

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13**

9:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship Service - Live on Radio & YouTube  
6:00 pm Back to School Prayer Walk

**MONDAY, AUGUST 14**

11:00 am Ladies' Bible Study – Builders' Room

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16**

5:45 pm Playing & Praying at McKinney Park  
6:00 pm Church Bible Study – Live on YouTube  
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 19**

10:00 am Good News Club Training – Roebuck Baptist

**WELCOME!**

We are glad you are here and pray that God will use this service of worship in a powerful way in your life. If you are new here, please fill out one of the cards in the pew rack & place it in the offering plate or give it to our pastor.

**CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE \* AFFIRMING DEACON MINISTRY**

Today in our Called Church Conference you will have the opportunity to affirm those who have been nominated by the church and have agreed to serve as deacons – **Mike Elliott & John Ward.**

**BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER WALK \* TONIGHT \* 6:00 PM \* WHS PARKING LOT**

We will join with other churches in the community, meet in the high school parking lot, have a large group prayer together, and then divide into groups to walk or drive to each school and to the district office. If it is raining, plan to drive to each school and have prayer in your car.

**MORNING LADIES' BIBLE STUDY BEGINS MONDAY, AUGUST 14 \* 11:00 AM**

*Finding God Faithful- A study on the Life of Joseph* by *Kelly Minter.* We will seek to place our hope in the God who is with us, learn to trust God's purposes when life doesn't make sense, and recognize how God is at work in our waiting. Let us know if we can order a book for you.

**PLAYING AND PRAYING AT MCKINNEY PARK \* WEDNESDAY, AUG. 16 \* 5:45 PM**

All kids & youth are invited to join us at McKinney Park for a fun filled evening. We will have a devotion and snack, play games, have a special prayer time & invite friends at the park to join us for our Wednesday night ministries that begin in Sept. See Lisa if you would like to help!

**THE LIFE OF JESUS \* WEDNESDAYS \* 6:00 PM \* FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Come be with your family of faith as we share prayer concerns and study God's word together.

**GOOD NEWS CLUB TRAINING \* SATURDAY, AUG. 19 \* 10:00 AM \* ROEBUCK BAPTIST**

We need volunteers for our upcoming Good News Club. Make plans to attend training to prepare for this school year. See Lisa for more information.

**THE MUSIC OF JOHN & CHARLES WESLEY \* SUNDAY, AUG. 20 \* 6:00 PM**

Join with us at Emma Gray Methodist Church for a beautiful celebration of Hymns We Love.

**UPWARD SOCCER – HELP US RECRUIT COACHES FOR THIS SPRING**

We look forward to providing this ministry for Woodruff community children and families.

**MINISTRY PARTNERS**

Greeters: P & T McAbee    Outside Ushers: James T and Matt L  
Nursery: Lynne M & Brandy F    Children's Worship: Amanda W & Abby Jo

**MY DECISION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information \_\_\_\_\_

**I COME TODAY TO MAKE THIS PUBLIC COMMITMENT:**

- I accept **Jesus Christ** as my personal **Savior** and **Lord**.
- I want to become a member of First Baptist Church by baptism.
- I want to join First Baptist Church by transferring my letter of membership from the \_\_\_\_\_ Church.
- I want to commit myself fully to serving **Christ**.
- Other Decision \_\_\_\_\_

*C. Andrew Shull, Pastor*  
*John C. Carroll, Minister of Music*  
*Lisa C. Abercrombie, Ministry Coordinator*

*Susan R. Cooper, Pianist*  
*Bobbie Cox, Church Secretary*  
*Tommie Jo McAbee, Site Manager*

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Mark 40:30-31 NRSV

He also said,  
"With what  
can we  
compare  
the Kingdom of  
God ...? It is like  
a mustard seed ..."

**First Baptist Church**  
Woodruff, South Carolina

# We Gather for Worship

## The Lord's Day

August 13, 2023

Ten O'Clock

*Broadcast Live on YouTube and Woodruff Radio 101.7 FM 1510 AM*

**"Plant the good seeds of righteousness, and you will reap a crop of My love; plow the hard ground of your hearts, for now is the time to seek the LORD, that He may come and shower salvation upon you."** Hosea 10:12

Prelude

Welcome Lisa Abercrombie

Gathering *Gather In His Name*

Let His praises fill this temple,  
As we come into His presence and gather in His name.  
Let our voices rise in honor!

We lift up the risen Savior to celebrate and gather in His name.  
Shout for joy! Shout for joy! Shout for joy all the earth all the earth!

Celebration of Believer's Baptism

James Davis Green

Worship in Song Sanctuary Choir

*Seekers of Your Heart*

Scripture Reading, Music Meditation and Prayer John Carroll

Galatians 6:7-10

Congregational Singing *Arise, My Soul Arise*

Arise, my soul, arise; shake off the guilty fears;

The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears:

Before the throne my surety stands, before the throne my surety stands:

My name is written on His hands.

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise, arise, my soul, arise.

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise, arise, my soul, arise.

Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,

His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead;

His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race,

And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary;

They pour effectual pray'rs, they strongly plead for me:

"Forgive him, O forgive, " they cry, "Forgive him, O forgive, " they cry,

"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

My God is reconciled; His pard'ning voice I hear;

He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear;

With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,  
And, "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

Hymn 290 *I am Thine, O Lord*

Stewardship Prayer Andrew Shull

Offertory and the Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Hymn 600 v. 1 *More About Jesus*

Hymn 253 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

### Children's Moment and Children's Worship

(After we sing the Doxology, children are invited to join our pastor at the front.

And after the Children's Moment, children (age 4 – grade 2) are invited

to go with our children's worship leaders to Children's Worship.)

Children's Moment

Hymn 484 *Higher Ground*

Message Andrew Shull

IT'S TIME TO GROW!

Mark 4:1-20; 26-32

Why isn't everyone a disciple?

➤ Jesus' parables help us to understand the condition of our \_\_\_\_\_.

Why are we not growing in our relationship with Christ?

➤ Jesus' parables help us to understand the condition of our \_\_\_\_\_.

What can God accomplish in my life?

➤ Jesus' parables help us understand the miraculous work of the \_\_\_\_\_.

What will be the outcome of the struggle against God?

➤ Jesus' parables help us understand the \_\_\_\_\_ nature of the Kingdom of God.

Time of Commitment (Hymn 287) *Take My Life, Lead Me Lord*

School Year Dedication Prayer

Called Church Conference – Affirming Deacon Ministry

Benediction

Postlude



**Tonight \* 6:00 pm  
Beginning at the High School**