

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP!



December 20

9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

THE FAMILY GATHERING

Matthew 1:23; John 1:14; Philippians 2:6-8;

John 3:16; Revelation 21:3-4

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 WORSHIP SERVICE

WORSHIP IN SONG AT CHRISTMAS

Join us in person or, by way of live stream later on the church YouTube channel. An order of service will be posted on our web site.



December 24

5:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICE

Candlelight Communion Service

December 27

9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

STUDENT DAY AT CHRISTMAS



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6:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICE

THE GOD WHO GOES BEFORE

Exodus 13:21

Join us in person or, by way of live stream later on the church YouTube channel. An order of service will be posted on our web site.

WALKING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Each Wednesday * 6:00 pm * Fellowship Hall

Join us as we walk through each book of the Bible. We meet in the Fellowship Hall practicing social distancing. Each study is posted to our church YouTube channel.

Dec. 16 – 1 Chronicles; Dec. 23 – 2 Chronicles;

Dec. 30 – Ezra

2 Chronicles covers the reign of Solomon (971 BC) to the destruction of Jerusalem (586 BC) to the return from exile (538 BC.) It parallels 1 & 2 Kings but covers only the Kings of Judah. When the king obeyed and trusted the LORD, God blessed and protected. When the king disobeyed or put his trust elsewhere, God withdrew His blessing and protection. It was written to remind the people of their spiritual heritage during the difficult times they faced, and to encourage them to be faithful to God. In spite of their sinful past and present plight, God will be true to His covenant promises.

Ezra begins where 2 Chronicles ends (538 BC.) It chronicles the Persian decrees related to the return from exile, gives details about the number of people in the different families who returned, describes the opposition to rebuilding the temple and the completion and dedication of the temple. This is the historical setting for the prophets Haggai and Zechariah. Chapter 7 begins a first hand account from Ezra who led the second return from Persia (458 BC.) Ezra was a scribe of the law. **“Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach statutes and ordinances in Israel.”** Ezra 7:10 He leads a revival among God’s people. Israel’s return to the land illustrates the forgiveness and grace that is ultimately offered through our Lord Jesus Christ.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Brayden Chaves, 12-20 Ruskin Casey, 12-21

Conn Mason, 12-22 Charles Hembree, 12-22

Ken Morrison, 12-24 Jim Young, 12-26

Nick LaPolla, 12-26 Becky Westmoreland, 12-28

Rosemary Leake, 12-29 Greg Cooper, 12-30

Jack Rhodes, 12-31 Becky Godfrey, 1-1

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We extend our love and prayerful support to **Brandon Chaves** and family in the death of his grandfather, **Lawrence Calvin Barbbery**.

OVER AND ABOVE PROJECT

\$96,851.03 has been contributed!

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

The youth Christmas party will be Wednesday, December 23 from 6:00 - 7:15. We will be eating supper, and there will be a gift exchange. More details will be sent via Remind.

LOTTIE MOON

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Your generosity allows us to share the gospel by meeting tangible needs.

Agriculture – Agricultural projects provide entry to regions that are difficult to access with the gospel.

\$26 – Gardening tools and seeds.

\$230 – Two sheep.

Job Training – Life changing opportunities can come in the form of learning new skills to those trapped in poverty. Learning a viable trade often means an escape from a life of exploitation.

\$36 – Sewing teacher for a class of 15, twice a week.

\$80 – Sewing machine for a class.

Medical Needs – Unreached communities can often be accessed through medical workers providing desperately need healthcare in hard-to-reach places.

\$28 – Diabetes test kit and strips.

\$300 – Renewal fee – IMB Doctor’s professional license.

Refugee Care – The modern refugee crisis provides unparalleled opportunities to meet the basic needs of individuals and families in biblically mandated mercy ministries while sharing the gospel.

\$1 – One hot meal.

\$10 – One warm blanket.

Prayerfully consider your gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!

A Place to Grow and Belong!

Each Sunday * 9:00 am

LIVE RADIO BROADCAST

Each Sunday * 10:00 am

Woodruff Radio WQUL 101.7 FM 1510 AM

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.

DON’T FORGET YOUR POINSETTIA

Appreciation is expressed to all who placed poinsettias in the sanctuary during the Christmas Season. Please carry your poinsettia home with you at the conclusion of the this Sunday’s service, the Christmas Eve service or the December 27 service.

MASKS ENCOURAGED

Please consider wearing a mask in the common areas of the church until you can observe social distancing once you are seated. There is a basket of individually packaged masks by the entrance of each sanctuary door.

GIFTS TO THE GLORY OF GOD!

Work of The Church Fund

In Memory of Michiko Phillips

Carl & Mary Ann Brown

Richard Bacon

In Memory of Kirk Lanford

In Memory of Rev. Bob Deaton

In Memory of Lois & Genia Sumner

In Honor of Sam and Sheila Stribling,

Children and Grandchildren

Terry & Tammy Sumner

In Memory of Kirk Lanford

In Memory of Rev. Bob Deaton

In Memory of Parents

In Memory of Brothers & Sisters

In Memory of Benton Lineberger

In Honor of Children, Grand Children

& Great Grand Children

Sam & Sheila Stribling

Over & Above Fund

In Memory of Barbara Casey

In Memory of Rev. Bob Deaton

In Memory of Christine Gates

Gary & Cynthia McAlister

In Memory of Michiko Phillips

Steve & Janis Patton

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

In Memory of Jim & Judy Burns

In Memory of Bobby Scott, Sr.

