

## PREPARING FOR SUNDAY!

February 28

9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

*Words from the Cross*

“I THRIST”

John 19:28

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 BIBLE STUDY

LIVING WITH ASSURANCE: 1 John 4 & 5

Fellowship Hall

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Henry Woodfin, 2-28

Paige Fain, 3-1

Jane Hendrix, 3-1

Gao Hang, 3-1

Katie Abercrombie, 3-2

Hugh Murphy, 3-2

Gregg Thompson, 3-4

Olivia Thompson, 3-4

Keith Reynolds, 3-5

Ashlie Calhoun, 3-5

Skip Clark, 3-5

Noel Lee, 3-6

Carol Woodward, 3-6

Lucy Hunt, 3-6

## CONGRATULATIONS

We celebrate with **Justin Pearson** and **Rae Smith** in the birth of their son, **Smith Hamilton Pearson**. Smith was born on February 16. He is the grandson of **Milton & Vicki Rae Smith** and **Johnny & Jennifer Pearson**.

## WORDS FROM THE CROSS

*A Series of Worship Services*

*on the Sundays before Easter*

Join us in person, by radio or by livestream as we explore the words Jesus our Lord spoke from Calvary's cross. This Sunday, we will look at a very human statement that helps us understand that Jesus was uniquely qualified to be our Savior and He is uniquely qualified to provide help for us right now in our time of need.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

*A Place to Grow and Belong*

Each Sunday \* 9:00 am

You are invited to join us for Bible study! A nursery will be provided. Contact us if you would like more information about which class to attend.

## DEEP DIVE 4 LIFE

Our First Baptist Podcast – “Deep Dive 4 Life” is available on our church YouTube channel as well as most podcast providers. Email topics and questions to [deepdive4life@gmail.com](mailto:deepdive4life@gmail.com). Remember to dive into scriptures each day!

## LIVING WITH ASSURANCE

*A Study of 1, 2 & 3 John*

Sunday Nights \* 6:00 pm \* Feb. 28 & March 7

Join us this Sunday night as we continue our study of John's letters. John wrote to help us see that our understanding of who Jesus is has an incredible impact on our daily lives, decisions and future. He helps us see the destructiveness of sin, the seductive nature of the “world” and the victory that is possible through Jesus Christ. The profound truth that “**God is love**” 1 John 4:16 leads us to an incredible way of living as we learn what it means to rely on the love of God. Join us as we strengthen our faith by learning to “*Live with Assurance.*” We plan to live stream the study for those who cannot attend in person. It will be available for viewing later as well on our church YouTube channel.

### Coffee, Cider, Tea, and Hot Chocolate

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

### Children's Class (K – Grade 5)

In addition to the *Living with Assurance* study for the Adults & Youth that will be taught in the Fellowship Hall we will offer a special class on Sunday nights (Feb. 21, 28 & March 7) for Children in the Children's I Department. A nursery will be provided.

## ALASKA MISSION TEAM

The Missions Team from our Spartanburg Baptist Network led by Paul McKee, Director of Missions, would appreciate your prayers as they serve in Anchorage, Wasilla, & Willow, Alaska the first week of March. Bobby and Lisa Abercrombie will be part of the 20 person team focusing on Evangelism and Community Outreach. The team plans to man prayer booths and distribute mugs, items for kids, tracts and information about the Sand Lake Fellowship and First Baptist Church of Anchorage at the Fur Rondy Festival and the Iditarod Dog Sled Mushing Race. Pray for the team's safety as they travel with Covid restrictions in place. Pray that God will provide opportunities for the team to share God's love with both the local natives and with the people participating in the events. If you would like to contribute to help with expenses of trip please write Alaska Missions Trip on your envelope. Thank you!

## LOVE OFFERING FOR FBC COWPENS

First Baptist Church, Cowpens, sanctuary & educational building were destroyed by a fire on Dec. 26. We are sending a love offering from our church to our sister church. If you would like to contribute write the word “Cowpens” on your envelope or designation.

## LIVE RADIO BROADCAST

Each Sunday \* 10:00 am

Woodruff Radio WQUL 101.7 FM 1510 AM

## WALKING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Wednesdays \* 6:00 pm \* Fellowship Hall

Join us as we learn about a different book of the Bible each week and what it teaches us about Jesus. We meet in the Fellowship Hall practicing social distancing. We plan to live stream the study for those who are not able to be with us in person. It can be viewed live a little after 6:00 pm on Wednesdays or afterward at a time of your convenience.

February 24 – Proverbs \* March 3 – Ecclesiastes

Written by King Solomon who ruled the United Kingdoms of Israel and Judah from 971 to 931 BC, *Ecclesiastes* is an honest exploration of some of life's most difficult questions. Solomon was blessed with wisdom, wealth and power, but he found them all to be unsatisfying. After exploring them fully, he determines that ultimate meaning and fulfillment do not come through wisdom, pleasure, work, wealth or achievement. In fact, he concludes they are meaningless. The Hebrew word translated “vanity,” “futile,” “meaningless,” and “pointless” occurs 37 times. He views death as a great enemy that robs life of satisfaction and because of that urges us not to wait to know our Creator and experience the fleeting joys of life. He teaches us that time and eternity are precious gifts of God. In many, many ways *Ecclesiastes* shows us our need for Jesus - for true fulfillment is found only in Him. Through His resurrection, Jesus transforms the enemy death into a doorway to victory and one day will destroy death entirely. The frustrations expressed in *Ecclesiastes* help prepare us for the abundant and eternal life that can come through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## 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.

