



## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

BRAND NEW HALLELUJAH!  
*A Christmas Worship Experience  
Presented by the 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 church web site.*

6:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICE

MORAVIAN LOVE FEAST  
Fellowship Hall

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Caleb Hart, 12-18      Angie Turner, 12-18  
Brayden Chaves, 12-20      Ruskin Casey, 12-21  
Conn Mason, 12-22      Charles Hembree, 12-22

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We extend our love and prayerful support to:  
**James Talanges** and family in the death of his father,  
**Robert Talanges.**

## CHURCH SECRETARY POSITION

The Personnel Committee is searching for someone to fill our full time Church Secretary position. Applications and a general job description are available in the church office. Applicants are asked to submit an application, cover letter and resume. Please help us get word out about this employment/ministry opportunity.



## FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY w/ SANTA!

**This Wednesday, December 14 \* 5:30pm**  
Everyone is invited to join us for a fun family evening of activities as we celebrate the Christmas season. We will have supper, share how God Keeps His Promises, have crafts and activities and Santa will be joining us for pictures.

## WINTER YOUTH RETREAT

Strength to Stand, Dec. 28-30 \* Pigeon Forge

## BRAND NEW HALLELUJAH!

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**This Sunday, December 18 \* 10:00 am**

Join us and invite your family and friends as we take part in this wonderful Christmas celebration. Although more than two thousand years have passed since the anthem of praise first resounded over the Judean hillside, the song has only begun. For every seeker who comes to know the Savior, a new voice is added... A new chorus is lifted. It's the song of a soul set free that cannot and will not be silenced. It's a brand-new Hallelujah!

## MORAVIAN LOVE FEAST

**This Sunday, December 18 \* 6:00 pm**  
Fellowship Hall

Join us for Moravian Love Feast Buns (shipped from Winston Salem the buns have the subtle flavors of nutmeg, and fresh orange and lemon rind) a wide variety of Moravian cookies, Moravian coffee and other hot beverages and a time of devotion as we celebrate the love God has for us and the love, we have for each other.

## CHURCH-WIDE CAROLING

**Next Wednesday, December 21 \* 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  
Saturday, Dec. 24 \* 5:00 pm**

## CHRISTMAS DAY

*Worship and Celebration \* 10:00 am*

We will meet together for a wonderful time of worship, praise, & dedication. Regular activities, including Sunday School & the Evening Service, will not be held.

## CHURCH BIBLE STUDY

**December 28 \* 6:00 pm**  
Fellowship Hall

*Join with us as our church gathers  
for prayer and for Bible study!*

We will enjoy sandwiches and desserts in honor of Carol Morgan and her ministry to our church and community.

## NEW YEAR'S DAY SCHEDULE

**Sunday School \* 9:00 am**  
**Worship Service \* 10:00 am**

## LIVE RADIO BROADCAST

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

## BRING A CARD FOR CAROL

**This Sunday, December 18**

We will be recognizing Carol Morgan at the beginning of our Morning Worship Service this Sunday, December 18. There will be a basket in the front foyer for cards. We give thanks to God for Carol and for her ministry through our church office. She began serving as our Church Secretary over 12 years ago. Her last day in that role will be Friday, Dec. 30. We are so grateful for all the ways that she has used her gifts & allows her love for the Lord to shine through her life. She has gone over and above her job description on a daily basis to minister and care for the people of our congregation and community.

## LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The old man threw out his fishing line and sat back to contemplate. He hadn't lived a perfect life. When Li Qing needed extra luck or blessing, he prayed to his ancestors. If he was being honest though, they didn't offer a path to forgiveness. But what did? He mused over the question until the long afternoon shadows signaled it was time to eat at his son's restaurant. Instead of feeling relaxed and enlightened, his heart felt heavy as he walked the short distance.

He opened the door and overheard his son speaking to Mei Li, a Taiwanese global missionary partner. She proclaimed God made a way to forgive everyone's sins. Li Qing listened closely. Mei Li shared about a God who loved the world and sent His own Son to pay the price for sin. He knew immediately this was the answer to his question. He, his son and another family member all chose to follow Christ. "I was so moved," Mei Li shared afterward "Our God listens to every prayer and knows our hearts. He prepared us at the right time to reap the harvest and I was so happy."

Please pray for these new believers and for the work God is doing all over the world to draw people to Himself through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

## 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.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL \* 9:00 AM

*A Place to Grow and Belong*

Join us for Bible Study! There is a small group for everybody. Contact the church office if you need help knowing which class would best meet your needs.

## USHERS

Please contact us if you would be willing to be part of the ushers' ministry on a rotating basis one service a month.

## BRYAN THOMPSON

**Resigns Position as Associate Pastor for Youth**

Dear Pastor Andrew and church family,

After much prayer and consideration, we believe that it is time for us to step aside from the ministry you have so graciously allowed us to be part of here at First Baptist. Our family has been blessed to have been partners in the gospel with you, and we want to make room for others to use the gifts God has given them in the disciple-making mission of the church.

We plan for January 29 to be our last Sunday in this role, in order to help as much as we can with transitioning someone else into the youth ministry; and even after that time, I am committed to assisting in any way I can in order to make that transition as smooth as possible.

