

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

**10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE**  
THE SONG OF SIMEON  
Luke 2:22-40

*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.*

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

**9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE**  
THE WAY OF THE DISCIPLE – RELATIONSHIPS  
John 15:1-27; 17:3

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### SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

**9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE**  
*Celebration of the Lord's Supper*  
THE WAY OF THE DISCIPLE – HUMILITY  
John 13:1-17

*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.*

**11:00 AM CHURCH CONFERENCE**

**6:00 PM BIBLE STUDY**  
THE CHOSEN - Season 3 "Homecoming"

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Nick LaPolla, 12-26  
Becky Westmoreland, 12-28  
Rosemary Leake, 12-29  
Milan Jett, 12-30  
Becky Godfrey, 1-1  
Kevin Murphy, 1-3  
Addalynn Lee, 1-6  
Sarah Workman, 1-8  
Lisa Abercrombie, 1-11

Greg Cooper, 12-30  
Jack Rhodes, 12-31  
Marie Wood, 1-3  
Scott Gillespie, 1-5  
Pam Scott, 1-7  
Carson Dill, 1-9



**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.

## BIBLE STUDY & FELLOWSHIP

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

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**

## CHURCH BIBLE STUDY

**Each Wednesday \* 6:00 pm**  
*Join with us as our church gathers  
for prayer and for Bible study!*

(We will not meet for Bible study on Dec. 21  
but instead will go Christmas Caroling – 5:30 pm.)

## 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.

## 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.

## WINTER YOUTH RETREAT

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

Be praying for our youth and their chaperons – Bryson Davis, Xander Dotson, Cory Fain, Corey Fortner, Eli Helmlly, Kenny Mabery, Bryan Thompson, Christy Thompson, Olivia Thompson, Carlee Walters. David Ward, Emillia Ward, Harrison Ward, Nolan Young - as they take part in a weekend of worship, discipleship and fellowship.

## LADIES FIRST TUESDAY

Our Titus 2 Ladies will meet for prayer & lunch on **Tuesday, January 3 at 12:00 noon** at Mr. Jalapenos. Please let Lisa Abercrombie know if you plan to attend.

## THE WAY OF THE DISCIPLE

Join us in January as we begin a focus on what it really means to live as one of Jesus' disciples. We will be looking at characteristics Jesus said were essential for those who would devote themselves to following Him.

Jan. 1: Relationship with Jesus – John 15:1-27; 17:3  
Jan. 8: Humility – John 13:1-17  
Jan. 15: Trust & Obedience – John 14:23-24  
Jan. 22: Love – John 13:35  
Jan. 29: Taking Up the Cross – Luke 9:22-26

## OBSERVE COMMUNION AT HOME

If you will be participating in the worship service through our YouTube channel or through the radio broadcast on **Sunday, Jan 8** and would like to have a communion set, please stop by the church office or call us, 476-8171, and we will deliver it to you.

## JANUARY CHURCH CONFERENCE

**Sunday, January 8 \* After the Morning Service**

If your group or committee would like to be included in the printed reports, please turn your information in before Friday, January 6.

*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.)

## 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 Christmas Eve service or the December 25 service.

## LIVE RADIO BROADCAST

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

## 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.

## With Love and Appreciation for

**TOMMIE JO MCABEE**

**Site Manager**

We give thanks for the way God has blessed us through her service as our Site Manager. Next week, she will complete her fourth year as a member of our church staff. We give thanks for her willingness to serve and pledge to her our love and prayerful support as she works to maintain our facilities, keep us clean and safe, and help us reach our community through the beautiful church buildings the Lord has entrusted to us for ministry. We are grateful for all that she does for our church and for Christ's Kingdom. Let her know of your love and appreciation.

## LOTTIE MOON

## CHRISTMAS OFFERING

In Israel, during the month of December, Hanukkah, the celebration of the miracle of the oil in the temple, is a festive time when people are talking about miracles and the temple. They eat delicious fried foods to symbolize the oil that miraculously lasted eight days to clean the temple. Christmas is always close by, and the festive holidays together tend to become a catalyst for discussion. Believers all over Israel are preparing special doughnuts and inviting people into their homes to see the decorations and to explain the Christmas holiday--why it happened and why it means so much to them. Pray that this year, Israeli Jewish hearts will hear from their Messiah, the very one who is the Light. Please continue to pray as God is at work all over the world to draw people to Himself and consider your gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

## LADIES MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Ladies mark your calendars! All ladies are invited to join our Morning Ladies Bible Study group as we begin a new study in January. We will start on Monday, January 23. Look for details coming soon!

