# PREPARING FOR SUNDAY! April 11

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

"SEEK WHOLENESS!"

James 1:2-4; Matthew 5:3-12, 48

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.

# 11:00 AM CALLED CONFERENCE 6:00 PM ALASKA MISSION TRIP REPORT

Fellowship Hall

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Amanda Stonesifer, 4-11
Seth Gillespie, 4-14
Melissa Craig, 4-15
Jeffrey Smith, 4-15
Myra Wood, 4-16
Thomasene Owensby, 4-17
Kent McAbee, 4-13
Hannah Orias, 4-14
Carolyn Osborne, 4-15
Bryan Thompson, 4-16

#### ALASKA MISSION TRIP REPORT

This Sunday, April 11 \* 6:00 pm \* Fellowship Hall Join with us as Bobby and Lisa Abercrombie share how they saw God at work while serving with the team from the Spartanburg County Baptist Network in Alaska. The service will also include a time of brainstorming and planning for outreach events here in Woodruff.

#### HOT DOG FUNDRAISER LUNCH

The youth will be selling hot dog lunches after the morning service **next Sunday**, **April 18** to raise money for summer camp. Plates will cost \$5, and will include 2 hot dogs, sides, and dessert. If you would be able to make baked beans or cole slaw to help reduce our costs, please see Bryan Thompson.

#### SPRING WMU CELEBRATION

### Spartanburg County Baptist Network Office Tuesday, April 13 \* 6:45 pm

All ladies are invited to the Annual Spring Celebration of the Women's Missionary Union. Guest Missionaries will be Walter and Susan Ludwick who serve through the North American Mission Board.

#### **BABY SHOWER**

honoring

Paige Sumner Fain

Please join us for a drive through shower on Saturday, April 10 \* 10 am – 12 pm.

Paige is registered at Target & Amazon.

#### IF WE WILL SEEK THE LORD!

A New Worship Series From the First Chapter of James

April 11

#### "SEEK WHOLENESS!"

#### James 1:2-4; Matthew 5:3-12, 48

Trouble comes to everyone, but if we will seek the Lord, He will use our brokenness and pain to help us become whole.

#### April 18

#### "SEEK WISDOM!"

#### James 1:5-8; 3:13-18; Matthew 7:7-8

Life is filled with difficult decisions, but if we will seek the Lord, He will give us wisdom generously and without finding fault.

#### April 25

#### "SEEK TRUE WEALTH!"

#### James 1:9-11; 4:13-17; 5:1-6; Matthew 6:19-21

Money and material things do not provide the security and fulfillment that we need, but if we will seek the Lord, we will discover rich, satisfying and abundant blessings.

#### May 2

#### "SEEK HELP!"

#### James 1:12-18; Matthew 6:13; 7:9-11

We are tempted by many deadly things, but if we will seek the Lord, we will find that He is at work for our good and is the giver of every good and perfect gift.

You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:13

# BETTER DECISIONS, FEWER REGRETS

#### Beginning Next Sunday, April 18 \* 6:00 pm

Join us for this special study of God's word. The *Better Decisions Fewer Regrets Bible Study* written by Andy Stanley, will be equip us with five catalytic questions to consider each time we make a decision -

#### The Integrity Question:

"Am I being honest with myself?"

#### The Legacy Ouestion:

"What story do I want to tell?"

#### The Conscience Question:

"Is there a tension that deserves my attention?"

#### The Maturity Question:

"What is the wise thing to do?"

#### The Relationship Question:

"What does love require of me?"

#### RA & GA CAMP

GA - Monday - Wednesday \* July 12-14

# RA - Thursday - Saturday \* August 12 - 14

Call us at 476-8171 as soon as possible if you would like to go.

#### CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE

This Sunday, April 11 \* After the Morning Service We will consider a recommendation from the Property Committee and the Deacons that the church employ...

- *Bonitz* to replace the flooring in the sanctuary and foyers at a cost of \$74,720.00;
- *Bonitz* to replace the flooring in the Office Area and Builders' Room at a cost of \$10,255.00
- Premier Pew Padding to replace the upholstery at a cost of \$27,980.00;
- B & H Acoustics Inc to replace the ceilings in the fovers at a cost of \$10,810.00;
- *N, C, & E Electrical Contractors, LLC* to replace the lighting in the foyers at a cost up to \$11,200.00.

Funds for these projects will come from the contributions to our Over and Above Project and from a gift from Michiko Phillips' Estate.

