

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY!



December 22

Sunday School * 9:45 am

IS JESUS GOD?

Luke 1:26-35

Worship Service * 11:00 am

NO MORE LET SINS & SORROWS GROW

Worship Service * 6:00 pm

YOUTH LED CHRISTMAS SERVICE



December 29

Sunday School * 9:45 am

AREN'T ALL RELIGIONS THE SAME?

Isaiah 44:6-11; John 14:5-7

Worship Service * 11:00 am

Student Day At Christmas

HE RULES THE WORLD WITH

TRUTH AND GRACE

Worship Service * 6:00 pm

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our church family grieves the death of
C. N. Mason.

We extend our love and prayerful support to his wife,

Liz Mason, his son **Conn Mason**,
his grandson, **Tyler Mason** and family.

We extend our love and prayerful support to

Charles Brown, Jr. in the death of
his father, **Charles Brown, Sr.**

STOP BY FOR COFFEE

Before Sunday School at the Welcome Center



ADVENT 2019

This year marks the 300th anniversary of the beloved carol, "Joy to the World!" Join us as we joyfully celebrate God's love given through Jesus Christ.

Dec. 22 – NO MORE LET SINS & SORROWS GROW

Evening – Youth Led Christmas Service

Dec. 24 – AND WONDERS OF HIS LOVE

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

Dec. 29 – HE RULES THE WORLD WITH

TRUTH AND GRACE (Student Day at Christmas)

Evening – Festival of Lights

YOUTH LED CHRISTMAS SERVICE

This Sunday, December 22 * 6:00 pm

Join with us for this special service of worship.



**Christmas Eve
Candlelight
Communion Service**

Tuesday, Dec. 24 * 5:00 pm

STUDENT DAY AT CHRISTMAS

Sunday Morning, December 29 * 11:00 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.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

"I AM the Light of the World." John 8:12

Sunday, December 29 * 6:00 pm

Join us for a creative post-Christmas service as we learn about an event that took place between the Old & New Testaments that was celebrated in the time of Jesus as the Festival of Dedication (John 10:22.) Today it is known as Hanukkah. The festival gave thanks for light that God provided & the temple that had been cleansed & dedicated. Come and be with us as we celebrate the fulfillment and joy that Jesus brings.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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| 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 | Marie Wood , 1-3 |
| Kevin Murphy , 1-3 | |

**THE 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. As our hearts align with Jesus', we will be led to care for people, even to the ends of the earth. There are definite risks involved, but God's call to be His heart, hands and voice by praying, going and giving is clear. Every follower of Jesus has a personal role in God's mission to make His name known among the nations. Pray about giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering as we seek to share the Good News with a lost world.

Received to Date: \$ 2,936.00

CAROLING AT MONTROSE

This Wednesday, December 18 our children's choir and mission groups will leave at 5:40 pm to go to Montrose. Everyone is invited to join us.

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday - December 18

Join us this Wednesday night for our Church Family Prayer Time at 6:00 pm and then at 6:30 pm for a verse by verse study of the Gospel of Mark. We will not meet next Wednesday (Christmas) or the following Wednesday (New Year's Day) but will resume on Wednesday, January 8.

Interest Meeting

SANCTUARY CARPET & PEWS

This Wednesday, Dec. 18 * 7:30 pm * Sanctuary
Join us for an open meeting led by our Property Committee to look at some color combinations as we prepare to replace the sanctuary carpet & pew covers.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

Dec. 18 – Regular Schedule
(but no Adult Choir rehearsal)

Dec. 25 & Jan. 1 – No Services or Activities
Jan. 8 – Regular Schedule Resumes

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 29 service.

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 7 we will begin two Christian Beliefs classes (17 students in one class and 22 in the other class.) 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.

YOUR OFFERINGS

A portion of each dollar you place in the offering plate goes to support Camp McCall. Since 1960 Camp McCall, located in Pickens County, has ministered to Royal Ambassadors, Challengers and men of all ages. Many, many people from our church have benefited from the chapel services, missions education and recreational adventures. In the off-season Camp McCall has been the location for numerous youth retreats and workdays. Several folks from our church have served on staff including, Todd Deaton, David Hix, Ben Brown and Patrick Elliott. We are grateful for the incredible difference the camp makes in people's lives and are excited to have a part in what God is doing through this ministry.

ONLINE GIVING

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

GIFTS TO THE GLORY OF GOD!

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

In Honor of Jim & Kay Young

Builder's Sunday School Class

In Honor of Jo Ann Waddell

Walter & Linda Garrett

In Memory of Alton & Lucretia Skinner

Hugh & Margaret Murphy

In Memory of C. N. Mason

Buddy & Loretta Burdette

Winsome Sunday School Class

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	Dec 15	Dec 15	2019
Nursery		4	
Children		18	
Youth		9	
Adults		76	
Total Attendance		107	
BUDGET	Dec 15		2019
Needs	\$ 8,838.91		\$441,945.50
Offering	\$10,283.63		\$423,820.94
Over/(Under)	\$ 1,444.72		(\$ 18,124.56)
Additional Offerings Given for Special Accounts			
Over & Above		\$	50.00
Lottie Moon		\$	1,645.00
Wednesday Night Supper		\$	126.00
Youth Fund		\$	25.00

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

5:00 – 5:45 pm * Cost: \$3.00

This Wednesday, December 18

Chili, Crackers, Fritos,
Side Salad, Dessert, Drink

(This will be the last Wednesday Night Supper in December. Suppers will resume on Jan. 8.)

