she found herself serving in the Intensive Care Unit in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. A few weeks into the crisis, which has struck the New Orleans area particularly hard, Green started feeling poorly herself. Her supervisor sent her home when Green discovered she was running a fever. She later tested positive for the novel coronavirus.

"I think it's the sickest I've ever been in my life." Green said by phone from her rental house where she continues to recover.

As she was working with COVID-19 patients, she began a video diary on social media as an opportunity to share the hope she receives through her relationship with Jesus Christ. As a college student, Green served on mission in New Orleans with her Baptist Collegiate Ministry group and as a GenSend missionary with the North American Mission Board. "I originally made the videos to help me cope with everything," Green said. "Every time I talked to my family, I didn't want to burden them with the things I was seeing. So, I just started recording myself talking and praying and talking to God."

"When I got sick, it was the first time I had seen everything on social media," she said. "There was so much negativity, but I wanted to share some of my story and share hope." She pieced together some of her videos and posted them to Facebook. The timeline covers from when she was first grappling with the trials affecting her and her coworkers to when she was first sent home with symptoms of the disease. She concluded the video with an invitation to reach out if anyone wants to learn more about the peace and hope that comes with a relationship with God.

"I have been completely overwhelmed by the response,

in a good way. I never expected it to touch so many people, which I think is the Lord working," Green said. "I've had several people, even people I don't even know, message me to say that they had either been struggling in their faith or were having a very difficult time. They said the video encouraged them to seek out God and reminded them of His faithfulness and His love for them." Some of her coworkers have started asking her deep, theological questions as well about what God could possibly be doing in the middle of the pandemic. Green has made herself available to talk, listen and pray when her coworkers complete their shifts.

Having this sort of impact, being able to serve and help people, is precisely what Green envisioned when she selected nursing as her vocation. "I feel like one of the gifts the Lord has given me is the gift of mercy. I have a heart for people who are suffering physically, emotionally and spiritually," Green said. "I have always been interested in the medical field, and nursing is such a caring profession. It was an opportunity to use my gift of mercy to practically share the love of Christ." Now, she has seen that dream play out under extremely trying circumstances, but she says she cannot wait to get back to work. "Knowing that somehow, in everything that's going on, I was able to make a difference in peoples' lives, that's what's drawing me back to the hospital." Green said. "That's what kept me going—knowing that I was able to love on and minister to people as a nurse." We give thanks for the way God multiplies the opportunities to witness even in difficult circumstances. Please pray for Lexie as she recovers and for the witness that goes out from past and current volunteers and missionaries through our North American Mission Board. Please prayerfully consider your gift to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

KATIE HAUSER

To Serve Through Live 10:27 Ministries

Katie plans to be part of an evangelistic team in Europe July 23-Aug. 8. They will use "world view" survey cards to ask questions & open conversations to develop relationships that help to move people closer to Jesus. If you would like to give financial support to Katie as she prepares write "Katie – Europe" on the outside of your contribution envelope or visit her "gofundme" page www.gofundme.com/f/gospel-for-western-europe.

OVER AND ABOVE PROJECT

\$85,440.56 has been contributed!

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

April 15 – Hebrews 13	April 23 – John 7
April 16 – John 1	April 24 – John 8
April 17 – John 2	April 26 – John 9
April 19 – John 3	April 27 – John 10
April 20 – John 4	April 28 – John 11
April 21 – John 5	April 28 – John 12
April 22 – John 6	April 29 – John 13

THANKS FOR THE FLOWERING CROSS

Love and appreciation is expressed to Susan Culbreath for her work with this year's "Flowering Cross." It was absolutely beautiful.

STRENGTHENING RESILIENCY!