We will also consider a recommendation from our Trustees and Deacons that the church authorize the sale of the house and property from Michiko Phillips' Estate.

#### OVER AND ABOVE PROJECT

\$101,255.06 has been contributed!

#### MICHIKO PHILLIPS' ESTATE

Our church has been greatly blessed by Michiko Phillips. A room has been set up at church where many items are displayed. They are available to anyone who wants them. If you are able to benefit from them, please consider making a donation to the church in Michiko's memory if you are able to do so. We want very much to allow her gift to benefit the church so that we will have the resources to reach more people with the gospel and grow faithful disciples.

#### 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.

# THE SHEILA WALKER CURRENT EVENTS CLASS

The Current Events class will resume this Sunday, April 11 at 9:00 am in the Church Library. The class is facilitated by **Curtis Walker** & **Rex Skinner**. Contact the church office for an email of the lesson. Each week the Bible study uses a story from the news as a launching point to discuss the powerful truth of God's word.

#### LIVE RADIO BROADCAST

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

#### THE MISSION MOVES FORWARD

Season of Prayer for Missions in North America Church Goal: \$3,000.00 Received: \$2,165.00

As we anticipate **Bobby** and **Lisa Abercrombie's** report this Sunday night, pray for these missionaries that serve in Anchorage, Alaska.

Brock & Megan Langley, Scott & Dana Belmore and Jade Taylor seek to lead college students and others in the academic community to faith in Jesus Christ, connect them to like-minded believers and to the local church, develop them as disciples and leaders and teach them how to live a missionary lifestyle.

**Joshua** & **Katie Seely** serve through the Set Free Church. Set Free focuses on reaching the addicted, afflicted, rejected, & dejected. The core audience are those who are wary of "religion" or church.

**Milton & Emily Thomas** serve through the Williwaw Church. Through weekly meetings they are equipping students to boldly share their faith with their families and communities.

**Stephen Zachary** and his wife and son are in residence at the Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson. He serves as a US Department of Veterans Affairs Chaplain. FBC, Anchorage is their home church.

Luke & Mary Connally serve throught the Catalyst Church. Their vision is to develop core groups of disciples within the military to reach the world with the gospel. They seek to meet them where they are in life and walk with them to spiritual maturity. They mentor, disciple and equip them to reproduce this model wherever the military sends them in the world.

Pray that God will continue to call out workers into His harvest field and prayerfully consider your gift to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering as we seek to reach the people of North America with the hope that comes through the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### FBC PODCAST - DEEP DIVE 4 LIFE

Dive into Scripture through our church podcast. Episode 23 explores what the Bible teaches about 'faith' and asks the question, "Is faith enough?" "Deep Dive 4 Life" is available on our church YouTube channel as well as most podcast providers.

FINANCIAL REPORT			
BUDGET	April 4		<u>2021</u>
Needs	\$ 8,905.02		\$124,670.28
Offering	\$10,818.66		\$128,861.23
Over/(Under)	\$ 1,913.64		\$ 4,190.95
Additional Offerings Given for Special Accounts			
Capital Needs		\$	5.89
Annie Armstrong		\$	620.00
RA/GA Camp		\$	190.00
Michiko Phillips' Estate		\$	574.00
Stewardship		\$	13.28

#### WALKING THROUGH THE BIBLE

#### Wednesdays \* 6:00 pm \* Fellowship Hall

Join us as we learn about a different book of the Bible each week & what it teaches us about Jesus. We meet in the Fellowship Hall practicing social distancing. We live stream the study for those who are not able to be with us in person. It can be viewed live a little after 6:00 pm on Wednesdays or afterward at a time of your convenience.

