

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 20**

9:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship Service - Live on Radio & YouTube  
6:00 pm Worship Service @ Emma Gray

**MONDAY, AUGUST 21**

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

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23**

6:00 pm Church Bible Study – Live on YouTube  
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 24**

4:30 pm Depart for *An Evening with the Regals*

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 25**

5:30 pm Carolina Men's Conference

**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.

**THE MUSIC OF JOHN & CHARLES WESLEY \* TONIGHT \* 6:00 PM**

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

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

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

**MEN'S CONFERENCE "NO MIDDLE GROUND" \* AUGUST 25 & 26**

FBC, Simpsonville \* <https://fbsimpsonville.org/carolina-mens-conference/>

Let us know if you would like to register with the group from our church.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATION \* NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 \* 8:45 AM**

Plan to join us for muffins and juice next Sunday at 8:45 am as we express our gratitude to our Sunday School Teachers and anticipate the way God will bless our church through Sunday School in the coming year. Students who are promoting will move to their new class on Sunday, September 3.

**EFFECTS OF A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW \* NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 \* 6:00 PM**

Join us as for this special time of Bible study and fellowship.

**END OF SUMMER COOKOUT \* WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30 \* 6:00 PM**

Join us for a great church wide event. We will have grilled hamburgers & hot dogs, games and activities, scones, popcorn and more. Milton Smith, Skip Scott, Mike Elliott, Ken Ward and Spirit Works will provide music.

**SOUTH CAROLINA MISSIONS & BARBEQUE \* SEPT. 10 \* 6:00 PM**

Plan to join us for great food, inspiration and fellowship.

**HELP WITH ESTATE PLANNING \* SEPT. 17 \* 6:00 PM**

Jacque Wenger from the Baptist Foundation will be with us to give us practical help and resources.

**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: M & T Smith Outside Ushers: Nic F & Bobby A Nursery: R & L Forrester  
Children's Worship: Tammy S & Harrison W

**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  
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# We Gather for Worship

**First Baptist Church  
Woodruff, South Carolina**

**The Lord's Day**

**August 20, 2023  
Ten O'Clock**

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

**The one who remains in Me and I in him produces much fruit,  
because you can do nothing without Me. John 15:5**

Prelude

Welcome

Lisa Abercrombie

Gathering

*Across the Lands*

**You're the Word of God the Father, from before the world began;  
Every star and every planet has been fashioned by Your hand.  
All creation holds together by the power of Your voice:  
Let the skies declare Your glory, let the land and seas rejoice!  
You're the Author of creation, You're the Lord of every man;  
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.**

**Yet You left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,  
And exchanged the joy of Heaven for the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer You fed the hungry, with a word You stilled the sea.  
Yet how silently You suffered that the guilty may go free!**

**With a shout You rose victorious, wresting victory from the grave,  
And ascended into Heaven leading captives in Your wake.  
Now You stand before the Father interceding for Your own.**

**From each tribe and tongue and nation You are leading sinners home!**

Reflection

*Bearing Fruit*

**But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance,  
kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.**  
Galatians 5:22-23

**I AM the true vine, and My Father is the gardener. He cuts  
off every branch in Me that bears no fruit, while every branch  
that does bear fruit He prunes so that it will be even more  
fruitful. John 15:1-2**

Hymn

*O Lord My Rock and My Redeemer*

**O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer - Greatest treasure of my longing soul!  
My God, like You there is no other - True delight is found in You alone!  
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom - Your love exceeds the heaven's reach!  
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom - My highest good and my unending need!**

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer - Strong defender of my weary heart.  
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver - And my shield against his hateful darts.  
My song, when enemies surround me - My hope, when tides of sorrow rise.  
My joy, when trials are abounding - Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer - Gracious Savior of my ruined life.  
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders  
- In my place You suffered bled and died.  
You rose, the grave and death are conquered!  
You broke my bonds of sin and shame.  
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
- May all my days bring glory to Your Name!

Hymn ('08 Baptist Hymnal 448)

*Before the Throne of God Above*

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea;  
A great High Priest, whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in Heaven He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look, and see Him there who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
For God the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the Risen Lamb! My perfect, spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM, The King of Glory and of Grace.  
One with Himself, I cannot die; My soul is purchased by His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

Stewardship Prayer

John Carroll

Offertory and the Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Hymn 395 v. 1

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

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 334

*Blessed Assurance*

Responsive Reading, Music Meditation and Pastoral Prayer

Taste and see that the LORD is good;

**Blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him.**

You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good  
promises the LORD your God gave you has failed.

**Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed.**

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the  
Father of the heavenly lights.

**And we know that in all things God works for the good of those  
who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.**

If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to  
your children,

**How much more will your Father in Heaven give good gifts to  
those who ask Him!**

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you  
may grow up in your salvation,

**Now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.**

Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling,

**For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to  
fulfill His good purpose.**

Psalms 34:8; Joshua 23:14; James 1:17; Romans 8:28;  
Matthew 7:11; 1 Peter 2:2-3; Philippians 2:12-13

Worship in Song

Sanctuary Choir

*Evidence*

Message

Andrew Shull

IT'S TIME TO BEAR FRUIT!

Luke 13:6-9



You and I are here for a \_\_\_\_\_.

We have a \_\_\_\_\_ amount of time  
to accomplish what God has given us to do.

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ for us.

Jesus can \_\_\_\_\_ us.

Jesus can turn our roots \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus produces fruit.

Time of Commitment (Hymn 450)

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

Benediction

Postlude

**HYMNS WE LOVE**

*The Music of John & Charles Wesley*

Tonight \* 6:00 pm

Emma Gray Methodist Church \* 321 W. Georgia Street

Refreshments will follow the service.