



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5**

**9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE**  
FOLLOW JESUS THIS CHRISTMAS  
(and all through the year.)

Luke 2:7; John 1:1-14; Philippians 2:5; 2 Cor. 8:9  
FBC Children's Choir will be singing & ringing!

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 church web site.

**6:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICE**  
WORSHIP IN SONG AT CHRISTMAS

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Tanya Jacobi, 12-05      Bobbie Cudd, 12-06  
Bobby Scott III, 12-06      Randa Powell, 12-06  
Harold Brock, 12-08      Ari Lanford, 12-8

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Our Children's Choir will be singing and ringing bells this Sunday in the Morning Worship Service. We are grateful for each of our children and for their dedicated and faithful leaders.

**ADVENT WREATH**

Our children and youth Sunday School classes are invited to help us celebrate Christ's birth by lighting the candles in our Advent wreath.

Dec. 5 - Grades 1 - 5  
Dec. 12 - Younger Youth  
Dec. 19 - Older Youth

**LIVE RADIO BROADCAST**

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

**CHRISTMAS CARD POST OFFICE**

Bring your Christmas Cards for people in our fellowship to the Post Boxes. Money saved on postage (donations) will go toward our youth ministry.



**WORSHIP IN SONG  
AT CHRISTMAS**

This Sunday, December 5 \* 6:00 pm  
We will enjoy special Christmas music by candlelight provided by various members of our church family. Contact John Carroll or our pastor if you or your group would like to help us worship through song.

**SENIOR ADULT  
CHRISTMAS GATHERING!**

Tuesday, December 7 \* 11:30 am  
All are invited to join us for lunch, catered by Vicky Clark, and a time of fellowship & games. The menu will be: Turkey & Dressing, Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Green Beans, Mac & Cheese, Rolls & Desserts. So that we will know how many to prepare for, tickets (\$5.00) must be purchased by this Friday, Dec. 3. Please share this information with anyone that would like to join us.

All ladies and girls are invited to our  
**LADIES CHRISTMAS BRUNCH!**

Saturday, December 11 \* 10:00 am  
Bring your favorite brunch food & join us as we celebrate a sweet time of food, fellowship and preparing our hearts for Christmas. We will enjoy music, a devotion and a time to make something to bless others. Please sign up in the office if you plan to attend.

**MISSIONS NIGHT**

Sunday, December 12 \* 6:00 pm  
Plan to take part in this special time of worship as we pray and learn more about how the message of Christ is carried around the world.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!**

Our preschoolers and children will enjoy a special time of celebration on Wednesday night, Dec. 15.

**RUN TO THE HOPE!**

Presented by the Adult Choir  
Sunday, December 19 \* 10:00 am  
Join with us and invite family and friends as our choir shares through music the encouragement and joy that is possible in Jesus. Just as the shepherds "hurried off" to see the newborn baby whose birth the angels proclaimed, we can run to the hope Jesus offers each of us.

**JANUARY BIBLE STUDY**

Each Sunday in January \* 6:00 pm  
*Psalms: The Character of God*

**DECORATING COMMITTEE**

Great appreciation is expressed to our Decorating Committee for their work preparing the sanctuary for the Christmas season.

**CHRISTMAS CHRONICLES**

*With Bill Cox*

Sunday, December 19 \* 6:00 pm

Bill will present five original dramatic monologues of characters that are part of the nativity story. The characters are portrayed with humorous contemporary twists in both costuming and commentary. Together they tell the true Biblical Christmas story and share meaningful spiritual insights, inspiration, and encouragement.

**CHURCH-WIDE CAROLING**

Wednesday, December 22 \* 5:30 pm

Plan to go with us as we share the joy of Christmas through the beautiful carols of Christmas. Please contact the church office if you would like to have a group carol outside your house.



**Christmas Eve  
Candlelight**

Communion Service  
Friday, Dec. 24 \* 5:00 pm

**STUDENT DAY AT CHRISTMAS**

Sunday Morning, December 26 \* 10:00 am

Our college and graduate students are invited to help lead our worship service. Please call the church office if you would like to participate.

**YOUTH BONFIRE AND COOKOUT**

This Wednesday, December 1

5:45 – 7:00 pm @ The Thompsons'

Weather permitting, the youth will have a bonfire at the Thompsons' house. Supper will be served. There is no cost to participate.

