PREPARING FOR SUNDAY! <u>February 20</u>

9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE THE REGALS QUARTET

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 INTERACTIVE BIBLE STUDY WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE CHOSEN?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Zane Orias, 2-20 Floyd Stewart, 2-21 Brandon Chaves, 2-23 Artie Meadows, 2-26 Aubrey Morgan, 2-20 Jane Foster, 2-23 Polly Smith, 2-25

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We extend our love and prayerful support to Vicky Clark, Sharon Wood, Karon Brady & Tim Brady and family in the death of their mother, Doris Brady.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Mondays * 11:00 am * Builders' Room Join us as we dive into God's Word. Sandy Farmer and Lisa Abercrombie are leading us as we study *The Faithful* – *Heroes of the Old Testament*. Let us know if we can order a study guide for you.

AUDIO / VISUAL TEAM

We are recruiting folks who are willing to assist on a rotating basis with our church sound system, projection and streaming. We will be setting up training events in the coming days. Please contact us if you would be willing to serve on one of these teams.

CHRISTIAN BELIEFS

Please continue to pray for the Theology classes that are taught at the church during each school day for seniors at Woodruff High School. This semester we have 22 students in our 2nd period class & 13 students in our 3rd period class. The class is team taught by Rev. Andy Watson & our pastor. The students are reading & studying the New Testament book by book & learning what the Bible teaches about itself, God, the Trinity, Creation, Prayer, Angels, Satan, Demons, Mankind, Sin, Christ, Atonement, Resurrection, Election, Being a Christian, Justification, Sanctification, Perseverance, Death, Heaven, Hell, The Church, Christ's Return, & Final Judgment.

THE REGALS

This Sunday Morning, February 20 * 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.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE CHOSEN? New Interactive Bible Study Sunday, February 20 * 6:00 pm

Join us for a great time of discussion and spiritual growth as we take part in a character driven Bible study written by the creators of *The Chosen*, the largest crowd-funded media project of all time. We will look together at the way being chosen by Jesus affected the lives of Mary Magdalene, Nicodemus, Matthew, and Peter and how being chosen by Jesus affects our lives.

MEN'S MINISTRY MEAL

Tuesday, February 22 * 6:30 pm * Fellowship Hall Come and enjoy good food and fellowship as we seek to get our hearts and minds ready for an impactful year of men's ministry!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY Tuesdays * 6:30 pm * Beginning March 15

Sometimes circumstances in life make it difficult for men to be all God wants them to be. "No More Excuses" by Tony Evans urges men to stop looking at their circumstances as excuses and instead to see them as challenges and opportunities for success. Exploring examples of men of God throughout the Bible, this study will challenge you to lay down your excuses, stop compromising, and fight to be a man of character and commitment. Despite your setbacks, failures, and pressures, you can find purpose, meaning, and direction in life and become the man God has called you to be.

OUTSIDE USHERS

During our worship services we have teams that serve on a rotating basis -1 Sunday each month - watching over the parking lots, entrances, and classroom areas. Please contact the church office if you would like to serve on one of these teams.

YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Each week we are recording and posting a number of sermons, music, Bible studies and podcasts to our Church YouTube Channel. Visit our church website www.fbcwoodruff.org for a link to this channel or search for "First Baptist Woodruff" on YouTube. We give thanks for all who have been involved in recording, editing, and making this possible.

YOUNG COUPLES' BIBLE STUDY

All young couples are invited to join us for Bible study on Sunday mornings. Tommy and Lynne Morgan are leading this class. It meets at 9:00 am in the room next to the youth room.

HERITAGE FUND

The Hix family has helped establish a Heritage Fund in memory of Gail Hix to purchase a South Carolina Historical Marker for our church. To contribute simply write "Heritage Fund" on your envelope or online gift.

GOOD NEWS CLUB

The Good News Club meets each Thursday at Woodruff Elementary School (grades 3-5) from 2:30 – 4:00 pm. Sign up at cefspartanburg.com/woodruff.html.

MUSIC MINISTRY COMMITTEE MEETING Sunday, February 20 * 4:00 pm

LADIES SPRING TEA MEETING Sunday, February 20 * 5:00 pm * Fellowship Hall Come and help us make plans for the Spring Tea.

TIMELY ALERTS

We are using *Remind* to send out "timely alerts" (schedule changes, death announcements, etc.) Text the message "@wfbc1787" to 81010 or email us to sign up.

ONLINE GIVING

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

LIVE RADIO BROADCAST Each Sunday * 10:00 am Woodruff Radio WQUL 101.7 FM 1510 AM

THE PARABLES OF JESUS

Join us on Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm beginning on March 2 as our lives are changed through a detailed study of Jesus' incredible parables.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

For The Proposed Early Learning Center / After School Ministry Sunday, February 27 * 4:00 pm * Builders' Room

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOKS

The Sunday School quarterlies for March, April and May 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.

ALASKA MISSION TEAM

Please pray for Tracy McAbee and the Missions Team from our Spartanburg Baptist Network as they serve in Anchorage, Wasilla, & Willow, Alaska February 24 – March 5. The team will take part in opportunities for evangelism and community outreach.

JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!

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

HEARTS FOR SCHOOLS

Would you consider donating fruit snacks or contributing funds for their purchase? The school identifies children who have a need for food over the weekend. Volunteers come together to pack bags for the children to take home on Fridays. (450 bags were packed on February 2.) The food bags will be packed again on February 22 at Northside Baptist Church.