Skip & Pam Scott

In Memory of Barbara Casey

In Memory of Rev. Bob Deaton

In Memory of Michiko Phillips

In Memory of Kirk Lanford

In Memory of Mike Brock

Bob & Gail Hix

In Memory of Barbara Casey

In Memory of Jean Craig

In Memory of Betty Simpkins

In Memory of Frances Garrett

In Memory of Michiko Phillips

Wayne and Jo Ann Waddell

Youth Fund

In Memory of Benton Lineberger

Terry & Tammy Sumner

FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>Dec 13</u>	<u>2020</u>
Needs	\$ 8,821.10	\$441,055.00
Offering	<u>\$ 11,024.00</u>	<u>\$430,733.02</u>
Over/(Under)	\$ 2,202.90	(\$ 10,321.98)
Additional Offerings Given for Special Accounts		
Over & Above	\$	400.00
Stewardship Funds	\$	4.50
Lottie Moon	\$	745.00
Poinsettia	\$	30.00
Adoption Fund	\$	50.00
Youth Fund	\$	105.00

DAY BY DAY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

6:00 pm Walking Through The Bible; Mission Friends;
Children's Choir Rehearsal; Youth Lighthouse
6:45 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service – Live on Radio & YouTube
6:00 pm Worship Service – Live on YouTube

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

OFFICE CLOSED
6:00 pm Walking Through the Bible, Youth Christmas Party

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

OFFICE CLOSED
5:00 pm Candlelight Communion Christmas Eve Service

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25 – Merry Christmas

OFFICE CLOSED

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service – Live on Radio & YouTube
6:00 pm Worship Service – Live on YouTube

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

6:00 pm Walking Through The Bible

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1 – Happy New Year!

OFFICE CLOSED



The Church Office will be Closed:

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
December 23, 24, 25
& Friday, January 1.

THE ENCOURAGER

The *Encourager* will not be published next week.
The next edition will be Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2020.

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 5 we will begin two Christian Beliefs classes (2nd and 3rd period) 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.

GIVING IN THE PANDEMIC

In the early months of the pandemic giving to the ministries of our church continued to be very strong, but as the summer months set in, giving decreased. September and October were the lowest months for offerings in the past five years. In spite of this, we believe strongly that God still has a plan and a purpose for this church even in the difficult times in which we live. Please pray that through His people, the Lord will continue to provide all that is needed for His church to accomplish the mission He has entrusted to us.

WORSHIP IN SONG AT CHRISTMAS

This Sunday, December 20 * 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 lead in worship by singing.



Christmas Eve Candlelight

Communion Service

Thursday, Dec. 24 * 5:00 pm

STUDENT DAY AT CHRISTMAS

Sunday Morning, December 27 * 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.

JANUARY BIBLE STUDY

Each Sunday in January * 6:00 pm

LIVING WITH ASSURANCE: John's Epistles

CHRISTMAS PICTURES

A Christmas backdrop has been placed in the back foyer for family pictures.

DEEP DIVE 4 LIFE

Join us every Friday as we dive deep into the Bible. Episodes are available on our church Youtube channel as well as most podcast providers. If you have questions that would be good to discuss on the podcast, email us at deepdive4life@gmail.com. Remember to dive into scriptures each day!

2021 FLOWER CALENDAR

Call or come by the church office to reserve the Sunday you would like to put flowers in the sanctuary in 2021.

MINISTRY PARTNERS

Dec. 20: Children's W. – V Clark, O Thompson
C & E Thompson (AM & PM)

Dec. 27: Children's W. – L Forrester, G Cooper
Nursery: H Elliott, R Lanford (AM) S & V Clark (PM)

DEACON FAMILY MINISTRY

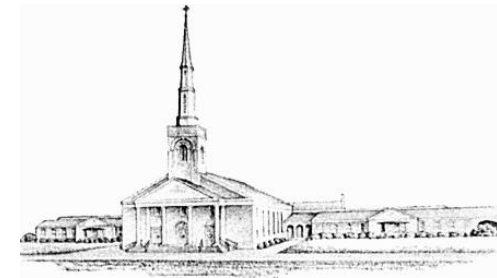
Our deacons are committed to being part of the ministry team along with our pastor & church staff. Contact them with prayer concerns, questions, & ministry opportunities as we seek to love & care for one another.

A–Co Buddy Few and John Ward
Cp–G Jason Ketterman and Tommy Morgan
H–Lc Patrick Elliott and Ken Vaughn
Ld–Q Milton Smith and Terry Sumner
R–S Ted Culbreath and Terry Hauser
T–Z Sam Cooper and Susan Cooper

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 17-29, 2020



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Carol R. Morgan, Secretary

Kay M. Young, Pianist

Tommie Jo McAbee, Site Manager

Randy C. Rhodes, Site Manager