**GIFTS TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

*Work of the Church*

In Memory of Jimmy Godfrey

Liz Mason

*Capital Needs Fund*

In Memory of Jo Anne Westmoreland

Kent & Tommie Jo McAbee

Dan & Lynn Parler

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>Nov 28</b>	<b>2021</b>
Needs	\$ 8,905.02	\$427,440.96
Offering	\$ 6,948.00	\$416,687.12
Over/(Under)	(\$ 1,957.02)	(\$ 10,753.84)
<b>Additional Offerings Given for Special Accounts</b>		
Sr Adult Christmas Gathering	\$	105.00
Stewardship	\$	5.00
Winter Youth Retreat	\$	13.00
Lottie Moon	\$	110.00
Capital Needs	\$	100.00
Use of Church	\$	85.00

**LOTTIE MOON**

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

John saw a powerful vision of Heaven... "I saw a great multitude from every nation and all tribes and peoples and languages standing before the throne." Revelation 7:9 We have the incredible opportunity through our prayers, gifts, and lives to be part of what God is doing as He draws people from every nation to Himself. We will publish a special bulletin insert on Dec. 12 to list gifts to the Lottie Moon Offering that are given In Memory or In Honor of loved ones. Forms are available in the church office. The deadline to fill out a form is **this Sunday, December 5.**

**2022 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES**

We are grateful for your gifts to the Lord's church. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless and multiply them as we seek to be faithful to the mission He has entrusted to us here in Woodruff and beyond. We believe strongly that God still has a plan and a purpose for this church even in the difficult times in which we live.

Packets of contributions envelopes have been prepared for those who requested them last year and are available in your Sunday School class or if you wanted them mailed you should receive them soon. Please contact us if you haven't been receiving envelope packets but would like to start.

Here are some of the ways that people give their tithes and offerings to our church.

**Bank draft** – You can set up a draft from your bank that is sent to the church. This can be done for each gift or you can set up an automatic draft each month. Most banks offer this as a free service to their customers, which means there is no cost to you or to the church.

**Offering boxes / Mailed in Offering** – During the pandemic we stopped passing the offering plates in the worship service, but offering boxes have been installed at each door of the sanctuary (and in the hallway outside the kitchen.) Envelopes are available in the entryways & pews for you to use while you are here & are also available for you to take home with you for future gifts. We also receive tithes & offerings through the mail.

**Online giving** – Our church website has a tab for online giving ([www.fbcwoodruff.org](http://www.fbcwoodruff.org)) You can set up an individual gift or recurring gifts. Companies that provide this kind of service pass along a transaction fee to the church that is a percentage of your gift. The percentage varies depending on what type of bank card is used. The lowest percentage is used when you enter your banking information (routing and account number) rather than using a credit or debit card. There is an option for you to include this transaction fee in your gift.



## WALKING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Wednesdays \* 6:00 pm \* Fellowship Hall

The study is livestreamed on our YouTube channel & can be viewed live a little after 6:00 pm or afterward at a time of your convenience.

**Dec. 1 – 2 Timothy Dec. 8 – Titus**

It is thought that Paul wrote *Titus* between 62-64 AD around the same time he wrote *1 Timothy* (between his first and second Roman imprisonment.) Paul is writing from either Corinth or Nicopolis (3:12) to Titus whom Paul left to serve in Crete (1:5.) Paul is sending Atreus or Tychicus to Crete and wants Titus to join him in Nicopolis for the winter.

Paul refers to Titus as his **“true son in the faith”** (1:4); his **“brother”** (2 Cor. 2:13) and as his **“partner” & “co-worker”** (2 Cor. 8:23.) Titus accompanied Paul from Antioch to Jerusalem to a meeting of church leaders. Even though He was Greek they did not compel him to be circumcised. (Galatians 2:1-3.) Paul points this out to emphasize that a person did not need to become Jewish before they could become a Christian. Titus (who is mentioned 9 times in 2 Corinthians) was sent on mission by Paul to Corinth and helped collect their love offering for the Jerusalem Church. Near the end of Paul’s life, he mentions that Titus has gone to Dalmatia (2 Timothy 4:10.) Some traditions state that Titus was martyred in Dalmatia around the same time as Paul’s execution. Other traditions have him returning to Crete and dying peacefully after a lifetime of service.

Through his words of encouragement, Paul seeks to help Titus equip the churches at Crete to be effective in sharing the message of salvation. This involves getting rid of false teachers, appointing and discipling good leaders, and strengthening people in each age group so that their lives **“will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive.”** (2:10) The incredible grace believers experience through God’s saving work equips them to live very differently than the way they lived before and this creates a powerful way for the message of salvation to be proclaimed. **“At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy.”** (3:3-5)

### SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOKS

The Sunday School quarterlies for December, January and February have arrived. Pick them up in Sunday School, or on a table in the foyer or come by the office, or call us to have them mailed or delivered to your house.



