# PREPARING FOR SUNDAY!

# December 26

9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Student Day At Christmas
LET CHRISTMAS CHANGE YOU:

What will you exchange? Matthew 1:21; John 3:3; 2 Cor. 5:17

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.

# January 2

9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

> PRAISE GOD OM ALL BLESSING

FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!
Psalm 145

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 JANUARY BIBLE STUDY

PSALMS – THE CHARACTER OF GOD Psalm 22, 23, 24

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jim Young, 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

Nick LaPolla, 12-26
Greg Cooper, 12-30
Jack Rhodes, 12-31
Marie Wood, 1-3
Scott Gillespie, 1-5
Pam Scott, 1-7



Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service This Friday, Dec. 24 \* 5:00 pm

# STUDENT DAY AT CHRISTMAS

This Sunday Morning, December 26 \* 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.

# PAJAMA SUNDAY – DEC. 26

All kids are invited to wear your favorite pajamas to church!



# JANUARY BIBLE STUDY

Each Sunday in January 6:00 pm

Psalms: The Character of God

# Coffee, Tea, Cider and Hot Chocolate

We will have gloved and masked hosts and hostesses ready to take and prepare your drink order.

# Youth Class & Children's Class

In addition to the class for the Adults we will offer a special class for youth and another for children. A nursery will be provided.

# **DISASTER RELIEF**

Our hearts go out to those in the devastation of the tornados in the midwest. To contribute to the ministry of our Southern Baptist Disaster Relief Teams, simply mark "Disaster Relief" on your envelope or online gift.

# THE REGALS

# Sunday Morning, January 16 \* 10:00 am

We look forward to a wonderful service of music and praise as The Regals Quartet leads us in worship (Gary Hautamaki, Kim Lanford, Steve Woodward, and guest musician, Dwayne Burke.) Invite family and friends to come with you.

# DECEMBER SILENT AUCTION

Contact the church office during December to view and bid on the items in the Silent Auction. Items include furniture, lamps, dishes, and roll away beds.

# LADIES FIRST TUESDAY

Our Titus 2 Ladies will meet for prayer & lunch on **Tuesday, January 4** at **12:00 noon** at Mr. Jalapenos. Please let Lisa Abercrombie know if you plan to attend.

# 2022 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 them as we seek to be faithful to the mission He has entrusted to us in Woodruff & beyond. Please contact us if you haven't been receiving envelope packets but would like to start.

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

Dec. 22 – Church-Wide Caroling Dec. 29 – Walking Through the Bible (No other activities) Jan. 5 – Regular Schedule

# ONLINE GIVING

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

# LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Together, we transform lives. Prayerfully consider your gift to 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. Here are some of the ways your gifts are invested to help make disciples. Every dollar makes a difference.

- 1 A hot meal for a refugee
- \$6 USB with the gospel in sign language
- \$20 10 New Testaments in local language
- \$26 Gardening tools and seeds
- \$28 Diabetes test kit and strips
- \$36 Sewing teacher for a class of 15, twice a week
- \$50 Language learning supplies
- \$445 Training, food and travel for more than 90 national pastors, leaders and believers
- \$500 Travel for a national believer to share the gospel in a neighboring restricted access county

# YOUNG COUPLES' SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

All young couples are invited to a new Bible study that will be starting on **Sunday, January 2**. Tommy and Lynne Morgan will be leading this new class, and it will meet at 9:00 am in the room next to the youth room. The first few weeks will be a Bible study that focuses specifically on marriage. Breakfast will be served.

# **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.

# 2022 FLOWER CALENDAR

Call or come by the church office to reserve the Sunday you would like to put flowers in the sanctuary in 2022.

#### **FCA**

The Woodruff High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes is seeking support to send students to camp, host local events, speakers, t-shirts, food and expenses. If you would like to contribute to the love offering we will send from the church, simply designate an amount & mark it "FCA" on your contribution envelope or online gift.

# JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!

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

# 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 third 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.

# LIVE RADIO BROADCAST

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

# GIFTS TO THE GLORY OF GOD

#### Over & Above Fund

In Memory of Arthur Wood

### Marie Wood

In Memory of Fances Garrett

# Marie Wood

In Memory of Jimmy Godfrey

Jane Turner

In Memory of Bill Westmoreland

Jane Turner

#### Work of the Church Fund

In Memory of Jimmy Godfrey

Frank & Shirley Stone

#### Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

In Memory of James & Cheryl Smith

#### Mark & Tammy Smith

In Honor of the Church Staff

L. D. & Bobbie Cudd

In Honor of Lottie Caldwell

L. D. & Bobbie Cudd

In Honor of Jane Turner L. D. & Bobbie Cudd

FINANCIAL REPORT				
BUDGET	Dec 19		<u>2021</u>	
Needs	\$ 8,905.02	2	\$454,156.02	
Offering	\$ 10,664.9	13	\$448,057.07	
Over/(Under)	\$ 1,759.9	1	(\$ 6,098.95)	
Additional Offerings Given for Special Accounts				
Over & Above		\$	2,200.00	
Lottie Moon		\$	2,650.00	
Christmas Card Mailbox		\$	95.60	
Silent Auction		\$	40.00	
FCA		\$	100.00	
Disaster Relief		\$	50.00	
Sr Adult Gathering		\$	4.40	
Interest from Cemetery E	Endowment	\$	1,200.39	



