

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP



### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

THE HEART OF CHRISTMAS

Presented by FBC Sanctuary Choir

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 web site.

6:00 PM INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS  
COVERED DISH AND NIGHT OF PRAYER



### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

GIVING AND RECEIVING GIFTS

Matthew 2:1-12

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 web site.

5:00 PM CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION  
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE



### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

THE GIFT OF TIME

Genesis 1:5, 14; Psalm 31:15; Ephesians 5:16

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 web site.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Madison Jacobi, 12-16	Hunter Patton, 12-17
Caleb Hart, 12-18	Angie Turner, 12-18
Brayden Chaves, 12-20	Ruskin Casey, 12-21
Conn Mason, 12-22	Charles Hembree, 12-22
Nick LaPolla, 12-26	Becky Westmoreland, 12-28
Rosemary Leake, 12-29	Greg Cooper, 12-30
Milan Jett, 12-30	Jack Rhodes, 12-31
Becky Godfrey, 1-1	Marie Wood, 1-3
Kevin Murphy, 1-3	Scott Gillespie, 1-5

# The Heart of CHRISTMAS

God's Greatest Gift \* Our Greatest Choice  
Sunday Morning, December 17 \* 10:00 am

Presented by the Sanctuary Choir

Traditional carols, inspirational ballads and joyous gospel songs breathe life into our celebration. Every person who took part in the wondrous Christmas event was faced with choices. May we choose to worship, honor, and serve this Savior who is Christ the Lord!

## FBC CHRISTMAS FLOAT

Sunday Afternoon, December 17

Meet to Prepare – 2:00 pm \* Parade – 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

Sunday, December 17 \* 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

Wednesday, December 20 \* 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

Sunday, Dec. 24 \* 5:00 pm

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

## PICK UP YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS

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.

## STRENGTH TO STAND

Winter Youth Retreat – December 28 - 30

Please pray for our youth and adults as they travel to Pigeon Forge for the Strength to Stand Conference – Abby Jo Fortner, Brandy Fortner, Corey Fortner, Nick Fortner, Brayden Orias, Bryson Orias, Andrew Shull and Dawson Wease.

## Season of Prayer for INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

Go Tell the Story of Jesus!

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Goal: \$3,500.00



The International Mission Board is committed to finding and engaging people so far off the map that not much is known about them and their exposure to the gospel. Earlier this year, the IMB launched a new initiative, Project 3000, to engage 3,072 unengaged and unreached people groups. Of this number, 784 groups have no Scripture in their heart language. New missionary explorers will be journeying into the unknown to find out where they live, learn about their culture, discern their literacy, develop ministry strategies and find people to partner with in the task.

## JANUARY BIBLE STUDY

The Sermon on the Mount: Blessings of the Kingdom  
Sunday Nights in January \* 6:00 pm

It's not a sermon. It's THE sermon. For as long as the Bible has been studied, Matthew 5-7 has been a critical passage of Scripture for followers of Jesus. Growing disciples have turned to it for centuries so they could learn more about how to grow spiritually as His disciples. The passage has come to be called the Sermon on the Mount, and it is appreciated as a most remarkable message because of the profound depth as well as the simplicity of the life changing instruction. Let's learn together what it means to be a disciple of Christ.

## JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

A Place to Grow and Belong! \* Sundays \* 9:00 am

## 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.

## 2024 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Whether you give through bank draft, online giving, through the mail or in person, we are very grateful for your gifts to the Lord's church. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless & multiply each gift for His service. Please contact us if you haven't been receiving envelope packets but would like to start.

## LIVE RADIO BROADCAST

Each Sunday \* 10:00 am

Woodruff Radio WQUL 101.7 FM 1510 AM

## ONLINE GIVING

Secure online giving is available  
on our church website: www.fbcwoodruff.org

## 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 32 students have enrolled for next semester.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

Dec. 20 – Church-Wide Caroling

Youth Christmas Party

Dec. 27 – No Evening Activities

Jan. 3 – Church Bible Study (only)

Jan. 10 – Regular Schedule Resumes

## REMIND

Sign up for Remind to receive time sensitive (deaths, schedule changes, etc.) texts or emails. Text the message "@wfbf1787" to 81010 or email us to sign up.

## CITY OF WOODRUFF – 150 YEARS!

In 2024 the City of Woodruff will celebrate its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Our church, which began meeting in 1787, played a pivotal role in bringing the community together. We will join with the city in planning the year long celebrations of our community's history, industries, agriculture, education, churches, ministries and people.



## COACHES NEEDED!!

Registration is open on our church website (\$70 per player.) We will have 3 Divisions: K4-K5; 1st & 2nd Grades; 3rd – 5 grades. We will need 12 coaches. Applications for coaches are available on our church website. Experience is not required. Playbooks are provided with step by step instructions & helpful videos.

