

## PREPARING FOR SUNDAY!

February 7

### 10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

*Words from the Cross*

“FATHER, FORGIVE THEM,  
FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO!”

Luke 23:34

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.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Ken Vaughn, 2-7      Michael Jacobi, 2-8  
Chris Wood, 2-10      Jane McFerrin, 2-11  
Silas Henderson, 2-11      Joseph McAbee, 2-13  
Terry Hauser, 2-13

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our church family is grieved by the death of  
Ethel Murphy Chumley.

We extend our love and prayerful support to her daughter in law, Dayna Chumley, grandchildren – Chrisy Thompson, Missy Workman & Tommy Chumley and to their families and friends.

## WINTER YOUTH RETREAT

February 5-7 \* Burnsville, NC

Be praying for our youth and their chaperons – Amy Carlile, Jake Carlile, Phoebe Carlile, Christiana Mabery, Kenny Mabery, Emma Seteroff, Bryan Thompson, Christy Thompson, Emilee Thompson, Olivia Thompson, David Ward, Harrison Ward, Amanda Weaver, Jimmy Weaver, Rodney Weaver, Nolan Young, as they take part in a weekend of service, discipleship and fellowship. In addition to times of worship and Bible study, they will go snow tubing and will pack boxes for a local food bank - Neighbors Feeding Neighbors.

## 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.

## LIVE RADIO BROADCAST

Each Sunday \* 10:00 am

Woodruff Radio WQUL 101.7 FM 1510 AM

## LADIES FIRST THURSDAY

This Thursday, February 4 \* 12:00 noon

Join our Titus 2 Ladies Prayer ministry group for prayer time and lunch at Mr. Jalapeno Invite a friend!

## WORDS FROM THE CROSS

A New Worship Series Begins This Sunday!

Forgiveness is difficult for us. We have trouble forgiving ourselves much less those who have wronged us. We usually rehearse and nurse any perceived offense letting it wound us over and over rather than choosing to forgive. Jesus taught us to live differently and He practiced what He preached. On the worst day of human history as all the forces of evil converged on Jesus, He cried out, **“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do!”** Join us in person, by radio or by livestream as we begin a fresh series of worship services that explore the words Jesus our Lord spoke from Calvary’s cross.

## SCHEDULE CHANGES

Due to COVID

Please continue to pray for and check on each other as we live out the love that Christ has placed in our hearts. Please continue to take every safety precaution that is available to you.

Morning Worship Service Only (In Person)

This Sunday we will meet for worship at 10:00 am. If you do not feel comfortable attending the service in person at this time, please join us through the radio or YouTube broadcast. We are thankful to have our YouTube channel and radio broadcasts in place so that we can continue worshipping together (even from a distance.) We hope to be able to resume in person Sunday School soon. If there is something we can do for you, please reach out to us. We are grateful to be part of a very loving and caring church family.

“Walk Through the Bible,” Children’s Choir and Mission Friends to resume February 10.

Living with Assurance (January Bible Study) to resume February 21.

## WALKING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Next Wednesday, February 10 \* 6:00 pm  
Fellowship Hall

Our “Walking Through the Bible Study” resumes next Wednesday, February 10. We will be studying the *Book of Job*. 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.

*Job* teaches us that trouble is part of the world we live in, but that God is greater than our trouble and can even use our trouble for good. It teaches us that while our adversary, Satan, is powerful, he is no match for God. It reminds us that God is truly sovereign and that He is more than worthy of our trust even in the most difficult of circumstances.



## SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY

This Sunday, February 7

Bring canned goods as you come to church on this Sunday. The food will be given to Helping Hands Ministries to help those who are in need in the Woodruff Community.

## LIVING WITH ASSURANCE

A Study of 1, 2 & 3 John

Sunday Nights \* 6:00 pm \* Feb. 21, 28 & March 7

Join us February 21 as we resume our study of John’s letters. John wrote to help believers 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.

Children’s Class (K – Grade 5)

In addition to the class for the Adults & Youth that will be taught in the Fellowship Hall we will offer a special class for Children in the Children’s I Department. A nursery will be provided.

## 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!

## LOVE OFFERING FOR FBC COWPENS

First Baptist Church, Cowpens, sanctuary and educational building were destroyed by a fire on Dec. 26. We would like to send 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.

## OVER AND ABOVE PROJECT

\$99,544.20 has been contributed!

## FINANCIAL REPORT

BUDGET	Jan 31	2021
Needs	\$ 8,905.02	\$ 44,525.10
Offering	\$ 8,905.20	\$ 43,471.98
Over/(Under)	\$ .18	(\$ 1,053.12)
Additional Offerings Given for Special Accounts		
Over & Above Fund	\$	275.00
Cemetery Fund	\$	50.00
Stewardship Funds	\$	5.18
FBC Cowpens Fund	\$	50.00
Youth Retreat	\$	151.11

## NEW MAILED ENVELOPE SYSTEM

We are grateful for your gifts to the Lord’s church. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless and multiply them as we seek to be faithful to the mission He has entrusted to us here in Woodruff and beyond. We believe strongly that God still has a plan and a purpose for this church even in the difficult times in which we live.

Our world continues to change and so does the way that people give their tithes and offerings. Because we want to be good stewards of the resources God’s people entrust to His church we are in the process of evaluating the way we distribute contribution envelopes. Please let us know if you would like for us to send you a set of contribution envelopes.

Here are some of the ways that people give their tithes and offerings to our church.

