

## THIS SUNDAY

May 3, 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:

**DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE SON**

Matthew 17:1-8

(The story of Jesus' transfiguration reveals His glory, authority, and incredible power.

Don't underestimate what can happen when Jesus is given the central place in your life.)

Offering buckets will be placed by the parking lot exits.

### 12:15 PM RADIO WORSHIP SERVICE

Pastor's Message:

**FOLLOW THE SHEPHERD**

John 10; Psalm 23

(Jesus is the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for us. He leads us to green pastures, living waters and is able to restore our souls.

Will we follow Him or will we go out on our own?)

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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.

## PANDEMIC "SCHEDULE"

This Sunday, May 3, we will continue our new practices of a live drive up service and a recorded service for our YouTube channel with both of these being broadcast on Woodruff Radio – WQUL.

We give thanks for Governor McMaster and continue to pray that God will give him wisdom and discernment as he makes decisions for the health and welfare of the people of South Carolina. While there have been attacks on religious liberty during these days in other states, we are thankful that Governor McMaster has upheld the religious liberties spelled out in the first amendment and has consistently spoken of freedom to worship as an "essential service." He has also asked churches to use common sense, practice social distancing, and to act in ways that promote the wellbeing of their congregations and communities.

Please continue to pray for your church leadership as we seek the Lord's will and guidance and together put in place best ways and practices to fulfill our mission as a church in an ever changing situation.

## BIBLE STUDY AND CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER TIME

Next Wednesday, May 6 \* 6:00 – 6:40 pm

Fellowship Hall

Join us for prayer and Bible study. We will spread out in the Fellowship Hall practicing social distancing. We will ask everyone to come and go from the back parking lot. We will meet for a shorter time (40 minutes) so that bathroom facilities might not be necessary (but we will have the bathrooms near the Fellowship Hall ready if needed and equipped with sanitizing supplies.) Please do not attend if you are not feeling well. We will not be able to offer a separate nursery or children's program but children supervised by their parents are welcome. We want this to be a safe experience for everyone.

## YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Next Wednesday, May 6 \* 6:00 – 6:40 pm

Youth Room

Our youth room is large enough to meet in and practice social distancing. Join us for prayer and Bible study.

## BLOOD DRIVE

Next Wednesday, May 6 \* 4:00 - 7:30 pm

Due to the need for social distancing *The Blood Connection* strongly encourages donors to sign up for a time in advance. Sign up online through their scheduler [https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/143284](https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/143284) or call the church office, 476-8171, and we will add you to their schedule. Thanks!

## ONLINE GIVING

Secure online giving is available

on our church website: [www.fbcwoodruff.org](http://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.

## GIFTS TO THE GLORY OF GOD!

WHS Theology Class

*In Honor of Andrew Shull*

**Curtis & Nancy Walker**

Work of the Church Fund

*In Honor of Andrew Shull*

**Bob & Julia Howard**

## FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>April 26</u>	<u>2020</u>
Needs	\$ 8,821.10	\$149,958.70
Offering	\$ 14,439.00	\$154,057.77
Over/(Under)	\$ 5,617.90	\$ 4,099.07
<b>Additional Offerings Given for Special Accounts</b>		
Over & Above Offering	\$	370.00
Theology Class	\$	95.00
Katie Hauser – Europe Trip	\$	50.00
Annie Armstrong	\$	30.00

## 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.

## 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](http://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.

## 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 (May 3)** there will be an additional broadcast at **10:00 am** that will be "live" from the front porch of our sanctuary.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Missy Workman, 5-3

Megan Agardi, 5-3

Pam Pattillo, 5-4

Carla Blanton, 5-7

Margaret Murphy, 5-9

Katie Hauser, 5-11

Michael Hauser, 5-12

Kohen Murphy, 5-13

Jane Turner, 5-14

Daniel Craig, 5-15

Audrey Bettis, 5-16

John Lehman, 5-3

Beau Brooks, 5-3

Ami Webster, 5-4

Emma Lynn Lanford, 5-7

Hadley Thompson, 5-9

Tyler Mabery, 5-11

Rob Stone, 5-12

Harley Brown, 5-14

Reese Meadows, 5-14

Sharon Wood, 5-16

Connor Reynolds, 5-16

## FAITHFUL GIVING

Thank you for your faithful giving! It is important that we have the resources to continue to pay bills, meet obligations, enable ministry & serve effectively. Tithes and Offerings can be sent through the mail, through online giving, through the church office or at our "drive up" services.

## ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

**Church Goal: \$3,500.00 \* Received: \$1,720.00**

Please continue to pray for the witness of Christians, Churches and Missionaries across North America and prayerfully consider your gift to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

## DAY BY DAY

**WEDNESDAY, April 29 – John 12**

**THURSDAY, April 30 – John 13**

**FRIDAY, May 1 – John 14**

### SUNDAY, May 3 – John 15

10:00 am "Drive Up" Worship Service  
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE SON  
& Live Radio Broadcast

12:15 pm Radio Broadcast – FOLLOW THE SHEPHERD

**MONDAY, May 4 – John 16**

**TUESDAY, May 5 – John 17**

### WEDNESDAY, May 6 – John 18

4:00 pm Blood Drive Begins

6:00 pm Church Family Prayer Time & Bible Study

6:00 pm Youth Bible Study

### THURSDAY, May 7 – John 19

National Day of Prayer

**FRIDAY, May 8 – John 20**

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Next Thursday, May 7

*Pray God's Glory Across the Earth*

**"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea." Habakkuk 2:14**  
Begin using the 7 day prayer guide. It is available at [www.nationaldayofprayer.org/families\\_pray\\_for\\_our\\_nation](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/families_pray_for_our_nation).

The National Day of Prayer Broadcast will begin at 8:00 pm and can be viewed on television on GodTV, Daystar, and NLC. It will be streamed on the National Day of Prayer website [www.nationaldayofprayer.org](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org) and broadcast on radio through Moody and Bott Radio Networks. The Task Force President, Kathy Branzell, put it this way, *"Unprecedented times call for unprecedented prayer! This year's 'virtual' National Day of Prayer Observance may have more prayer – and more 'pray-ers' than ever before!"*

## OVER AND ABOVE PROJECT

**\$86,079.38** has been contributed!

## FUGE: YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

**New Dates – New Location**

**July 6-10 \* Charleston Southern University**

Join us for a fantastic week of fun and discipleship. Contact Bryan Thompson as soon as possible if you would like to go.

## THANK YOU!

Thanks for all the prayers, cards, food, candy, texts, calls, posts, surprise parade visits, gifts, toilet paper, and other practical expressions of love. Y'all sure know how to make a fella feel loved. I'm very grateful.

– Andrew Shull

## NO ONE WILL TAKE AWAY YOUR JOY! John 16:22

Joy is the surest sign of the presence of Christ! As Jesus was preparing His disciples for His death on the cross and for His resurrection from the dead, He tells them... **“Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.”** John 16:22 If we are honest, we will admit that we let everything under the sun rob us of our joy. What Jesus offers is something different, something lasting, something real, something genuine. The joy He gives is not based on the circumstances. Jesus offers something that becomes so imbedded, so integral to our being, so deep within our souls that... no one can take it away. It is so deep, it is so rich, so multi-dimensional that it has foundations in the past, in the present and in the future. Consider the...

**1. JOY OF THE RESURRECTION!** The reason we gather on Sunday is to celebrate the resurrection. Jesus’ resurrection on the 1st day of the week represents the new creation made possible by the way He conquered death. Because of the resurrection we have hope! Many situations in our lives seem hopeless. **“In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”** 1 Peter 1:3 Death has lost its sting. Jesus holds the keys. For those whose trust is in Jesus, death is now a doorway to victory. **“I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in Me will never die.”** John 11:25 Jesus’ resurrection makes everything else in Scripture make sense. It is the key to unlocking the mysteries of the Old Testament. As Paul Harvey would say... it is “the rest of the story.” Everything points to and has fulfillment in Jesus. **“And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning Himself.”** Luke 24:27 Jesus’ resurrection gives meaning to our lives, to our service, and to our faith. In fact, Paul writes... **“And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.”** 1 Corinthians 15:14 The resurrection gives us a future! **“Because I live, you also will live.”** John 14:19 We have joy that no one can take away because of the resurrection!

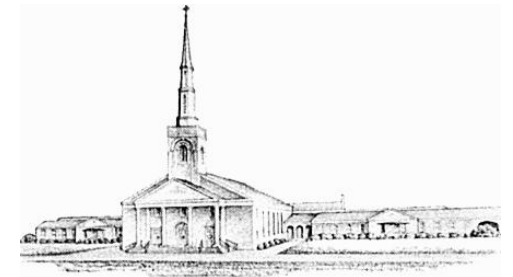
**2. JOY OF WALKING WITH CHRIST!** Christ give us Strength! **“The joy of the Lord is my strength.”** Nehemiah 8:10 Jesus’ joy can be our joy! **“For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”** Hebrews 12:2 Run the race, fix your eyes on Jesus. Don’t give up, persevere. His joy gives you strength. We experience His joy through repentance & salvation! The moments when we realize the depths of our sin are horrible as we consider the pain we have caused and the debt we owe. As awful as that is, it is overcome by the joy we feel to truly be forgiven and to experience God’s grace and mercy. It is a joy like none other. **“Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.”** 2 Corinthians 7:10 The terrible weight of guilt is transformed into the joy of salvation. We become people characterized by our generosity! **“In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.”** 2 Corinthians 8:2 Joyful people are generous people for they have learned a dependent trust & freedom from the things of this world! Jesus teaches us a joy that comes from depending on God. **“Until now you have not asked for anything in My name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.”** John 16:24 It is a joy that is not dependent on possessions or circumstances. **“You suffered along with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions.”** Hebrews 10:34 Better and lasting possessions? He is talking about things that moth and rust can’t decay and thieves can’t steal. Even intense persecution, loss of life and property, did not take away their joy. It is a theme that runs through Scripture. James writes... **“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds.”** James 1:2 That statement makes absolutely no sense, unless your life is built on a foundation much greater. We have joy because God’s Spirit lives in us. **“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”** Galatians 5:22-23 We have joy because of Christ’s abiding presence in our lives! **“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.”** John 15:5