Thank you for your love and support these past few years, and for the opportunity to serve the body of Christ in this way.

Sincerely, Bryan Thompson

We are grateful for Bryan and for all the ways he has used the gifts God entrusted to him to grow disciples and make a difference in our church and community. Bryan began serving as our Associate Pastor for Youth on June 4, 2018. Please pray for Bryan and his family – Christy, Katherine, Emilee, & Olivia – and let them know of your love and appreciation. Please pray for our youth and for our church during the coming days of transition.

*Gathering to Watch*

## THE CHOSEN (Season 3)

**Beginning Sunday, January 8 \* 6:00 pm**

Plan to be with us for discussion and Bible study as we watch and experience each episode of Season 3 of The Chosen together. (The Chosen focuses on the lives of Jesus' first disciples. Season 3 begins with the Sermon on the Mount and the way the sermon impacts the lives of Jesus' disciples.)

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

- Dec. 14 – Family Christmas Party w/ Santa, Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Dec. 21 – Church-Wide Caroling, Youth Christmas Party
- Dec. 28 – Church Bible Study– with sandwiches and dessert in Carol Morgan's honor.
- Jan. 4 – Church Bible Study, Youth Lighthouse, Missions & Music (No Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal)
- Jan. 11 – Regular Schedule

## 2023 FLOWER CALENDAR

Call or come by the church office to reserve the Sunday you would like to put flowers in the sanctuary in 2023.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>Dec 11</u>	<u>2022</u>
Budget Needs	\$ 8,962.37	\$448,118.50
Budget Offering	\$ 7,596.48	\$443,735.90
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$ 1,365.89)	(\$ 4,382.60)
<b>Additional Offerings Given for Special Accounts</b>		
Over & Above	\$	135.00
Stewardship Fund	\$	14.63
Sr Adult Gathering	\$	93.00
Youth Winter Retreat	\$	443.00
Lottie Moon	\$	1,380.00
Golden Age	\$	251.73
Youth Fund Christmas Postage	\$	95.00

### Work of the Church

*In Memory of Aurelia Brock*

*In Memory of Mike Brock*

**Harold Brock**

*In Memory of Bill & Carolyn Culbreath*

**Glen & Anna Nichols**

### Over & Above Fund

*In Memory of Roger Miller*

*In Memory of Martha Jean Lanford*

**Priscilla Miller & Clay Miller**

## 2023 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.**

## ONLINE GIVING

Secure online giving is available on our church website: [www.fbcwoodruff.org](http://www.fbcwoodruff.org)

## TIMELY ALERTS

We are using *Remind* to send out "timely alerts" (schedule changes, death announcements, etc.) Text the message "@wfb1787" to **81010** or email us to sign up.

## YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wednesday, December 21 after caroling. Please bring a gift (around \$5) for a gift exchange, and a dish or snack to share with everyone.

## SPRING SEMESTER WHS COURSE

Our Biblical Worldview and Apologetics classes for the fall semester will end as the students take their final exam this week. Thank you for your prayers and support. On January 3 we will begin two Christian Beliefs classes (9:00 am and 10:00 am each school day.) We will again be supplying the students with Bibles, books, and resources for the class. **If you would like to help** with the cost of books simply mark an envelope 'WHS Course.' Thank you for your support of this incredible opportunity.



## DAY BY DAY

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

5:30 pm Family Christmas Party w/Santa

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

10:00 am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship Service - Live on Radio & YouTube  
Brand New Hallelujah!

6:00 pm Worship Service - Moravian Love Feast

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

5:30 pm Church Wide Christmas Caroling

7:00 pm Youth Christmas Party

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

Church Office Closed

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:00 am Worship Service - Live on Radio & YouTube



### **The Church Office will be Closed:**

Friday, Monday & Tuesday

December 23, 26, 27

& Monday, January 2.

## MINISTRY PARTNERS - DEC 18

Welcome Center: M & T Smith

Nursery: L Morgan, J Foster

Children's Worship: T Smith

Outside Ushers: N Fortner, B Abercrombie

## LIMITED OFFICE HOURS

(Beginning January 3)

During the time that we will be without a Church Secretary the office will be staffed and open for drop-in visitors **Monday - Thursday from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm** and from **11:00 am to 12:30 pm** on **Fridays**. Other times will be available by appointment. If you would be willing to help staff the office on a particular day, please contact our pastor.

## DEACON FAMILY MINISTRY

Our deacons are committed to being part of the ministry team along with our pastor & church staff. Contact them with prayer concerns, questions, & ministry opportunities as we seek to love & care for one another.

**A-Co** Nick Fortner and Mark Smith  
**Cp-Ham** Terry Sumner and Perry McAbee  
**Han-Lc** Milton Smith and Matt Lineberger  
**Li-Or** James Talanges and Ken Vaughn  
**Os-Ta** Terry Hauser and Jerald Craig  
**Tb-Z** Chris Abercrombie and Patrick Elliott

# 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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Dec. 18 at 10:00 am  
as the Sanctuary Choir  
presents...

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**Hallelujah**  
A CHRISTMAS WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

### Regular Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am - 12:30 pm

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Carol R. Morgan, Secretary

Susan R. Cooper, Pianist

Tommie Jo McAbee, Site Manager