**Bank draft** – You can set up a draft from your bank that is sent to the church. This can be done for each gift or you can set up an automatic draft each month. Most banks offer this as a free service to their customers, which means there is no cost to you or to the church.

**Offering plate / Mailed in Offering** – During the pandemic we stopped passing the offering plates in the worship service, but they are still available at each door of the sanctuary. Envelopes are available in the entryways & pews for you to use while you are here & are also available for you to take home with you for future gifts. We also receive tithes & offerings through the mail.

**Online giving** – Our church website has a tab for online giving ([www.fbcwoodruff.org](http://www.fbcwoodruff.org)) You can set up an individual gift or recurring gifts. Companies that provide this kind of service pass along a transaction fee to the church that is a percentage of your gift. The percentage varies depending on what type of bank card is used. The lowest percentage is used when you enter your banking information (routing and account number) rather than using a credit or debit card. There is an option for you to include this transaction fee in your gift.

**Please contact us (telephone, email, mail, offering plate or in person) and let us know how you would like to receive your envelopes.**

- I would like \_\_\_\_\_ envelopes for the year. (12 for monthly giving, 52 for weekly giving or other.)
- I would like \_\_\_\_\_ sets. (Some people give as a couple or as a family; others as individuals.)
- I will pick these up at church.
- Please mail or deliver these to me.
- I do not need any envelopes sets. (I’ll pick up what I need on Sundays or I’ll give online or by bank draft.)



### DAY BY DAY

#### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

6:00 pm Youth Lighthouse

#### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

12:00 pm Titus 2 Ladies – Mr. Jalapeno

#### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

Youth Depart for Retreat

#### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

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

#### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

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

### 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](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.

### SHARE A WEDDING PICTURE

Our former pastor Ronald D. Vaughan is creating an album of memories of the weddings he has officiated in thirty-eight years of pastoral ministry. If Dr. Vaughan officiated your wedding, please send a picture from the wedding, one of the couple and Dr. Vaughan, if possible, to [rdvaughans@gmail.com](mailto:rdvaughans@gmail.com). Thank you for making this memory album more complete.

### 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 – FEB. 7

Children’s Worship – L Forrester, G Cooper  
Nursery: J Yarbray, L Morgan (am)

### 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

### THE WORK OF FORGIVENESS

Our church has a long & very interesting history. In 1828 & 1832 Tariff Acts were passed that adversely affected the economy of the southern states. Under the leadership of John C. Calhoun, South Carolina voted to “nullify” the federal tariffs. President Andrew Jackson threatened to send federal troops to SC to enforce their collection. In Woodruff, loyalties in our church were split between the federal government and the state government.

A. B. Woodruff describes “a terrible convulsion that shook the church to its very center, & came very near breaking it into atoms. The difficulty grew & increased until the church was literally torn into two distinct factions. Hard sayings were indulged, bitter feelings ensued, & the future of the church was exceedingly dark.”

After numerous attempts at resolution, the Bethel Association asked us to hold a day of fasting & prayer to “lay aside all party spirit and hardness, to forgive one another and unite as a band of Christians in the spirit of meekness.” The day ended with the members forming a line in front of the church. While hymns were sung, they went up & down the line giving each other expressions of forgiveness, fellowship & love.

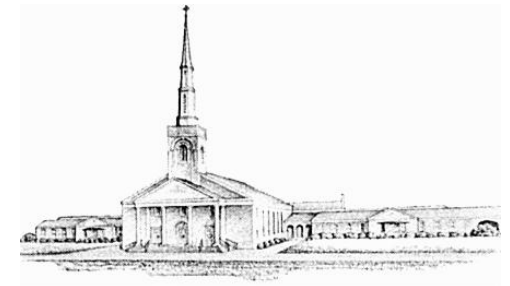
A. B. Woodruff ends his account by stating, “This was the settlement of this mighty difficulty, but like the ocean after being swept by some grand storm continues to lash & foam & fret long after the storm has died away, so the angry passions that had been raised in this tumultuous strife yielded slowly but steadily to the pressure of brotherly love which was re-occupying the hearts of those Christians. Satan was vanquished, but he retired muttering & sullen from a position he once thought was impregnable.”

It is natural to nurse hurts, flame the fires of bitterness, keep track of any offense or slight, hold grudges, keep wounds open & occasionally throw in some salt. But we do ourselves great harm when we chose to live that way. There is a better way to live. It involves swallowing our pride - regardless of who is right & who is wrong, humbling ourselves, extending mercy & forgiveness, & receiving the healing that comes through the Lord. Christians are commanded to: go the extra mile (Matthew 5:41); settle disagreements and disputes quickly (Matthew 5:23-25); be peacemakers (Matthew 5:9); love and pray for those who mistreat us (Matthew 5:44); forgive (Matthew 6:14-15); speak “only what is helpful for building others up” (Ephesians 4:29) and entrust themselves (their injuries & hurts) to God who judges justly (1 Peter 2:21-23.) Christians are people who know what it is to be forgiven - for they have experienced God’s incredible grace and mercy. And they are people who know how to forgive - because you can’t really experience God’s forgiveness without it changing your heart. Jesus said, “He who has been forgiven little loves little” (Luke 7:47.)

# THE ENCOURAGER

“...to prepare all God’s people for the work of Christian Service to build up the body of Christ.”

[www.fbcwoodruff.org](http://www.fbcwoodruff.org)



First Baptist Church \* Woodruff, South Carolina

February 3, 2021



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