



## THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Presented by the Adult Choir

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

YOUTH LED CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Youth Room

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Cheryl Few, 12-13      Nora Jane Lanford, 12-13  
 John Ward, 12-14      Madison Jacobi, 12-16  
 Caleb Hart, 12-18      Hunter Patton, 12-17  
 Angela Turner, 12-18

## PRAY FOR THE BACKPACK DISTRIBUTION TEAM

Please pray for **Bobby & Lisa Abercrombie, Perry & Tracy McAbee** and the Mission Team from the Spartanburg County Baptist Network as they travel this Sunday afternoon to Jenkins, Kentucky to distribute the 3095 backpacks that were collected for the Appalachian Backpack program. They will be passing out the backpacks at 4 different schools in Kentucky and at another location. The schools are currently closed due to the Covid outbreak in this area so they will be hosting drive thru events to pass out the backpacks to the children. Pray for their safety as they share the backpacks and Christmas blessings to those in need. They plan to return this Tuesday.

## JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!

*A Place to Grow and Belong!*

Each Sunday \* 9:00 am

## LIVE RADIO BROADCAST

Each Sunday \* 10:00 am

Woodruff Radio WQUL 101.7 FM 1510 AM

## LESSONS AND CAROLS

This Sunday, December 13 \* 10:00 am

Join with us as our Adult Choir leads us in a wonderful Christmas worship experience.

## YOUTH LED CHRISTMAS SERVICE

This Sunday, December 13 \* 6:00 pm \* Youth Room

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

## WORSHIP IN SONG AT CHRISTMAS

Next 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.

## 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.**

## 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 December 9 we will study *2 Kings* and on December 16 - *1 Chronicles*.

Recorded during the return from exile, *1 Chronicles* begins with Adam and traces the genealogical record to the sons of Jacob. It then records the family lines of each tribe showing who survived the exile and who was among the groups that returned to Jerusalem after the exile. *1 & 2 Chronicles* were originally one book, but were divided when the Hebrew Scriptures were translated into Greek to fit better onto scrolls. *1 Chronicles* includes the genealogy and covers the reign of David (paralleling *2 Samuel*.) *2 Chronicles* goes from the reign of Solomon to the destruction of Jerusalem (paralleling *1 & 2 Kings*) but covers only the Kings of Judah. Over 55% of the material in *1 & 2 Chronicles* is unique, that is, not found in *2 Samuel* or *1 & 2 Kings*. *1 & 2 Chronicles* reference 19 distinct time period specific sources. *1 Chronicles 4:9-10* records the prayer of Jabez. God's covenant with David is emphasized in *1 Chronicles* and finds ultimate fulfillment in the establishment of the eternal Kingdom of Jesus, the Messiah, a direct descendant of David.

## 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 are available. 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.

## SPRING SEMESTER WHS COURSE

Our Biblical Worldview and Apologetics classes for the fall semester will end as the students take their final exam next week. Thank you for your prayers and support. On January 5 we will begin two Christian Beliefs classes (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> period) 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.

## 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.

## OVER AND ABOVE PROJECT

\$95,723.68 has been contributed!

## ONLINE GIVING

Secure online giving is easy and convenient through our church web site [www.fbcwoodruff.org](http://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.