# WALKING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Wednesdays \* 6:00 pm \* Fellowship Hall

**December 22 – Church Wide Caroling - 5:30 pm** (We will not meet for Bible study but will instead go caroling.)

# **December 29 – Hebrews January 5 - James**

Hebrews is addressed to church members who were becoming discouraged & were struggling with spiritual lethargy & immaturity. They needed the encouragement that consistent, frequent gatherings with other believers provides. We don't know exactly when Hebrew was written, it seems to have been written in the mid-60's AD, just prior to the extreme persecution of the Roman church under Nero. We don't know who wrote Hebrews but we do know that... the author of Hebrews was a dynamic preacher who was extremely knowledgeable of the Old Testament and its interpretation. He uses a rich vocabulary, a complex style of rhetoric and a more polished style of Greek than is found in the rest of the New Testament. Hebrews powerfully demonstrates that Jesus completely fulfills the Old Testament, is superior all that came before (and everything else) and urges us to throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles and run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus!

James is a "fiery epistle" written by Jesus' (half) brother (Mark 6:3). James was not a believer (John 7:5) but after seeing the Risen Jesus (1 Cor. 15:7) James became a leader in the Jerusalem church (Galatians 2:9). Josephus gives us an account of his martyrdom (62 AD.) James' letter, written to Jewish believers who had been dispersed by persecution, is very direct and practical. It draws heavily from both the teachings of Jesus, specifically the Sermon on the Mount, and the Book of Proverbs. It is a short letter, just 108 verses, but within those 108 verses there are 59 commands. We are commanded to put our faith into action. Faith isn't just something you say you believe... faith is lived. But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

# SPRING SEMESTER WHS COURSE

Thank you for your prayers and support for the Biblical Worldview and Apologetics classes that we taught this fall. On January 4 we will begin two Christian Beliefs classes (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> period) At present 35 high school seniors are enrolled in the course. 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 22**

5:30 pm Church Wide Christmas Caroling

#### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23**

Church Office Closed

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

Church Office Closed

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

# **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26**

9:00 am Sunday School

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

#### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 27**

Church Office Closed

# **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29**

6:00 pm Hebrews Bible Study - Live on YouTube

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

9:00 am Sunday School

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

6:00 pm January Bible Study - Psalms

#### **MONDAY, JANUARY 3**

OFFICE CLOSED

# **TUESDAY, JANUARY 4**

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

# WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

5:45 pm Missions & Music (4 years to grade 5) Youth Lighthouse (grades 6 – 12)

6:00 pm James Bible Study - Live on YouTube 6:45 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal



#### The Church Office will be Closed:

Thursday, Friday & Monday December 23, 24, 27 & Monday, January 3.

# THE ENCOURAGER

The Encourager will not be published next week. The next edition will be Wednesday, Jan 5, 2022.

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

#### Resume Wednesday, January 5

Our Wednesday Night Activities (choirs, mission groups, Youth Lighthouse) start back Wednesday, Jan 5. We give thanks for all of the people that make each of these programs possible. If you haven't been coming on Wednesday nights, add it to your schedule so that we can enjoy times of fellowship and Bible study together.

Pray for our youth and adults as they take part in the

# WINTER YOUTH RETREAT

January 15 – 17 \* Pigeon Forge/Sevierville, TN Strength to Stand Conference

# MINISTRY PARTNERS

**Dec 26**: Nursery – E Westmoreland, R Jeter (am) Children's Worship – C A Talanges, E Thompson

Jan 2: Nursery – L Gillespie & Summer (am)
T J McAbee, O Thompson (pm)

Children's Worship - L Forrester, O Thompson

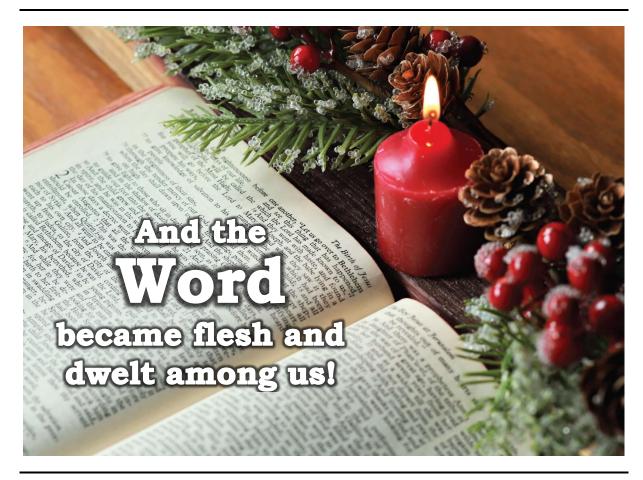
# THE ENCOURAGER

"...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 22, 2021 - January 4, 2022



# Regular Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Friday 8:00 am – 12:30 pm

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