## NEW LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Monday, January 8 \* 11:00 am

We plan to begin Encountering God by Kelly Minter. Join us as we learn about habits of faith through spiritual disciplines that will help us walk closer with Jesus. See Lisa to order your book asap.

## GOOD NEWS CLUB WORKSHOP

Saturday, Jan. 13 \* 10:00 am \* Roebuck Baptist

Anyone interested in volunteering for the Good News Club that meets on Thursdays at Woodruff Elementary should make plans to attend. Let Lisa know if you plan to join her.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

	Dec. 3	Dec. 10	2023
Budget Needs	\$ 8,754.71	\$ 8,754.71	\$ 437,735.50
Budget Offering	\$ 10,235.80	\$ 4,228.26	\$ 446,826.66
Over/(Under)	\$ 1,478.09	\$ (4,526.45)	\$ 9,091.16
<b>Additional Offerings Given for Special Accounts</b>			
Stewardship Supplies			\$ 19.56
Lottie Moon			\$ 825.00
OVER and ABOVE			\$ 188.00
Ladies Night Out			\$ 755.00
Use of the Church			\$ 170.00
Family "M" Night			\$ 266.00
Poinsettias			\$ 62.00
Theology Class			\$ 5,535.00
Good News Club			\$ 585.00
Alaskan Mission Trip			\$ 83.00
Senior Adult Christmas Gathering			\$ 100.00
Utilities			\$ 100.00
Christian Learning Center Scholarships			\$ 2,000.00

## GIFTS TO THE GLORY OF GOD!

### WORK OF THE CHURCH

In Memory of Kay Shaver and Charles Brown  
**Joann Laster**

In Memory of Steve Patton, Steve Roberts, Kay Shaver  
and Charles Brown  
**Gary and Cynthia McAlister**

### CLC SCHOLARSHIPS

In Honor of Julie Carroll, CLC Staff, and CLC Board  
**John and Jennifer Pearson**



## OVER and ABOVE

### South Wing Heating & 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.)

## 2024 FLOWER CALENDAR

Call or come by the church office to reserve the Sunday you would like to put flowers in the sanctuary in 2024.

## NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Church Family, My Family, and Friends,  
Thank you for the birthday best wishes! The cards, phone calls, and the acts of kindness were much appreciated. Thanks again!

Much love through Christ, **Betty Rhodes**



## DAY BY DAY

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

5:45 pm Music & Missions, Youth Lighthouse  
6:00 pm Church Bible Study – Live on YouTube  
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

10:00 am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### 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 Covered Dish & Night of Prayer

### WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 20

5:30 pm Church Wide Caroling

### 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

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

Office Closed

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

Office Closed

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

No Evening Activities

### THURSDAY DECEMBER 28

9:00 am Youth Meet to Depart for Pigeon Forge

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship Service - Live on Radio & YouTube  
No Evening Service

### MONDAY, JANUARY 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Office Closed

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

6:00 pm Church Bible Study – Live on YouTube

## YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

### Wednesday, December 20 \* After Caroling

Please bring a gift (around \$5) for a gift exchange, and a dish or snack to share with everyone.

## MINISTRY PARTNERS

### DECEMBER 17: Greeters: M & T Smith

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

### DECEMBER 24 Greeters: S Smith, S Vincent

Outside Ushers: Scott G, Levi G, Cory F Nursery: T & T Sumner  
Children's Worship: Lindsey T & Bryson O

### DECEMBER 31: Greeter: Catherine Hall

Outside Ushers: Mark S Jason K Nursery: Brandy & Corey F  
Children's Worship: Summer B & Levi G

### The Church Office will be Closed:

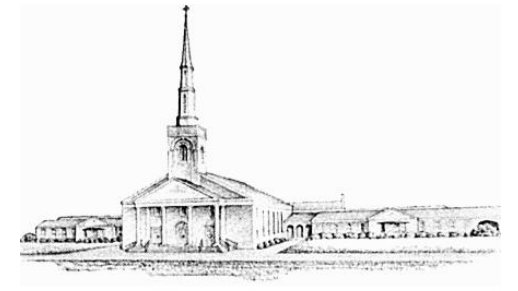
Friday, Monday & Tuesday  
December 22, 25, 26  
& Monday, January 1.



# THE ENCOURAGER

"...to prepare all God's people for the work of  
Christian Service to build up the body of Christ."

[www.fbcwoodruff.org](http://www.fbcwoodruff.org)



**First Baptist Church \* Woodruff, South Carolina**  
**December 13, 2023 – January 2, 2024**



### Regular Office Hours:

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

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