



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12**

**9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE**  
 WORSHIP JESUS THIS CHRISTMAS  
 (and all through the year)  
 Matthew 2:11

*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.*

**6:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICE**  
 INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS EMPHASIS:  
 Together, We Reach the Nations

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**Duane Bailey**, 12-12      **Cheryl Few**, 12-13  
**Nora Jane Lanford**, 12-13  
**John Ward**, 12-14      **Brenda Hayes**, 12-15  
**Madison Jacobi**, 12-16      **Hunter Patton**, 12-17  
**Caleb Hart**, 12-18      **Angela Turner**, 12-18

**ADVENT WREATH**

Our children and youth Sunday School Classes have been helping us celebrate Christ’s birth by lighting the candles in our Advent wreath.

Dec. 12 - Younger Youth  
 Dec. 19 - Older Youth

**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.

*All ladies and girls are invited to our*  
**LADIES CHRISTMAS BRUNCH!**

**This Saturday, December 11 \* 10:00 am**

Bring your favorite brunch food & join us as we celebrate a sweet time of food, fellowship and preparing our hearts for Christmas. We will enjoy music, a devotion and a time to make something to bless others. Please sign up in the office if you plan to attend.

**MISSIONS NIGHT**

**This Sunday, December 12 \* 6:00 pm**

Plan to take part in this special time of worship as we pray and learn more about how the message of Christ is carried around the world.

**RUN TO THE HOPE!**

*Presented by the Adult Choir*

**Next Sunday, December 19 \* 10:00 am**

Join with us and invite family and friends as our choir shares through music the encouragement and joy that is possible in Jesus. Just as the shepherds “hurried off” to see the newborn baby whose birth the angels proclaimed, we can run to the hope Jesus offers each of us.

**CHRISTMAS CHRONICLES**

*With Bill Cox*

**Next Sunday, December 19 \* 6:00 pm**

Bill will present five original dramatic monologues of characters that are part of the nativity story. The characters are portrayed with humorous contemporary twists in both costuming and commentary. Together they tell the true Biblical Christmas story and share meaningful spiritual insights, inspiration, and encouragement.

**CHURCH-WIDE CAROLING**

**Wednesday, December 22 \* 5:30 pm**

Plan to go with us as we share the joy of Christmas through the beautiful carols of Christmas. **Please contact the church office if you would like to have a group carol outside your house.**



**Christmas Eve  
 Candlelight  
 Communion Service**

**Friday, Dec. 24 \* 5:00 pm**

**STUDENT DAY AT CHRISTMAS**

**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.

**BACKPACK DISTRIBUTION  
 MISSION TRIP**

A team from the Spartanburg County Baptist Network including Bobby & Lisa Abercrombie and Perry & Tracy McAbee will be going to Jenkins, Kentucky Dec. 12-14 to distribute Christmas backpacks. Pray for the team’s safety as they share the backpacks and Christmas blessings to those in need.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!**

Our preschoolers and children will enjoy a special time of celebration on Wednesday night, Dec. 15.

**LOTTIE MOON  
 CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

Your generosity takes the gospel to the unreached.

**Bibles** - There are 180 million people without access to any Scripture in their heart language, and another 1.5 billion do not have a full Bible, but only portions in their first language.

\$20 – Ten New Testaments in a local language.

\$60 – Bible study materials for a new believers class.

**Audio Visual** - Recordings and gospel films can bridge communication gaps and are easily transportable, especially in places where it is dangerous to publicly share the gospel or carry a printed Bible.

\$50 – Five Evangelistic packs with tracts and dvd.

\$3,000 – Production of a gospel film in a new language.

**Non Literate / Deaf** - Reaching non-literate societies or the Deaf requires creativity to seek out methods that accurately present the life-changing gospel of Jesus.

\$2 – Tube of Henna to illustrate 5 gospel stories.

\$10 – USB for unreached Deaf peoples.

**Media** - Community outreach through the internet and social media joins the gospel conversation with the marketplace of ideas.

\$100 – One-year website domain name renewal.

\$500 – Smart phone for producing promotional materials.

Prayerfully consider your gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

**GIFTS TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

*Over & Above Fund*

In Memory of Jimmy Godfrey  
**Walter & Linda Garrett**

*Lottie Moon Christmas Offering*

In Memory of Jimmy Godfrey

In Memory of Jack Craft & Jim Abercrombie  
**Bobby & Lisa Abercrombie**

In Memory of Jolene Brown  
**Kent & Tommie Jo McAbee**

In Memory of Michiko Phillips  
**Carol Morgan**

In Honor of Andrew Shull  
**Lonnie & Hazel Shull**

In Honor of Jane Turner & Lottie Caldwell  
**Carol Morgan**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>Dec 5</u>	<u>2021</u>
Needs	\$ 8,905.02	\$436,345.98
Offering	\$ <u>12,401.75</u>	\$ <u>429,088.87</u>
Over/(Under)	\$ 3,496.73	(\$ 7,257.11)
<b>Additional Offerings Given for Special Accounts</b>		
Over & Above	\$	50.00
Sr Adult Christmas Gathering	\$	125.00
Stewardship	\$	7.88
Lottie Moon	\$	295.00

**COVID VACCINATION CLINIC**

**This Tuesday, December 14 \* 2:30 – 5:30 pm**

**Fellowship Hall**

The Pfizer (ages 5-11 & 12+), & Moderna (18+) & one-shot Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) (18+) vaccines will be available. Vaccine recipients will receive a gift card (while supplies last) and be entered to win prizes. The clinic is being hosted at the request of the SC Department of Education.