**3. JOY OF HIS RETURN!** Death will be destroyed! **“Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire.”** Revelation 20:14 Faith will be made sight! **“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.”** Hebrews 11:1 Love will be made complete! **“May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May He strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all His holy ones.”** 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13 In fact we will be able to love each other without the self-interest that sin brings. And, there will be a joyful reunion! **“After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.”** 1 Thessalonians 4:17 We will live eternally in the joy of God’s presence. **“And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.”** 1 Thessalonians 4:18 We can look forward to a glorious day that ushers in incredible joy!

# THE ENCOURAGER

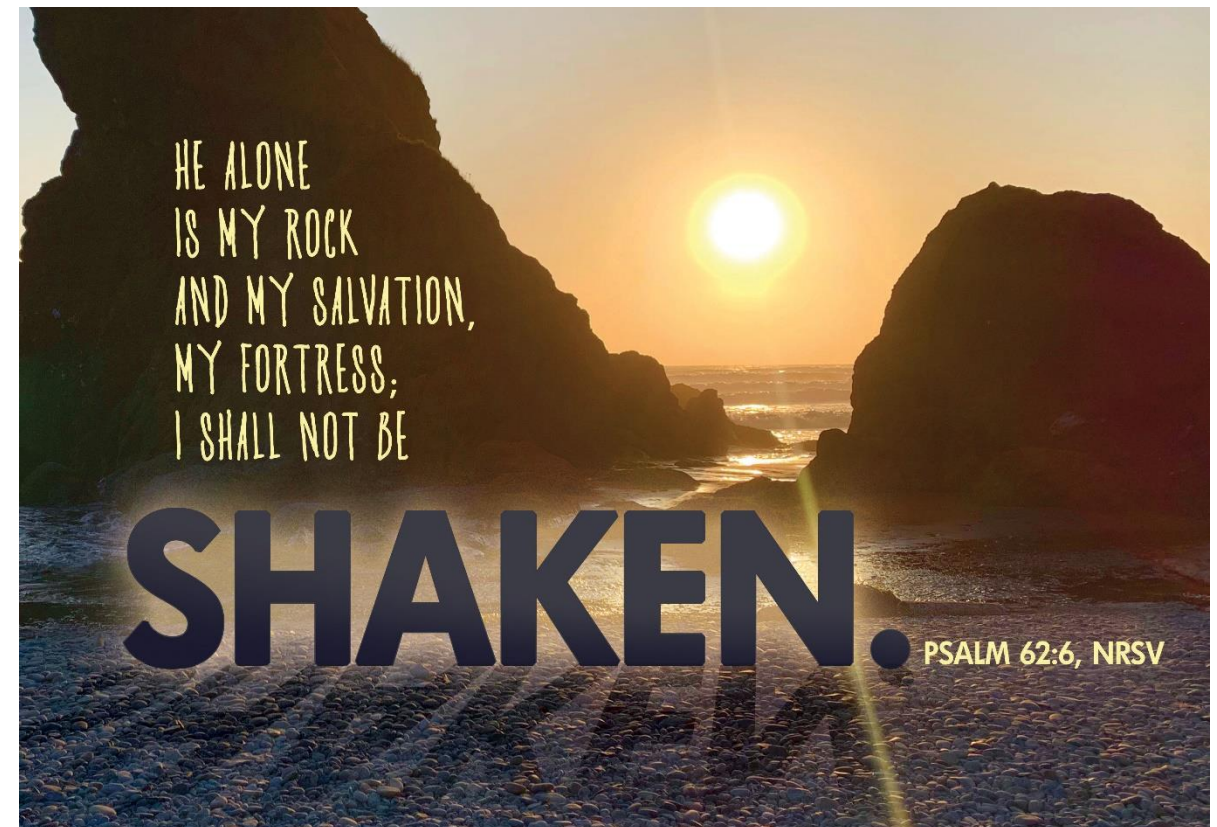
“...to prepare all God’s people for the work of Christian Service to build up the body of Christ.”

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April 29, 2020



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