



EASTER SUNDAY PLANS

This Sunday, April 12 * 10:00 am

We plan to hold a worship service on the front porch of the sanctuary this Sunday. We will invite people to pull up in their cars and back into the spaces in our front parking lot. **For health and safety we must insist that everyone remain in their cars for the service.** We plan to broadcast the service live on the radio (**WQUL 101.7 FM 1510 AM**) so that the service can be broadcast to each car or you can roll down your windows and listen over the sound system. (There will probably be a slight delay with the radio broadcast so you will need to choose one method of listening.) If the Governor issues a strict “Stay at Home” order we will just do the radio broadcast. This is a time when we must as the Bible directs us, put others needs before our own.

Flowering Cross

We plan to put together a “Flowering Cross” on the front porch that can be enjoyed by our church and community. After the service, (and for the rest of the day) it will be available for family prayers and pictures (**one family at a time - we must insist that waiting families stay in their cars until it is available.**)

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.

RADIO BROADCAST EACH SUNDAY

Join with your First Baptist Family on our Woodruff radio station, **WQUL 101.7 FM 1510 AM**, each Sunday in April at **12:15 pm**. WQUL will broadcast sermons and music from our church YouTube channel. **This Sunday (Easter)** 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 filming, editing, and making this possible.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We extend our love and prayerful support to **Melinda Chaves** and family in the death of her grandmother, **Teresa Willett**.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Kent McAbee, 4-13 **Seth Gillespie**, 4-14
Hannah Orias, 4-14 **Melissa Craig**, 4-15
Carolyn Osborne, 4-15 **Bryan Thompson**, 4-16
Myra Wood, 4-16 **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 **Andrew Shull**, 4-23
Matthew Orias, 4-23 **Brayden Orias**, 4-23
Jerry Cooper, 4-25 **Levi Brown**, 4-25
Jessica Lambert, 4-25

THE WOODRUFF TIMES

The owners of The Woodruff Times newspaper, Vareva Harris and Tracy Sanders, asked our pastor to contribute a sermon for the April edition. We are grateful for this opportunity. Subscriptions for The Woodruff Times are available at www.thewoodrufftimes.com. It can also be purchased at local businesses.

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.

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

<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>April 5</u>	<u>2020</u>
Needs	\$ 8,821.10	\$123,495.40
Offering	\$ 12,530.20	\$124,871.97
Over/(Under)	\$ 3,709.10	\$ 1,376.57
Additional Offerings Given for Special Accounts		
Annie Armstrong Offering \$395.00; Great Start \$100.00; RA/GA Camp \$25.00; WHS Theology Class \$30.00		



ANNIE ARMSTRONG

EASTER OFFERING

For North American Missions

Church Goal: \$3,500.00

Received: \$965.00

Governors from all 50 states, three U.S. territories and the District of Columbia have mobilized all or part of their National Guard units to assist in the fight to stop the COVID-19 coronavirus. A key component to that response, as in any effort by the U.S. Armed Services, is the work of chaplains. *“A growing number of our Southern Baptist National Guard chaplains are mobilized in support of their state guard units as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic,”* said **Doug Carver**, executive director of chaplaincy for the North American Mission Board. *“They are distributing food to the needy, coordinating community relief efforts with local religious leaders and advising their senior military leaders on the safety, health and spiritual welfare of their troops.”*

Members of the National Guard come from the communities in which they serve. They are often leaving spouses, children and other support systems. Some chaplains are also pastors of local churches. So, it means they are leaving their congregations as well.

“Sometimes you’re a pastor. Sometimes you’re a counselor. Sometimes you’re a social worker. Sometimes you’re passing out food,” said **Chaplain Lt. Col. Yorlondo “Lonny” Wortham**, the Joint Forces Chaplain for the state of Maryland. *“But in all of those instances, you’re doing God’s work. You’re helping those in crisis and helping those in need.”*

Chaplains work to provide the element of spiritual care and counsel to soldiers. Their ministry can help provide a sense of normalcy when everything gets chaotic. They provide field worship services that last roughly 20 minutes or “hip pocket” services that consist of 10-minute devotionals. Currently soldiers are required to stand further apart and in smaller groups due to concerns about COVID-19, but after those moments, chaplains report that soldiers are encouraged and feel more prepared for their day.

Military chaplains in every branch currently face a unique and challenging time right now, Carver said. *“Pray for our chaplains as they minister courageously, listen compassionately, pray fervently, and preach boldly the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to their troops and their families. Pray the Lord always gives them encouraging words to sustain the heart and soul of the members of the US Armed Services.”*

Please continue to pray for these efforts, for our chaplains and missionaries and prayerfully consider your gift to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

OVER AND ABOVE PROJECT

\$85,440.56 has been contributed!

DEAR PARENTS,

Last week you should have received your Easter Activity Pack. Thank you for taking the time to work on these with your families. Please continue to work with your child to memorize the Lord’s Prayer and be sure to send me a video of them reciting it from last week’s packet! We would love for you to send pictures of the activities your kids have completed so we can share them on social media in order to stay more connected during this time. Remember, we are here to help if we can as we are encountering changes to our daily lives – be sure to extend grace to family members as everyone is trying to adjust. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you or anything we can pray for. Feel free to drop off any cards your kids make from the activity pack by the office to be delivered. Make plans to join us on Sunday at 10:00 am for our drive in Easter service and have your family’s picture made by the flowering cross! Wash those hands and we hope to see you soon! With love,

Lisa Abercrombie – lisafbcw@gmail.com

KATIE HAUSER

To Serve Through Luke 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.