**JANUARY BIBLE STUDY**

**Each Sunday in January \* 6:00 pm**

*Psalms: The Character of God*

**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.

**FELLOWSHIP OF  
 CHRISTIAN ATHLETES**

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

**NATIVITY SCENE**

**Given In Memory of James and Cheryl Smith**

We, and the Woodruff community, are enjoying a nativity scene on the front lawn of the church that has been given by the Smith family. We are grateful for the gift, the visual reminder of the beauty of the Christmas story, and the opportunity to remember and give thanks for James and Cheryl. Their daughter Tammy writes, *“This Nativity has been a part of our family’s Christmas decorations for more than 40 years. Mama, Daddy, Tommy, and I made it in Daddy’s shop so many years ago. It was displayed in our front yard on Poplar Street every Christmas. We hope it honors James and Cheryl Smith and reminds everyone that Jesus is the reason we celebrate Christmas.”*

**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.**



## WALKING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Wednesdays \* 6:00 pm \* Fellowship Hall

The study is livestreamed on our YouTube channel & can be viewed live a little after 6:00 pm or afterward at a time of your convenience.

Dec. 8 – Titus Dec. 15 – Philemon

The letter to Philemon was written during Paul's first Roman imprisonment (60-62 AD) around the same time that he wrote Ephesians and Colossians. (All three letters are delivered by Tychicus.) It is addressed to Philemon, Apphia (possibly Philemon's wife), Archippus (possibly Philemon's son) and to the church that met in Philemon's home (in or near Colosse.) Paul is writing to tell Philemon that his slave, Onesimus, who had run away, came to Paul (while Paul was in chains) and has become a Christian. In the letter he asks Philemon to receive Onesimus back **"no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother"** (v. 16) "Onesimus" means "useful" and was a common name for slaves. Paul uses a play on words when he writes, **"Formerly he was useless to you, but now he had become useful both to you and to me."** (v. 17) Slavery was widespread in the Roman Empire. (Over a third of the population were slaves.) Slaves could serve their masters as doctors, musicians, teachers, artists, accountants as well as household and field laborers. But, slaves were not legally considered persons and could be bought, sold, inherited, exchanged or seized to pay their master's debt and their masters held the power of a slave's life or death in their hands. In contrast, the principles of freedom and equality are taught clearly in Scripture: Each person has been created in the image of God and has been given worth and value by God; (Genesis 1:26-27, 9:6, Matthew 10:29-31; 25:40) In Christ we are truly set free; (John 8:32; Galatians 5:1, 13) The blood of Christ breaks down all divisions – there is **"neither slave nor free... for you are all one in Christ Jesus."** (Galatians 3:28) Rather than attacking the institution of slavery directly (which would have resulted in brutally suppressed slave insurrections, social upheaval, and jeopardized the spread of the gospel) Christianity undermines the evils of slavery by seeking to change the hearts of both slaves and masters. The letter to Philemon gives evidence of this change and compliments Paul's instructions to both slaves and masters. (Ephesians 6:5-9; Colossians 3:22 - 4:1) Without using the word forgiveness, the letter beautifully illustrates what forgiveness looks like. Paul is willing to make restitution for whatever Onesimus owes. We are reminded that Jesus paid the tremendous debt we each owed. He can set us free, restore relationships, and give us life that is truly life.

### LIVE RADIO BROADCAST

Each Sunday \* 10:00 am

Woodruff Radio WQUL 101.7 FM 1510 AM

## DAY BY DAY

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

5:45 pm Missions & Music (4 years to grade 5)

Youth Lighthouse (grades 6-12)

6:00 pm Titus Bible Study - Live on YouTube

6:45 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

10:00 am Ladies Christmas Brunch

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:00 am Sunday School

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

6:00 pm Worship Service - Missions Night

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

3:00 pm Covid Vaccine Clinic – Fellowship Hall

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

5:45 pm Missions & Music (4 years to grade 5)

Youth Lighthouse (grades 6 – 12)

6:00 pm Philemon Bible Study - Live on YouTube

6:45 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

10:00 am Adult Choir Dress Rehearsal

## JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!

*A Place to Grow and Belong!*

Each Sunday \* 9:00 am

### 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.

### DECEMBER SILENT AUCTION

We are hosting a silent auction for items that have been donated to the church (including furniture, dishes, roll away beds.) Contact the church office during December to view and bid on the items.

## THANK YOU

Dear Church Family, Thank you for all the kind expressions of love for Curtis and me during my recent surgery. Most of all I appreciate the prayers.

I love you all. **Nancy Walker**

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for your prayers, the food & your concern for me and my family during the past few months. We really appreciate it.

Sincerely, **Linda & Randy Rhodes**

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for all the cards, calls, food and especially the prayers we received during the passing of Jimmy Godfrey. I am so blessed to be part of such a loving church. **Kathy Thompson**

### MINISTRY PARTNERS

December 12: Nursery – T & T Sumner (am)

I Elliott, M Ward (pm)

Children's Worship – A Weaver, A J Fortner

# 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 8, 2021



Come,  
let us worship  
the King!

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