

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service - Live on Radio & YouTube
No Evening Service

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

6:00 pm Church Bible Study – Live on YouTube

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service - Live on Radio & YouTube
6:00 pm January Bible Study

WELCOME!

We are delighted that you are here and pray that God will use this service of worship in a powerful way in your life. We would love to share information with you about our church. Please fill out a card from the pew rack & place it in the offering plate or give it to our pastor.

WITH LOVE AND APPRECIATION - TOMMIE JO MCABEE

We give thanks for the way God has blessed us through her service as our Site Manager. Next week, she will complete her fifth year as a member of our church staff. There will be a basket in the foyer in which you can place cards of gratitude and appreciation for the work Tommie Jo does for our church. 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.

CHURCH BIBLE STUDY – LUKE 7

This Wednesday, January 3 * 6:00 pm

Join with us as our church gathers for prayer and for Bible study! This Wednesday we will study Luke 7. Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate and Cider are provided. Music & Missions, Youth Lighthouse, and Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal will resume next Wednesday, January 10.

OVER AND ABOVE – SOUTH WING HEATING AND AIR

Needed: \$63,218.00 Received to Date: \$23,023.81

Our deacons are recommending to the church that we act on a bid received from Waldrop Mechanical Services for a 15 ton gas packaged roof top unit to heat and cool the south wing of the church. (This will replace the air handler unit we have used since 1962 – it is presently leaking - and make the south wing independent of the two pipe chilled and heated water system.)

UPWARD SOCCER – COACHES NEEDED!

We look forward to providing this ministry for Woodruff community children and families this spring. Registration is open on our church website (\$70 per player.) Each player will receive a reversible jersey with a pair of socks, practice cards, a soccer ball, a poster for award stars and an end of season metal. We will have 3 Divisions: K4-K5; 1st & 2nd Grades; and 3rd – 5th grades.

2024 FLOWER CALENDAR

Call or come by the church office to reserve the Sunday you would like to put flowers in the sanctuary in 2024.

YOUTH MINISTER NEEDED

If you know of a college student, young adult or seasoned adult that is a follower of Christ who loves young people, please share this opportunity with them.

JANUARY BIBLE STUDY

The Sermon on the Mount: Blessings of the Kingdom
Sunday Nights in January * 6:00 pm

For as long as the Bible has been studied, Matthew 5–7 has been a critical passage of Scripture for followers of Jesus. Growing disciples have turned to it for centuries so they could learn more about how to grow spiritually as His disciples. The passage has come to be called the Sermon on the Mount, and it is appreciated as a most remarkable message because of the profound depth as well as the simplicity of the life changing instruction. Let's learn together what it means to be a disciple of Christ.

ENCOUNTERING GOD - NEW LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Beginning Monday, January 8 * 11:00 am

Join us as we learn about habits of faith through spiritual disciplines that will help us walk closer with Jesus. See Lisa to order your book asap.

MINISTRY PARTNERS

Greeter: Catherine Hall Outside Ushers: M Smith & J Ketterman
Nursery: Brandy F & Corey F Children's Worship: Summer B & Levi G

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We Gather for Worship

**First Baptist Church
Woodruff, South Carolina**

**The Lord's Day
December 31, 2023
Ten O'Clock**

**“The LORD is my strength and my song;
He has become my salvation!”
Exodus 15:2**

Prelude

Welcome

Lisa Abercrombie

Gathering

Gather In His Name

**Let His praises fill this temple,
as we come into His presence and gather in His name.**

Let our voices rise in honor!

We lift up the risen Savior to celebrate and gather in His name.

Shout for joy! Shout for joy!

Shout for joy all the earth all the earth!

Scripture Reading, Music Meditation and Pastoral Prayer
Psalm 90:1-4, 12, 17

Celebrating God's Goodness

Hymn 206 - *Blessed Be The Name*

Goodness of God

I love You Lord, Oh Your mercy never fails me.

All my days I've been held in Your hands.

**From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head,
I will sing of the goodness of God.**

**All my life, You have been faithful, all my life,
You have been so, so good.**

With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire.
In darkest night You are close like no other.
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend.
And I have lived in the goodness of God.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
With my life laid down I'm surrendered
Now I give You everything.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
I will sing of the goodness of God.

Stewardship Prayer John Carroll

Offertory and the Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Hymn 54 v.1 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Hymn 253 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Children's Moment and Children's Worship

(After the Stewardship Prayer, children are invited to join our pastor at the front - and after the Children's Moment, they are invited to go with our children's worship leaders to Children's Worship.)

Children's Moment

Worship in Song Carroll Ensemble

Song of Praise *Build My Life*

Worthy of every song we could ever sing;
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring;
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe –
We live for You!

Jesus, the name above every other name!
Jesus, the only one Who could ever save!
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe –
We live for You! We live for You!

Holy, there is no one like You. There is none beside You -
Open up my eyes in wonder!
And show me who You are and fill me with Your heart;
And lead me in Your love to those around me.

I will build my life upon Your love - it is a firm foundation!
I will put my trust in You alone and I will not be shaken!

Message Andrew Shull

THE GIFT OF TIME

God is eternal. He is not bound by _____ or space.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." Revelation 1:8

But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.

2 Peter 3:8

He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. Ecclesiastes 3:11

Our time on earth is _____.

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Psalm 90:12

God knew we needed rhythm and balance to _____ our days.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years." Genesis 1:14

The Scriptures present a _____ way to think about our nights and days.

And there was evening, and there was morning —the first day. Genesis 1:5

Sleep can become an act of _____.

I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the LORD sustains me. Psalm 3:5

In peace I will lie down and sleep, for You alone, LORD, make me dwell in safety. Psalm 4:8

Waking can become an act of _____.

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23

Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and He will establish your plans. Proverbs 16:3

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Colossians 3:17

Will you commit 2024 to the Lord?

Time of Commitment *My Times Are In Your Hand*

My times are in Your hand; My God, I wish them there!
My life, my friends, my soul, I leave entirely in Your care.

My times are in Your hand whatever they may be,
Pleasing or painful, dark or bright, as You know best for me.

My times are in Your hand; why should I doubt or fear?
My Father's hand will never cause His child a needless tear.

My times are in Your hand: Jesus, the Crucified;
Those hands my cruel sins had pierced
Are now my guard and guide.

Benediction

Postlude



C. Andrew Shull, Pastor
John C. Carroll, Minister of Music
Lisa C. Abercrombie, Ministry Coordinator

Susan R. Cooper, Pianist
Bobbie Cox, Church Secretary
Tommie Jo McAbee, Site Manager