



THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

WHERE IS CHRISTMAS? Luke 2:19-20

This year many of the “normal” aspects of our Christmas celebrations have been deemed “unsafe.” Many things have had to be re-evaluated and adjusted. 2020 has been a different year. Circumstances have forced us to consider what is truly important. Is it possible that in this fresh setting for “Christmas” we could become more open to the voice of God? God used a variety of messengers that first Christmas (angels, dreams, a star, the shepherds and the wise men.) Are our ears and hearts open? Are we willing to help others hear the message? Is Christmas taking place in our hearts?

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

“GATHER THE FAMILY SERVICE”

Fellowship Hall

This service will be designed especially for children (of all ages). We will gather on quilts (and chairs) in the fellowship hall. The service will include brief video clips from some classic Christmas cartoons (Charlie Brown, Grinch, Rudolf, Veggie Tales) with brief reflections directed toward our children.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Bobbie Cudd, 12-06

Bobby Scott III, 12-06

Randa Powell, 12-06

Harold Brock, 12-08

Duane Bailey, 12-12

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We express our love and prayerful support to

Kim Lanford and family in the death of his brother,

Kirk Lanford.

OVER AND ABOVE PROJECT

\$95,558.68 has been contributed!

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Next Sunday, December 13 * 10:00 am

Plan to join with us as our Adult Choir leads us in a wonderful Christmas worship experience.

YOUTH LED CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Next Sunday, December 13 * 6:00 pm

We are grateful for our youth and look forward to hearing from them as they lead in worship.

WORSHIP IN SONG AT CHRISTMAS

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.

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.

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.

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.

ONLINE GIVING

Secure online giving is easy and convenient through our church web site www.fbcwoodruff.org but if you need assistance, Carol Morgan, our Church Secretary, is able to help. Feel free to give her a call, 476-8171.

DECORATING COMMITTEE

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

WALKING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Each Wednesday * 6:00 pm * Fellowship Hall

Join us as we walk through each book of the Bible. We are spreading out in the Fellowship Hall practicing social distancing. We are posting each study on our church YouTube channel. Take part in the study of God’s word. On Dec. 2 we will study *1 Kings* and on Dec. 9 – *2 Kings*. *2 Kings* begins where *1 Kings* left off (They were originally one book, but were divided when the Hebrew Scriptures were translated into Greek to fit better onto scrolls.) It covers events in both Israel and Judah from 853 BC to 561 BC (292 years.) The second chapter records Elijah being taken up into Heaven in a whirlwind and the next several chapters relate powerful and inspiring stories from the ministry of Elijah’s successor, Elisha. It chronicles the reigns of 12 Kings of Israel (who were all evil) and the destruction of Samaria and the nation of Israel by the Assyrians (722 BC.) It chronicles the reigns of 16 Kings of Judah (a few of them where good) and the destruction Jerusalem and the nation of Judah by the Babylonians (586 BC.) It ends by describing the favorable conditions given to Jehoiachin in captivity in Babylon, letting us know that there is still hope for the line of David. Despite the fall of the nation of Judah, God will be faithful to His promise to send the Messiah, a direct descendent of David – Jesus – to set us free from the captivity of sin.

CHRISTMAS STROLL

Friday, December 4 * 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Spread Christmas Cheer! Our outreach team would like to invite you to help pass out hot chocolate & candy canes with poems and invitations to upcoming church events to people at the Christmas Stroll on Main Street here in Woodruff. Please let Lisa Abercrombie know if you would like to help! You can sign up for a designated time period. Everyone is welcome to come!

NORTH POLE BRUNCH

Saturday, December 12 * 10:00 am

Everyone is invited to join us for a North Pole Brunch on Saturday, Dec. 12. In order to make our brunch safe for everyone we are requiring reservations for this event. We plan to only have 15 tables that will be available on a first come first serve basis. Please go to www.fbcwoodruff.org to make your reservation or call the church office. The deadline for reservations will be Dec. 6. We will have a special brunch menu, hot chocolate bar, crafts for the kids, a family photo area and hopefully a special guest visitor. It will be a fun day you will not want to miss! Hope you will join us!

LIVE RADIO BROADCAST

Each Sunday * 10:00 am

Woodruff Radio WQUL 101.7 FM 1510 AM

LOTTIE MOON

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

In our effort to be obedient to the command of Christ to go to all people and make disciples, the Lottie Moon Offering makes possible...

Sustained Presence – missionaries can stay engaged in ministry instead of coming home to raise funds.

Faster Deployment – well trained missionaries can arrive on the field faster with established launch programs.

Member Care – support and mental health care is provided for our missionaries on the front lines.

Entry into Remote Areas – 175 years of a good ministry reputation and the Lottie Moon resources allow us to get into remote areas to reach the unreached with the hope of the gospel.

Prayerfully consider your gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

GIFTS TO THE GLORY OF GOD!