## WHO LET THE SENIOR ADULTS OUT?

Monday, March 15 \* 5:30 pm

Come enjoy food and fellowship with dinner at Mr. Jalapeño. Please sign up in the church office if you plan to join us. We will meet at the restaurant. Bring money for your meal. We are looking forward to a fun time!

## THE SOUP KITCHEN NEEDS HELP!

The Soup Kitchen needs a volunteer or two to pick up food from Food Lion and put it away on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month at 10:00 am. If you can help please contact Beth Grant at 864-706-0896.

## MASKS ENCOURAGED!

Please wear a mask when you come to church. There is a basket of individually packaged masks by the entrance of each sanctuary door.

## YOUTUBE CHANNEL

A great library of sermons, music, Bible studies and podcasts are available on our Church YouTube Channel. Visit our church website [www.fbcwoodruff.org](http://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.

## OVER AND ABOVE PROJECT

\$100,056.60 has been contributed!

## GIFTS TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Over & Above Fund

*In Memory of Ethel Chumley*

Kent & Tommie Jo McAbee

Tom & Jane Foster

*In Memory of Olin Lanford*

Tommy & JoAnne Westmoreland

Tom & Jane Foster

Jane Turner

Earnhardt Electric

Wendell & M J Christopher

Trevor & Carolyn Hall

Sam & Deborah Vallance

*In Memory of James Smith*

Tommy & JoAnne Westmoreland

Tom & Jane Foster

*In Memory of Judy Ruppe*

Tom & Jane Foster

*In Memory of Vicki Manley*

Tom & Jane Foster

Theology Class

*In Memory of Ethel Chumley*

Terry & Tammy Sumner

*In Memory of Roy & Leila Poole, Sr.*

*In Memory of Roy & Hilda Poole, Jr.*

Suzanne Poole

Work of the Church

*In Memory of Judy Ruppe*

Ronnie & Ann Henson

Terry & Tammy Sumner

*In Memory of James Smith*

Terry & Tammy Sumner

*In Memory of Vicki Manley*

Terry & Tammy Sumner

## FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>Feb 21</u>	<u>2021</u>
Needs	\$ 8,905.02	\$ 71,240.16
Offering	<u>\$ 8,081.31</u>	<u>\$ 67,897.45</u>
Over/(Under)	(\$ 823.71)	(\$ 3,342.71)
<b>Additional Offerings Given for Special Accounts</b>		
Over & Above Fund	\$	315.00
Youth Fund	\$	1,340.00
Stewardship Funds	\$	.66
FBC Cowpens Fund	\$	65.00
Theology Class	\$	125.00
Children's Ministry	\$	60.00
Contingencies	\$	498.23

## SUMMER CAMP 2021!

Wondering how you could be a blessing for someone? How about a donation to help our kids go to summer camp? We will begin registration soon and your donation will help make sure more kids can benefit from camp. Our kids have missed out on fun during this pandemic so let's help them have fun and learn about God and missions all in one. In past years, we had 4 of our kids make decisions for Christ after attending camp so it is an investment with eternal rewards. You can pick up an envelope off the bulletin board in the office or just write "Kids Summer Camp" on your donation envelope or on the designation line in on-line giving.

### RA CAMP

**Thursday – Saturday \* August 12 - 14**  
**Completed 1<sup>st</sup> grade & up**

Boys who are interested in going to Camp McCall Alpha Camp in Sunset, SC need to call Lisa Abercrombie at 476-8171 as soon as possible if you plan to go. A \$40.00 deposit is due at sign up. The cost of camp is \$140.00. The balance is due by June 1<sup>st</sup>. We hope to have fundraisers to offset price of camp.

### GA CAMP

**Monday – Wednesday \* July 12-14**  
**Completed 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade & up**

Girls who are interested in going to Camp LaVida in Winnsboro, SC need to call Lisa Abercrombie at 476-8171 as soon as possible if you plan to go. A \$40.00 deposit is due at sign up. The cost of camp is \$130.00. The balance is due by June 1<sup>st</sup>. We hope to have fundraisers to offset price of camp.

### SUMMER YOUTH CAMP

The youth will be going to MFuge camp at Ridgecrest, NC - June 24-28. The cost is \$330 per person. If you would like to reserve a spot, please see Bryan Thompson. A \$60 deposit will be due Sunday, March 14. The "M" in MFuge stands for "missions." The camp is designed to be a combination of traditional summer camp (like Centerfuge) and mission projects. Join us for a fantastic time of fellowship, discipleship and missions service.