CHURCH CARILLON

Jim and Kay Young have recently recorded new Easter and patriotic music for our church carillon that rings out to the neighborhood around the church each day at 9:00 am, 12:00 pm, 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm. We are grateful for their work to witness to, encourage and strengthen our community.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Wednesday, April 8 – Hebrews 7
Thursday, April 9 – Hebrews 8
Friday, April 10 – Hebrews 9
Sunday, April 12 – Hebrews 10
Monday, April 13 – Hebrews 11
Tuesday, April 14 – Hebrews 12
Wednesday, April 15 – Hebrews 13
Thursday, April 16 – John 1
Friday, April 17 – John 2
Sunday, April 19 – John 3
Monday, April 20 – John 4
Tuesday, April 21 – John 5
Wednesday, April 22 – John 6
Thursday, April 23 – John 7
Friday, April 24 – John 8

WE HAVE HOPE!

Jesus Christ rose from the dead! He has conquered sin, death and the grave! Because He lives, we can live also! He brings meaning and fulfillment to both life and death! This is the message of hope that the world so desperately needs. Death is not the end. There is more to come. Jesus said, **“I AM the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.”** John 11:25-26 We don't have to be afraid. Our lives are in His victorious hands. Jesus holds the keys. **“I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.”** Revelation 1:18 He has robbed death of its sting. **“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”** 1 Corinthians 15:55 Yes, death separates us briefly from those we love, but Jesus has transformed death into a doorway to victory. And one day, death, itself, will be destroyed. **“The last enemy to be destroyed is death.”** 1 Corinthians 15:26 What we do now effects eternity. **“But store up for yourselves treasures in Heaven.... For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”** Matthew 6:20-21 It matters how we live. **“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.”** Hebrews 9:27 Heaven is our true home. Heaven is what we are being prepared for. Eternal life can begin... the moment you put your faith and trust in Jesus. **“I tell you the truth, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.”** John 5:24 This life is not all that there is. This life is just a taste. **“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him.”** 1 Corinthians 2:9 One day our faith will be made sight. **“Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.”** 1 Corinthians 13:12

We Need Easter...

- † To be reminded of how thoroughly our Lord defeated Satan!
- † To see the lengths Jesus would go to save us from our sins!
- † To confirm the eternal certainties that overpower sickness and suffering!
- † To strengthen our faith as we leave the cemetery and anticipate a beautiful reunion!
- † To impress upon us how important it is that we invest in reaching a world God went so far to redeem!
- † To keep life in balance so that we do not allow an encroaching attitude of pessimism to overshadow our testimony!
- † To sustain us so that we will not become weary, for our labor in the Lord is not in vain!
- † To help friends, confused by life's injustices, to understand that what they see is not all there is!
- † To hear with freshness the words of our Lord who promised that in this world we will have trouble but to be of good cheer because He has overcome the world!
- † To look beyond the present moment and know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose!
- † To live each day in the assurance and hope that walking with the Risen Savior brings!

We know Jesus rose from the grave because...

...The tomb was empty. A heavy stone was placed across the entrance. It was sealed with a Roman seal. Roman guards were stationed at the entrance. No one had the motive or the means to steal Jesus' body. The early Church would have been silenced if Jesus' enemies could have presented His body. Theories that have developed over the years to explain away the empty tomb are not satisfying.

...People saw the Risen Lord. For a forty day period, the Risen Jesus taught and ate with His disciples. He appeared before 500 people at the same time. (1 Corinthians 15:6) He appeared to those who had been skeptical – like His brother James – and those who had been His enemy – like Saul/Paul. Their lives were forever changed.

...Those who saw Him were willing to give their lives. The disciples changed from hiding behind locked doors to boldly proclaiming what they had seen and heard. It would be senseless to die for something you knew was a lie.

...We can trust the testimony of Scripture. The gospel accounts contain embarrassing details & differences in the accounts that point to their authenticity. We have the witness of many, many prophecies that were recorded hundreds of years before that are fulfilled with precision. Jesus' life, death and resurrection perfectly complete and make sense of the stories, laws, promises, and festivals of the Old Testament. On top of all of that, Jesus, Himself, said He would rise from the dead.

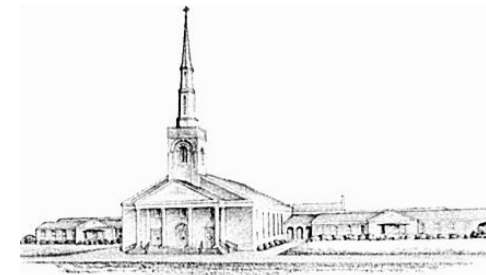
...His resurrection is the best way to reconcile the historical facts. Virtually all scholars who study this subject, including critics of Christianity agree that... (1) Jesus died by Roman crucifixion. (2) His disciples believed they had seen the Risen Jesus. (3) Saul of Tarsus (Paul), an enemy of the Church, converted because he believed he had seen the Risen Jesus. (4) James, the brother of Jesus and a skeptic, converted because he believed he had seen the Risen Jesus. (5) The tomb was empty. The best explanation of these facts is that Jesus rose bodily from the grave.

...Throughout the centuries, people's lives have been changed. For almost 2,000 years people have given testimony to the incredible strength, hope, peace, joy and love that comes from walking with the Risen Lord. *“You ask me how I know He lives... He lives within my heart.”*

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 8, 2020



“DRIVE UP” EASTER SERVICE

10:00 AM * Front Parking Lot

C. Andrew Shull, Pastor
Bryan C. Thompson, Associate Pastor for Youth
John C. Carroll, Minister of Music
Lisa C. Abercrombie, Ministry Coordinator
Carol R. Morgan, Secretary
Kay M. Young, Pianist
Tommie Jo McAbee, Site Manager
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