### DAY BY DAY

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

11:30 am International Mission Study – Carolina Country C  
5:45 pm Missions & Music (4 years to grade 5)  
Youth Bonfire & Cookout @ The Thompsons’  
6:00 pm 2 Timothy Bible Study - Live on YouTube  
6:45 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship Service - Live on Radio & YouTube  
4:00 pm Deacons’ Meeting  
6:00 pm Worship in Song at Christmas

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

11:30 am Senior Adult Christmas Gathering

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

5:45 pm Missions & Music (4 years to grade 5)  
Youth Lighthouse (grades 6-12)  
6:00 pm Titus Bible Study - Live on YouTube  
6:45 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

10:00 am Ladies Christmas Brunch

### JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!

*A Place to Grow and Belong!*

Each Sunday \* 9:00 am

### DECEMBER SILENT AUCTION

We are hosting a silent auction for items that have been donated to the church (including furniture, dishes, roll away beds.) Contact the church office during December to view and bid on the items.

### INTERNATIONAL MISSION STUDY

Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021 \* 11:30 am – 1:30 pm  
Carolina County Club

### BACKPACK DISTRIBUTION MISSION TRIP

A team from the Spartanburg County Baptist Network is planning a trip to Jenkins, Kentucky Dec. 12-14 to distribute Christmas backpacks. We have people from our church that are planning to go. Contact Tracy McAbee at the Network office 582-8330 if you would like to be part of the mission team. Pray for the team’s safety as they share the backpacks and Christmas blessings to those in need.

### MINISTRY PARTNERS

**December 5:** Nursery – J Yarbray, L Morgan (am)  
L Morgan, T Sumner (pm)  
Children’s Worship –L Forrester, O Thompson

# 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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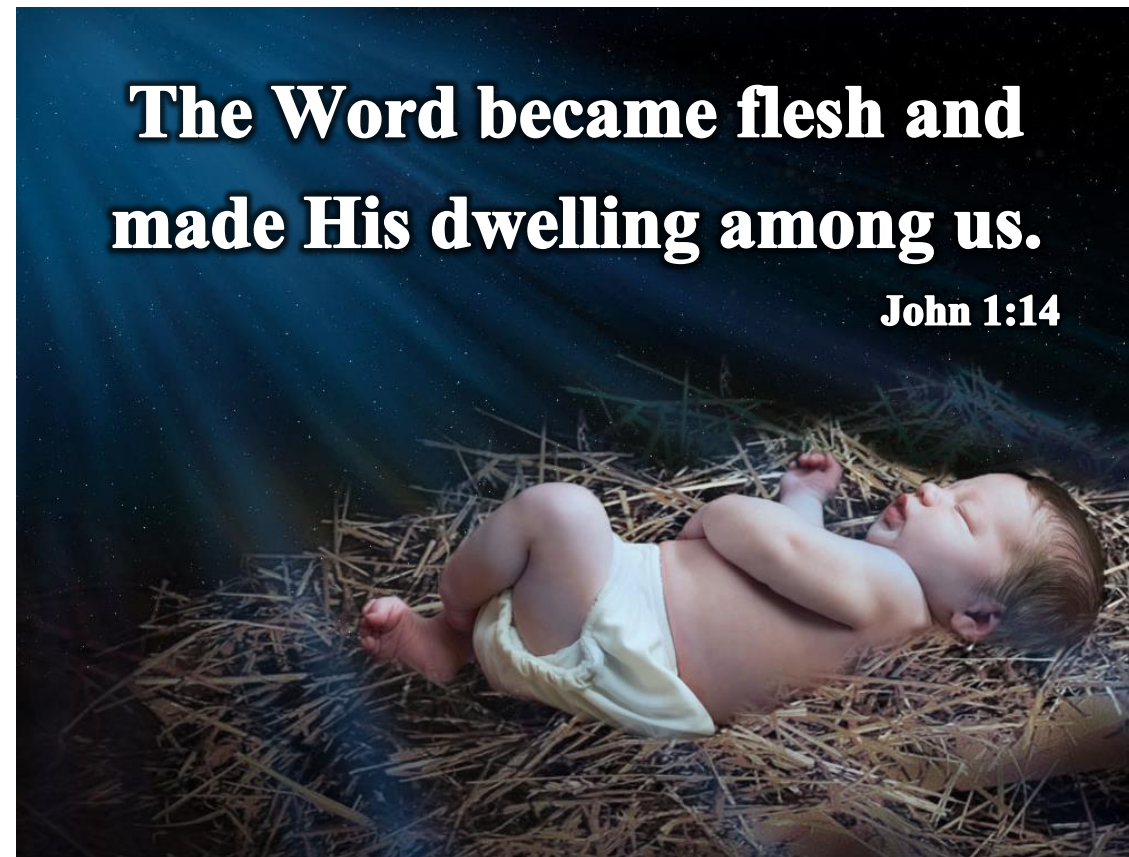


First Baptist Church \* Woodruff, South Carolina

December 1, 2021

The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us.

John 1:14



#### Regular Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Friday 8:00 am – 12:30 pm

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