## GIFTS TO THE GLORY OF GOD!

### Over & Above Fund

*In Memory of Barbara Casey*

**Tommy & JoAnne Westmoreland  
Jeff & Sandra Hix**

*In Memory of Rev. Bob Deaton*

**Charles Hembree  
Tommy & JoAnne Westmoreland  
Jeff & Sandra Hix**

*In Memory of Michiko Phillips*

**Tommy & JoAnne Westmoreland  
Jeff & Sandra Hix**

### Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

*In Memory of Rev. Bob Deaton*

*In Memory of Kirk Lanford  
Liz Mason*

*In Memory of Michiko Phillips*

**Ronnie & Becky Godfrey  
Audrey Bettis**

*In Honor of Andrew Shull*

**Ronnie & Becky Godfrey**

*In Honor of Lottie Caldwell*

**Ronnie & Becky Godfrey**

### Work of The Church Fund

*In Memory of Barbara Casey*

**Milton & Vicki Rae Smith  
Ronnie & Ann Henson**

*In Memory of Rev. Bob Deaton*

**Ronnie & Ann Henson  
Jim Skinner**

*In Memory of Michiko Phillips*

**Ronnie & Ann Henson  
Marie Wood  
Jim Skinner**

*In Memory of Mike Brock*

**Ronnie & Ann Henson**

*In Memory of Bill & Carolyn Culbreath*

**Mark & Anna Nichols**

## FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>Dec 6</u>	<u>2020</u>
Needs	\$ 8,821.10	\$432,233.90
Offering	<u>\$12,942.27</u>	<u>\$419,709.02</u>
Over/(Under)	\$ 4,121.17	(\$ 12,524.88)
<b>Additional Offerings Given for Special Accounts</b>		
Over & Above	\$	165.00
Use of Church	\$	125.00
Lottie Moon	\$	681.00



### DAY BY DAY

#### **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

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13**

9:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship Service – Live on Radio & YouTube  
4:00 pm Deacons' Meeting  
6:00 pm Worship Service – Youth Room

#### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16**

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

### MAILING LABELS

Mailing labels have been placed in each Sunday School class to assist in sending cards to our care residents, those serving in the military, former pastors and those who need a reminder of God's great love and care.

### 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*

To help defray the expenses of Daxton's adoption, please write "Adoption Fund" on your contribution envelope.

### THANK YOU!

First Baptist Church, We can never thank you enough for allowing us to use your church to honor the life of our sweet Kirk. Your loving kindness will forever be in our hearts. Please use this donation wherever it is needed. We love you!  
**The Kirk Lanford Family**

### 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.

### JANUARY BIBLE STUDY

Each Sunday in January \* 6:00 pm

*LIVING WITH ASSURANCE*

A Study of John's Epistles

### DEEP DIVE 4 LIFE

Join us every Friday as we dive deep into the Bible. Episodes are available on our church Youtube channel as well as most podcast providers. If you have questions about Christianity, the Bible, church culture, or Christian life, email us at [deepdive4life@gmail.com](mailto:deepdive4life@gmail.com). We would love to discuss them in future episodes. Remember to dive into scriptures each day!

### 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.

### 2021 FLOWER CALENDAR

Call or come by the church office to reserve the Sunday you would like to put flowers in the sanctuary in 2021.

### MINISTRY PARTNERS – DEC 13

Nursery: S & V Clark (AM)

C Morgan, L Rhodes (PM)

Children's Worship – L Abercrombie, E Thompson

### DEACON FAMILY MINISTRY

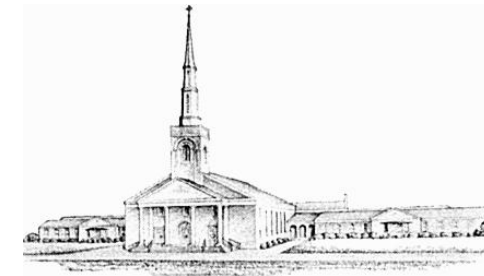
The deacons of our church are committed to being part of the ministry team along with our pastor & church staff. Contact them with prayer concerns, questions, & ministry opportunities as we seek to love & care for one another.

**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."

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First Baptist Church \* Woodruff, South Carolina

December 9, 2020

# Lessons & Carols



YOUTH-LED

# Christmas

WORSHIP SERVICE

*Presented by the  
Adult Choir*

**This Sunday, December 13  
10:00 am  
Church Sanctuary**

**This Sunday, December 13  
6:00 pm  
Youth Room**

### Regular Office Hours:

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

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**Bryan C. Thompson, Associate Pastor for Youth**  
**John C. Carroll, Minister of Music**  
**Lisa C. Abercrombie, Ministry Coordinator**  
**Carol R. Morgan, Secretary**  
**Kay M. Young, Pianist**  
**Tommie Jo McAbee, Site Manager**  
**Randy C. Rhodes, Site Manager**