When life knocks you down, can you get back up? Resiliency is the ability to recover and continue. Last May, we devoted a Sunday night service to strengthening our resiliency. We met around tables in the Fellowship Hall. At one table we looked at Personal Resiliency Builders, at another table we studied the powerful truths of Philippians 4, at another table we wrote and read prayers seeking God's help, at another table we drew pictures and talked about music that helps build resiliency, at another table we wrote notes on popsicle sticks that could serve as personal reminders in the effort to build resiliency and at the last table we read children's books that teach us something about resiliency. While we can't recreate this Sunday night service in our present circumstances, perhaps you can use some of the activities and ideas from this service at home as you seek to be resilient in the face of the incredible changes that have been forced on us by this current crisis.

Here are some Personal Resiliency Builders (as shown in a growing body of resiliency research):

1. RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD – forgiveness, gratitude, calling, purpose, ultimate victory, trust, dependence, awareness of how God is at work, strength, wisdom, context, comfort, peace, joy, love, etc.
2. POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS – friendships, mentors, family, church family, ministers, counselors, doctors, etc.
3. ACTS OF SERVICE / HELPFULNESS TO OTHERS – giving of yourself.
4. LIFE SKILLS – good decision-making, assertiveness, impulse control, etc.
5. HUMOR – ability to laugh & see the humor in the midst of difficulty.
6. SELF AWARENESS – knowing what we need or don't need, listening to the subtle cues of our bodies and our moods, making decisions based on who we are.
7. PERCEPTIVENESS – insightful understanding of people and situations.
8. INDEPENDENCE – being able to distance yourself from unhealthy people or situations, being able to go your own way when you know it is the right way for you.
9. POSITIVE VIEW OF PERSONAL FUTURE – optimism, hope, seeing the good.
10. FLEXIBILITY – ability to adjust, to change, to bend as necessary to positively cope with situations.
11. LOVE OF LEARNING – capacity and desire to learn new things.
12. SELF-MOTIVATION – internal initiative, the ability to self-start, self-direct.
13. COMPETENCE – being good at something.
14. SELF-WORTH – positive self-image, self-confidence, self-regard.
15. PERSEVERANCE – ability to keep going despite difficulties.
16. CREATIVITY – expressiveness through art, imagination, creative thinking, etc.

Which of these Personal Resiliency Builders comes most naturally to you? Can you think back to a time when you were resilient? What helped you at that time? Which of these Personal Resiliency Builders can you strengthen in the midst of this present crisis?

The Apostle Paul's letter to the Church at Philippi is absolutely incredible. Paul is in prison and is uncertain if he will be allowed to live or if he will be put to death. It is one of his last letters in our New Testament and it resounds with joy that overpowers his circumstances. Block off a few minutes to read Philippians, or at least read Philippians 4. What does Paul say is the secret of being content in any circumstance? What are the kinds of things we should dwell on or "think on?" What should we do instead of being worried or anxious? How can we have a peace from God that guards both our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus? What is one thing you could do differently as you seek to be obedient to what this passage of Scripture teaches?

Take a few moments to write out a prayer asking for God's help. Here is an example... *I know I am weak Lord, so I will allow You to carry me through this valley. I struggle to think clearly, so I depend upon Your living word to lift me. I feel such darkness around, so I look to Your light. I walk with a heavy heart, so I will give You each burden. I wonder if my heart can take the strain, so I rest in Your love and peace. Remind me of the warm glow of Your hope in dark places. Amen.*

Here are some verses from the Bible that will help you as you seek to strengthen an attitude of resiliency...

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

"I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

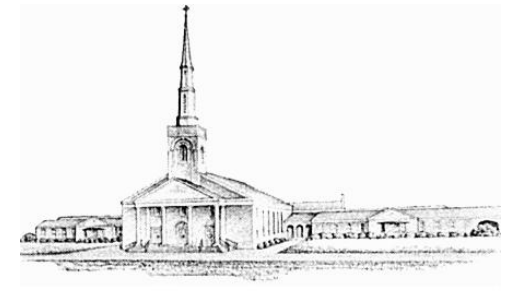
"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9

"I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us." Romans 8:18

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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