

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service - Live on Radio & YouTube
2:00 pm Meet for the Christmas Parade Float
6:00 pm International Missions Covered Dish and Night of Prayer

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 20

5:30 pm Church Wide Caroling
After Caroling – Youth Christmas Gathering

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

Office Closed

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service - Live on Radio & YouTube
5:00 pm Candlelight Communion Christmas Eve Service

WELCOME!

We are delighted that you are here and pray that God will use this service of worship in a powerful way in your life. We would love to share information with you about our church. Please fill out a card from the pew rack & place it in the offering plate or give it to our pastor.

FBC CHRISTMAS FLOAT

The Woodruff Christmas Parade is this Afternoon at 3:00 pm.

Our church plans to have a float in the Woodruff Christmas parade. Special thanks to Mark and Tammy Smith for their work preparing our float and to the youth and children who plan to be actors and pass out candy. We hope to see you there!

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS COVERED DISH & NIGHT OF PRAYER

Tonight * 6:00 pm

Bring a favorite International Dish to share with your family of faith as we learn more about how God is at work in our world.

CHURCH-WIDE CAROLING

This Wednesday, December 20 * 5:30 pm

Go with us as we share the joy of Christmas through the beautiful carols of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

Next Sunday, December 24 * 5:00 pm

Make plans to be with us and take part in this beautiful worship service.

CHRISTMAS CARD POST OFFICE

Don't forget to check the post office boxes located in the back foyer for your Christmas cards. Thank you for your donations to our youth ministry.

GRANT AWARDED! - WHS CLASSES

The Baptist Foundation of SC has awarded a Ministry Grant for the Theology classes we offer to the Woodruff High School students totaling \$4,950.00 for 2024! The Ministry Grants are made possible through the bequests of individuals who have gone on to be with the Lord and through contributions from the Baptist Foundation. The WHS classes meet each school day and are team taught by Andrew Shull and Andy Watson. Please continue to pray for this semester's students as they complete exams and please begin praying for next semester's Christian Beliefs classes. At present 31 students have enrolled for next semester.

OVER AND ABOVE – SOUTH WING HEATING AND AIR

Needed: \$63,218.00 Received to Date: \$22,160.81

Our deacons are recommending to the church that we act on a bid received from Waldrop Mechanical Services for a 15 ton gas packaged roof top unit to heat and cool the south wing of the church. (This will replace the air handler unit we have used since 1962 – it is presently leaking - and make the south wing independent of the two pipe chilled and heated water system.)

UPWARD SOCCER

We look forward to providing this ministry for Woodruff community children and families this spring. Registration is open on our church website (\$70 per player.) Each player will receive a reversible jersey with a pair of socks, practice cards, a soccer ball, a poster for award stars and an end of season metal. We will have 3 Divisions: K4-K5; 1st & 2nd Grades; and 3rd – 5th grades.

YOUTH MINISTER NEEDED

If you know of a college student, young adult or seasoned adult that is a follower of Christ who loves young people, please share this opportunity with them.

MINISTRY PARTNERS

Greeters: M & T Smith Outside Ushers: Nick F, Bobby A
Nursery: B & L Abercrombie Children's Worship: T Smith, H Ward

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The Heart of CHRISTMAS



*God's Greatest Gift
Our Greatest Choice*

**First Baptist Church
Woodruff, South Carolina**



We Gather for Worship

The Lord's Day
December 17, 2023
Ten O'Clock

Broadcast Live on YouTube & Woodruff Radio 101.7 FM 1510 AM

For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given!
Isaiah 9:6

Prelude

Welcome Andrew Shull

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Carol 89 - *O Come All Ye Faithful*
Abraham
Candle Lighter - Ed Mobley

Prayer

Carol 85 *The First Nowell*

Stewardship Prayer John Carroll

Offertory and the Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Carol 87 v. 1 *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come*

Hymn 253 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

(After the Doxology, children ages 4 & 5 are invited to go with our Children's Worship leaders to Children's Worship. The older children will be taking part in *The Heart of Christmas*.)

The Heart of Christmas

Presented by the Sanctuary Choir
John Carroll, Director
Milton Smith, Narrator

Emmanuel

King of Eternity with *What Child Is This?* and
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Solo: Mike Elliott

I Will Be Your Servant
Duet: John and Marcia Ward

*So Much God with Angels We Have Heard on High,
Glory to God in the Highest, and The Birthday of a King*
Trio: John and Julie Carroll, Susan Cooper

Born in Bethlehem with Angels We Have Heard on High
First Baptist Children

What Can I Give Him?
Solo: John Carroll

Love Came Gently

Call Him Jesus with *Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child*

The Heart of Christmas

I Choose Jesus with *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*
Solo: Patrick Elliott

Till We Remember
Solo: Susan Culbreath

Finale

Time of Commitment (Hymn 305)

I Have Decided

Benediction

Postlude

Lottie Moon



Lottie was born in Virginia on December 12, 1840. Her name was Charlotte Digges Moon, but everyone called her "Lottie." At 18, Lottie followed Christ and was baptized. Lottie Moon was appointed a missionary to China July 7, 1873. When she was 33, she sailed to China as a Southern Baptist missionary. She saw firsthand the world's greatest problem - LOSTNESS. In letters to Southern Baptists in America, she pleaded for increasing prayer and giving. Her letters raised more support for missionaries to be sent to China.

She was a bold woman of action and radical obedience who shared Christ with her beloved Chinese to the end. Lottie died Dec. 24, 1912, leaving a legacy that lives on. Her influence led to the establishment of the Woman's Missionary Union and inspired other missions pioneers to join her on the field. Her passionate letter-writing led to the offering that bears her name today: Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® for International Missions. Every year, Southern Baptists collect the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® where 100% of the gifts collected send and support missionaries.

C. Andrew Shull, Pastor
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Bobbie Cox, Secretary
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