Over & Above Fund

In Memory of Barbara Casey

Charles Hembree

Richard Palmer

In Memory of Michiko Phillips

Terry & Tammy Sumner

Walter & Linda Garrett

Liz Mason

Rex & Jan Skinner

In Memory of Rev. Bob Deaton

Kent & Tommie Jo McAbee

Steve & Janis Patton

Work of The Church Fund

In Memory of Rev. Bob Deaton

Milton & Vicki Rae Smith

In Memory of Michiko Phillips

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Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

In Memory of Michiko Phillips

Kent & Tommie Jo McAbee

Betty Rhodes

Randy & Linda Rhodes

Don & Nelle Skinner

In Memory of Barbara Casey

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FINANCIAL REPORT

BUDGET	Nov 29	2020
Needs	\$ 8,821.10	\$423,412.80
Offering	\$ 13,303.50	\$406,766.75
Over/(Under)	\$ 4,482.40	(\$ 16,646.05)
Additional Offerings Given for Special Accounts		
Stewardship Fund	\$	8.13
Over & Above	\$	570.00
Poinsettias	\$	87.50
Adoption Fund	\$	60.00
Lottie Moon	\$	1,190.00

DAY BY DAY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

11:30 am International Mission Study – Network Office
6:00 pm Walking Through The Bible; Mission Friends;
Children’s Choir Rehearsal; Youth Lighthouse
6:45 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

5:00 pm Christmas Stroll – Main Street Woodruff

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

10:00 am North Pole Brunch – Fellowship Hall

HELP WITH ADOPTION EXPENSES

We celebrate with Cory and Paige Fain in the birth and adoption of Daxton Fain. As a church family we want to support them through our love and prayers and also help with the financial expenses involved with the adoption.

First off, we would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers throughout our journey of becoming a family. God has blessed us beyond what we deserve by allowing us to become parents to an amazing little boy. We are extremely grateful for the opportunity to be parents to Daxton. While it is extremely worth it, adoption is costly. We have decided to purchase a puzzle because we finally have the missing piece to our family. If anyone feels led to help us with the expense, we will place your name on the back of a puzzle piece. Then we will put the puzzle together and place it in a double-sided frame so Daxton will always be reminded of who had a “piece” in bringing him into our lives. Thank you! We are so glad to be a part of this church family.

Love, Cory and Paige Fain

If you would like to donate to help defray the expenses of Daxton’s adoption, please write “Adoption Fund for Daxton” on your contribution envelope.

THANK YOU!

Dear church family, Thank you so much for your prayers, phone calls, cards and food while I was sick with the virus. I am blessed to have such a wonderful church family. I miss being able to attend church with you. Be back soon.

Love ya’ll, **Audrey Bettis**

We appreciate your kindness opening your church for us! Thank you for all you do for the Woodruff Community!

- Woodruff Middle School & High School
Fellowship of Christian Athletes

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.

JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!

A Place to Grow and Belong!
Each Sunday * 9:00 am

JANUARY BIBLE STUDY

Each Sunday in January * 6:00 pm
LIVING WITH ASSURANCE
A Study of John’s Epistles

INTERNATIONAL MISSION STUDY

Wednesday, December 2 * 11:30 am
Spartanburg County Baptist Network Office

DEEP DIVE 4 LIFE

Our church podcast – *Deep Dive 4 Life* – is available on Spotify, Google Podcasts, Anchor, Pocket Casts, RadioPublic, and Breaker. A fresh episode is also added to our church YouTube channel each Friday morning. Join us as we dive deep into the Scriptures.

PRAYER TEXT LINE

We have started a prayer text line. (864) 756-1212. Feel free to either text or call and leave a message on the prayer line and share any prayer concerns you may have. Please include whether you want to share the request with the church or just with a small group of prayer warriors. Please see Lisa Abercrombie if you have any questions.

MINISTRY PARTNERS – DEC 6

Nursery: T J McAbee, L Gillespie (AM)
B & L Abercrombie (PM)
Children’s Worship – C A Talanges, A J Fortner

DEACON FAMILY MINISTRY

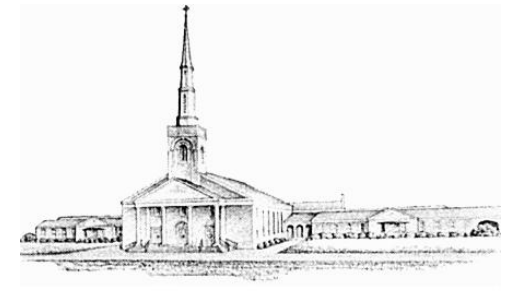
The deacons of our church are committed to being part of the ministry team along with our pastor & church staff. Contact them with prayer concerns, questions, & ministry opportunities as we seek to love & care for one another.

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.”

www.fbcwoodruff.org



First Baptist Church * Woodruff, South Carolina

December 2, 2020



Regular Office Hours:

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Friday 8:00 am – 12:30 pm

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Tommie Jo McAbee, Site Manager

Randy C. Rhodes, Site Manager