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

A Woman's Heart – Author Beth Moore

We will not meet Tuesday, Dec. 24 or Dec. 31 but will resume on Jan. 7. Be prepared to discuss week 5.

GOLDEN AGE FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday, January 8 * 11:45 am

Our program guest will be Michael J. Davis, singer, songwriter, guitarist and performer.

Hosts: Linda Rhodes, Audrey Bettis,
Sybil Waddell, Carol Woodward
Devotional: Mary Dell Scott

OVER AND ABOVE PROJECT

\$82,564.60 has been contributed! We give thanks and look forward to these projects being accomplished!

GOOD NEWS CLUB

Tuesdays * 2:45-4:00 pm * Woodruff Elementary

We need volunteers! Training will be held on Saturday, January 11, 10:00 am at The Mill. See Lisa Abercrombie if you would like to volunteer.

CARE VISITS

Our Extended Sunday School Team visits those who are not able to be with us on a regular basis and shares love, literature, scripture, and more. Please contact the church office if you would like to receive visits.

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER

Each Sunday * 9:00 am * Choir Room

Join us as we come together to lift the concerns of our hearts to God's throne of mercy and grace.

2020 FLOWER CALENDAR

Call or come by the church office to reserve the Sunday you would like to put flowers in the sanctuary in 2020.

JANUARY BIBLE STUDY

Each Sunday in January * 6:00 pm

Jeremiah: Faithful to the Mission

DECORATING COMMITTEE

Great appreciation is expressed to our Decorating Committee for their beautiful work during the Christmas season. It adds so much to our times of worship and fellowship.

DAY BY DAY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18 – 1 Corinthians 6

5:00 pm Wednesday Night Supper
5:40 pm Christmas Caroling Trip to Montrose
6:00 pm Church Family Prayer Time
6:30 pm Wednesday Night Bible Study, Mission Groups,
7:30 pm Interest Meeting – Sanctuary Carpet & Pews

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19 – 1 Corinthians 7

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20 – 1 Corinthians 8

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 – 1 Corinthians 9

9:00 am Sunday Morning Prayer
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
4:00 pm Diaconate Meeting
6:00 pm Youth Led Christmas Service

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23 – 1 Corinthians 10

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 – 1 Corinthians 11

OFFICE CLOSED

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 - Merry Christmas!

OFFICE CLOSED 1 Corinthians 12

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26 – 1 Corinthians 13

OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27 – 1 Corinthians 14

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 – 1 Corinthians 15

9:00 am Sunday Morning Prayer
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service - Student Led Service
6:00 pm Festival of Lights

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30 – 1 Corinthians 16

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 – 2 Corinthians 1

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 – Happy New Year!

OFFICE CLOSED 2 Corinthians 2

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2 – 2 Corinthians 3



The Church Office will be Closed:

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday
December 24, 25, 26
& Wednesday, January 1.

THE ENCOURAGER

The Encourager will not be published next week.
The next edition will be Wednesday, January 1, 2020.

SHARING THE MINISTRY – DEC 22

Counting: Bob H, John W W Center: D Chumley, S Jones

Nursery: M & C Chaves pm: Bobby & Lisa A

C Worship: Tammy S, Sergey C Notes: Julia H

Ushers: Bobby A, Jason K (c) Clark S, Tom F (t) Ted C (p)

Gregg T (o) Outside Ushers: Sam S, Gary C, Lenn C
pm: Randy R, Rex G

SHARING THE MINISTRY – DEC 29

Counting: Bob H, Ken V Notes: Julia H

Nursery: I Elliott, K Foster pm: P Scott, T J McAbee

B Pressure: L Rhodes W Center: D & T Bailey

C Worship: C A Talanges, E Thompson

Ushers: Tommy W, Hugh M (c) J Craig, D Babson (t)

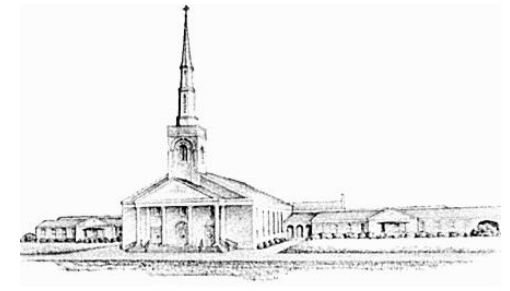
R Foster (p) K Vaughn (o) pm: J Ward, M Elliott

Outside Ushers: M Smith, C Brown, T Sumner

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 18-31, 2019



BUT THE ANGEL SAID TO THEM,

“DO NOT BE AFRAID.

I BRING YOU GOOD NEWS

THAT WILL CAUSE GREAT JOY

FOR ALL THE PEOPLE.”

C. Andrew Shull, Pastor
Bryan C. Thompson, Associate Pastor for Youth
John C. Carroll, Minister of Music
Lisa C. Abercrombie, Ministry Coordinator
Carol R. Morgan, Secretary
Kay M. Young, Pianist
Tommy Jo McAbee, Site Manager
Randy C. Rhodes, Site Manager

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