## SEARCH COMMITTEE

We will be forming a team to begin the search for someone to give leadership to ministry to our youth. If you are interested in being part of this team, please contact our pastor.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

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

## FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>Dec 18</u>	<u>2022</u>
Budget Needs	\$ 8,962.37	\$457,080.87
Budget Offering	\$ 7,257.48	\$450,993.38
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$ 12,704.89)	(\$ 6,087.49)
<b>Additional Offerings Given for Special Accounts</b>		
Over & Above	\$	35.00
Stewardship Fund	\$	27.13
Sr Adult Gathering	\$	44.00
Lottie Moon	\$	475.00
Youth Fund Christmas Postage	\$	25.00
Cemetery Maintenance Fund	\$	1,238.00
Use of the Church	\$	50.00

### Work of the Church

In Honor of Wayne Waddell

### **Fellowship Sunday School Class**

In Honor of Carol Morgan

**Ronnie & Ann Henson**

In Memory of Bill and Martha Jean Lanford

**Billie Jean Rogers**

### Lottie Moon

In Honor of Andrew Shull

**L. D. & Bobbie Cudd**

In Honor of Carol Morgan

**Liz Mason**

## 2023 CONTRIBUTIONS

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 and give thanks for the way the Lord blesses & multiply each gift for His service. **Please contact us if you haven't been receiving envelope packets but would like to start.**

## START THE NEW YEAR IN GOD'S WORD

Each Sunday \* 9:00 am

## ONLINE GIVING

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

## SPRING SEMESTER WHS COURSE

On Jan. 3 we will begin 2 Christian Beliefs classes (9:00 am & 10:00 am each school day.) 30 high school seniors are enrolled for this semester. We will give them Bibles, books, & notebooks. **If you would like to help** with expenses, mark an envelope 'WHS Course.' Thank you for your support of this incredible opportunity.

## DEACON FAMILY MINISTRY

Our deacons stand ready to help. Contact them with prayer concerns, questions and ministry opportunities.

**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**

## DAY BY DAY

### 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

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

Church Office Closed

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

Church Office Closed

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

Youth leave for winter retreat

6:00 pm Church Bible Study - Live on YouTube

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

9:00 am Sunday School

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

### MONDAY, JANUARY 2

OFFICE CLOSED

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

12:00 pm – Titus 2 Ladies – Mr. Jalapenos

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

5:45 pm Missions & Music; Youth Lighthouse

6:00 pm Church Bible Study – Live on YouTube

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

9:00 am Sunday School

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

11:00 am Church Conference

4:00 pm Deacons Meeting

6:00 pm The Chosen – Season 3

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

5:45 pm Missions & Music; Youth Lighthouse

6:00 pm Church Bible Study – Live on YouTube

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal



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

Friday, Monday & Tuesday

December 23, 26, 27

& Monday, January 2.

## CARE VISITS

Our Morning Ladies Bible Study group will be visiting our friends in care facilities on Monday, Jan. 16. We would love for you to join us as we visit and enjoy lunch together. We will leave the back parking lot at 10:00 am. Please call the church office if you plan to join us!

## MINISTRY PARTNERS

**Dec. 25:** W Center: K & X Dotson Nursery: Iris E, K Mabery  
C Worship: C Talanges, H Ward O Ushers: Scott G, Levi G, C Fain

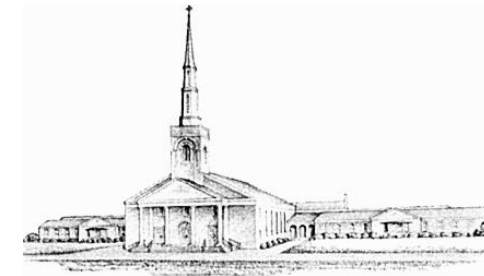
**Jan. 1:** W Center: T & T Sumner Nursery: Laurie G, S Baxter  
C Worship: L Forrester, Olivia T O Ushers: M Smith, Jason K

**Jan. 8:** Welcome Center: P & T McAbee  
Nursery: J Gore, Jamie W, (am) I Elliott, M Ward (pm)  
C Worship: A Weaver, A Fortner  
O Ushers: James T, Randy R, Matt L

# 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 21, 2022 – January 10, 2023**



### **2022 Office Hours:**

Mon. – Thurs. 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am – 12:30 pm

### **2023 Office Hours:**

Mon. – Thurs. 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Friday 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Other Times are Available by Appointment

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**Bryan C. Thompson, Associate Pastor for Youth**

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**Lisa C. Abercrombie, Ministry Coordinator**

**Carol R. Morgan, Secretary**

**Susan R. Cooper, Pianist**

**Tommie Jo McAbee, Site Manager**