#### **April 7** – Ezekiel \* **April 14**– Daniel

- —The stories in the Book of Daniel take place between 605 and 535 BC with prophecies that extend far into the future.
- —Daniel remained faithful to God while serving in both the Babylonian and the Persian Empires.
- —Daniel is a man of great ethics. In Ezekiel 14:14, Daniel is commended with Noah and Job as a man who lived in righteousness.
- —Three times in the Book of Daniel, Daniel is called "greatly beloved" by God. (9:23; 10:11, 19)
- —Chapters 2-7 are written in Aramaic, the international language of the day, rather than Hebrew.
- —Parts of the Book of Daniel are written in an "Apocalyptic" style. The Greek word "apokalupsis" means the unveiling of truth (which had been previously unknown or concealed.) This style is also used in portions of Ezekiel & Zechariah. The Book of Revelation is an example of apocalyptic literature in the New Testament.
- —The historian Josephus records that Alexander the Great (332 BC) was overjoyed when he was shown the passages in the Book of Daniel that predicted his victory over the Persians.
- —The Book of Daniel includes very detailed predictions that were precisely fulfilled during the time between the Old and New Testaments and through the coming of the Messiah.
- —Jesus quotes from the Book of Daniel to help His disciples understand the coming destruction of Jerusalem and the end of time. (Matthew 24, Mark 13)
- —Jesus identifies Himself as the "Son of Man" (Matthew 26:64; Mark 14:62; Luke 22:69) from Daniel's vision (Daniel 7:13-14) who was "given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped Him. His Dominion is an everlasting Dominion that will not pass away, and His Kingdom is one that will never be destroyed."

#### **BOXES FOR TITHES & OFFERINGS**

"Offering Boxes" have been installed for your convenience on the walls at each entrance to our Sanctuary and at the entryway to the Fellowship Hall.

#### MINISTRY PARTNERS – APRIL 11

Children's Worship – Tammy S, Jaden J Nursery: Iris E, Heather E AM Iris E, M Ward PM

### DAY BY DAY

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

6:00 pm Walking Through The Bible - Live on YouTube; Youth Lighthouse

# **SATURDAY, APRIL 10**

10:00 am Baby Shower - Cory & Paige Fain

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 11

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship Service – Live on Radio

& YouTube

11:00 am Called Church Conference

6:00 pm Alaska Mission Trip Report

- Fellowship H - Live on YouTube

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 13**

6:45 pm WMU Spring Meeting – Network Office

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

6:00 pm Walking Through The Bible - Live on YouTube; Mission Friends; Children's Choir; Youth Lighthouse 6:45 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

#### SPRING BREAK

All are invited to our Wednesday Night Bible Study – Walking Through the Bible (Ezekiel) at 6:00 pm & to Youth Lighthouse this Wednesday, April 7. Mission Friends, Children's Choir & Adult Choir will not meet but will resume on Wednesday, April 14.

#### YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Each week we add worship services, sermons, Bible studies, music and podcasts to our YouTube channel that can be viewed on phones, computers and televisions across our community and across the world. Viewers can take part in our services and events live or watch them later at a time of their convenience. Visit our church website <a href="www.fbcwoodruff.org">www.fbcwoodruff.org</a> 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.

#### DEACON FAMILY MINISTRY

Our deacons are committed to being part of the ministry team along with our pastor & church staff. Contact them with prayer concerns, questions, & ministry opportunities as we seek to love & care for one another.

A-Co Buddy Few and John Ward

Cp-G Jason Ketterman and Tommy Morgan

H-Lc Patrick Elliott and Ken Vaughn

Ld-O Milton Smith and Terry Sumner

R-S Ted Culbreath and Terry Hauser

T-Z Sam Cooper and Susan Cooper

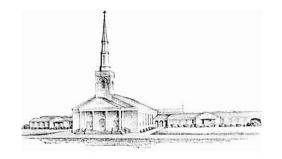
#### THANK YOU!

Andrew, Thanks friend for coming to our need in a time of stress! You and First Baptist Church are a God send. Thanks for giving of yourselves to help a sister church! May God bless you as you continue to reach Woodruff for Him! - Kermit Morris, FBC Cowpens

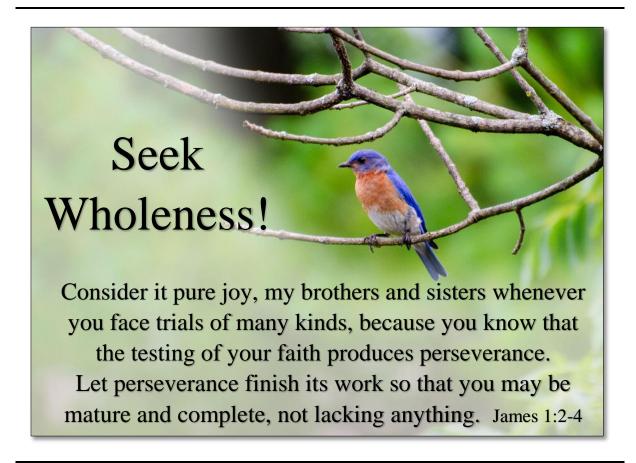
# THE ENCOURAGER

"...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 7, 2021



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