GIFTS TO THE GLORY OF GOD

<u>Over & Above Fund</u> In Honor of Jim & Kay Young Marie Wood In Memory of Genny Morrison Betty Rhodes Ronnie & Ann Henson Chris Allen Joe & Frieda Ramsey William & Linda Wilkerson

Work of the Church

In Memory of Jerry Cooper John & Jennifer Pearson

<u>Heritage Fund</u>

In Memory of Gail Hix Rex & Jan Skinner John & Kim McAbee John & Jennifer Pearson Katherine Patton Peggy Hughes

In Memory of Bob & Gail Hix Alesia Kocurek

FINANCIAL REPORT			
BUDGET	Feb 13		<u>2022</u>
Needs	\$ 8,962.37		\$ 62,736.59
Offering	\$ 6,422.00	<u>\$ 59,531.74</u>	
Over/(Under)	(\$ 2,540.37)	(\$ 3,204.85)
Additional Offerings Given for Special Accounts			
Over & Above		\$	278.00
Heritage Fund		\$	740.00
Sr Adult Gathering		\$	77.00
Teacher Appreciation		\$	210.00
M Phillips Estate Refund		\$	8.71
Use of Church		\$	50.00
Ladies Bible Study Book		\$	44.00
Stewardship Fund		\$	15.63



WALKING THROUGH THE BIBLE Wednesdays * 6:00 pm * Fellowship Hall Feb 16 – Jude Feb 23 – Revelation

The Book of Revelation opens with a powerful vision of the Risen, Living, Lord who is standing in the midst of His churches. We believe it was written around 95 AD during the time of the Domitian Persecution by John, the son of Zebedee, Jesus' disciple who also wrote the Gospel of John and the epistles we know as 1 & 2 and 3 John. John has been exiled because of the gospel to the prison island of Patmos (473 miles off the coast of Turkey.) He records a vision from the Risen Jesus that he receives on the Lord's Day (Sunday.) It is addressed to 7 churches on the mainland - Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea. Revelation is written in an apocalyptic style (as are parts of Daniel, Ezekiel, & Zechariah.) Particularly used during times of persecution this style makes heavy use of symbols, numbers, animals, colors, code names, the number and order of words and imagery. It is an unveiling of what has been hidden. Revelation is not written in a linear, chronological order but instead depicts events in a spiral form - circular and repeating but moving toward a conclusion. It relies heavily on imagery from the Old Testament that is presented with a New Testament perspective and meaning.

Revelation is powerful and incredibly relevant but it has also been greatly misunderstood, abused, and exploited. It is important that we look at what the text actually says rather than placing our own ideas on top of the text. John is writing to Christians who wonder: Is God in control? How long will we be persecuted? Why does evil prosper? Should I jeopardize my life and the life of my family for the sake of Christ? Is it worth it? How will it end? Revelation assures us that God is in control. He has a plan and a purpose that is larger than suffering and larger than death. His power is greater than that of Rome. His power is greater than Satan's. It is important to be faithful to Christ and to persevere to the end. It is not in vain. Revelation brings a message of assurance and warning. It emphasizes and models what it means to truly worship God.

Jesus is triumphantly revealed as the Almighty One, the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Heir to David's Throne, the Root and Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star, the Lamb of God, the Word of God, the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Firstborn from the Dead, the Ruler over the kings of the earth, the Son of Man, the One who was Dead but now is Alive Forevermore, the Son of God, the One who is Holy and True, the Messiah who will reign forever, and the King of kings and Lord of lords.



DAY BY DAY WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

5:45 pm Missions & Music (4 years to grade 5) Youth Lighthouse (grades 6 – 12)
6:00 pm Jude Bible Study - Live on YouTube
6:45 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17 2:30 pm Good News Club - WES

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service - Live on Radio & YouTube 4:00 pm Music Ministry Committee 5:00 pm Ladies Spring Tea Planning Meeting 6:00 pm Bible Study – What Does It Mean to Be Chosen? **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21** 11:00 am Women's Bible Study **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22** 6:30 pm Men's Ministry Meal

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MINISTRY PARTNERS – FEB. 20

Nursery – Ellie W, Raina J (am) T & S Culbreath (pm) Children's Worship – T Smith, J Jeter Welcome Center – M & T Smith Outside Ushers – Nick F, Bobby A

THANK YOU!

Dear First Baptist Church, The Board of Directors of the Soup Kitchen appreciates your donation. The kitchen would not continue to operate without your support and prayers. Sincerely, **WASK Board** Dear First Baptist Church, On behalf of the staff and

board of directors, thank you so much for your continued generosity in support of Helping Hands Ministries. With your help we are able to help others.

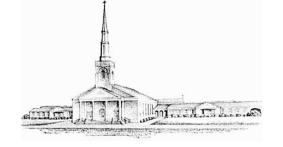
Sincerely, Sandi Turner

Dear FBC, Thank you for becoming one of our angels. Your very generous gift helps us take care of those around us through nutritious meals & much more. You are putting God's plan of feeding the hungry in action. We sincerely appreciate your gift. **Mobile Meals** Dear First Baptist, Thank you for the quarterly contributions given to the center. We are grateful to have a church praying for us and supporting our efforts in our community. We are thankful for your contributions to those in need. May the Lord bless you.

Sincerely, Woodruff Community Center

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 February 16, 2022

COME PREPARED TO LAUGH, PRAISE, & WORSHIP!



This Sunday, February 20 * 10:00 am

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

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