### HEARTS FOR SCHOOLS

We are donating **fruit gummy snacks** for the Hearts for School backpack program. The school identifies children who have a need for food over the weekend. Volunteers come together to pack the backpacks and they send food home with the children on Fridays. Currently they are packing over 85 bags every other week. Would you consider picking up a box the next time you are at the grocery store or donate money to purchase these items? Just mark Hearts for Schools on your envelope. See Lisa Abercrombie if you have questions.

## DAY BY DAY

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

6:00 pm *Walking Through The Bible* - Live on YouTube;  
Mission Friends; Children's Choir; Youth Lighthouse

6:45 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

9:00 am Sunday School

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

6:00 pm Bible Study *Living with Assurance* – Fellowship H  
– Live on YouTube

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

6:00 pm *Walking Through The Bible* - Live on YouTube;

Mission Friends; Children's Choir; Youth Lighthouse

6:45 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

### QUESTIONS ABOUT GOD

Join us for a new team taught study from the book *Talking with Your Kids About God* by Natasha Crain on Sunday evenings – March 14 & 21 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

### ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

Each Wednesday \* 6:45 pm \* Church Sanctuary

### MINISTRY PARTNERS – FEB. 21

Children's Worship – C A Talanges, A J Fortner  
Nursery: Ellie W, Raina J AM L Morgan, T Sumner PM

### AMAZON SMILE

Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible smile.amazon.com purchases to the charities selected by customers. If you would like to choose our church as your designated charity, visit the special link they have provided for our church:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/57-0371725>

### DEACON FAMILY MINISTRY

Our deacons 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**

### THANK YOU

Dear Church Family, Thank you for your love and support after the death of our Daddy. We have felt your prayers and have been comforted by the cards and the contributions made in Daddy's memory to our church. Special and sincere appreciation to the ladies who provided lunch prior to Daddy's funeral. The food blessed us greatly both physically and spiritually.

Much love, **The Family of James Smith**

# THE ENCOURAGER

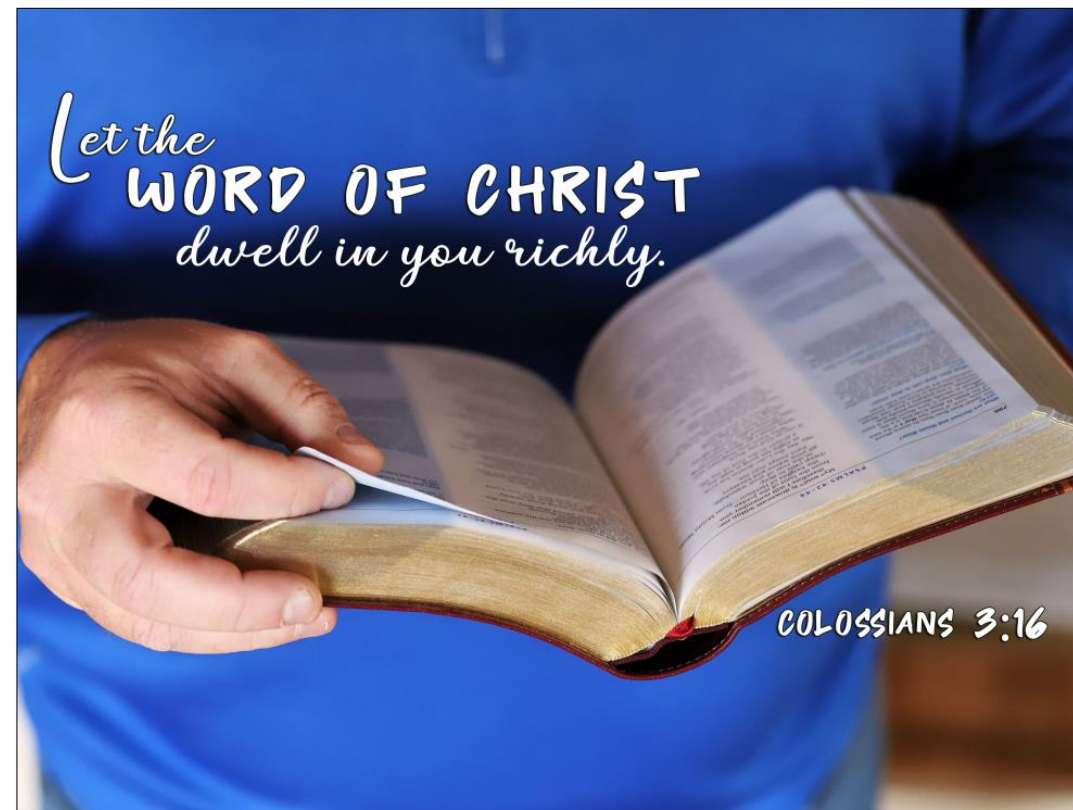
"...to prepare all God's people for the work of Christian Service to build up the body of Christ."

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**First Baptist Church \* Woodruff, South Carolina**

**February 24, 2021**



### Regular Office Hours:

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

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