

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

12:00 pm – Titus 2 Ladies – Mr. Jalapenos

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

5:45 pm Missions & Music; Youth Lighthouse
6:00 pm Church Bible Study – Live on YouTube

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We are delighted that you are here and pray that God will use this service of worship in a powerful way in your life. We would love to share information with you about our church. Please fill out one of the cards in the pew rack and place it in one of the offering boxes, which are located by the exits, at the conclusion of the service.

WELCOME STEPHANIE BREITENBACH!

We welcome Stephanie Breitenbach as she begins her ministry through our church as our Church Secretary. Her first day will be this Wednesday, January 4. Stephanie and her husband Heath have two sons, one who serves in the US military, and one who is a senior at Broome High School. Heath is the music teacher at Clifton Middle School and the music director at First Baptist Church, Pacolet. Stephanie served for over 12 years as the Executive Secretary/Ministry Assistant at Friendship Baptist Church in Pauline. She has also served as a 911 dispatcher, as a long term substitute teacher and as an after school program manager. Please lift up Stephanie in your prayers as she begins her ministry in Woodruff.

SPRING SEMESTER WOODRUFF HIGH SCHOOL COURSE

Tuesday we will begin 2 Christian Beliefs classes (9:00 am & 10:00 am each school day.) 30 high school seniors are enrolled for this semester. We will give them Bibles, books, & notebooks. **If you would like to help** with expenses, mark an envelope ‘WHS Course.’ Thank you for your support of this incredible opportunity.

LADIES FIRST TUESDAY

Our Titus 2 Ladies will meet for prayer & lunch on this **Tuesday, January 3 at 12:00 noon** at Mr. Jalapenos. Please let Lisa Abercrombie know if you plan to attend.

COMMUNION SETS

Next Sunday we will celebrate the Lord’s Supper together. If you know of someone who is not able to be with us, but would like to take part in Communion through the YouTube or Radio broadcast, please stop by the office and pick up a Communion set for them.

JANUARY CHURCH CONFERENCE

Join us for our January Church Conference next Sunday following the Morning Worship Service.

SEARCH COMMITTEE

We will be forming a team to begin the search for someone to give leadership to ministry to our youth. If you are interested in being part of this team, please contact our pastor.

MINISTRY PARTNERS

W Center: T & T Sumner Nursery: Laurie G, S Baxter
C Worship: L Forrester, Olivia T O Ushers: M Smith, Jason K

MY DECISION

Name _____ Telephone _____
Address _____

I COME TODAY TO MAKE THIS PUBLIC COMMITMENT:

- I accept **Jesus Christ** as my personal **Savior** and **Lord**.
- I want to become a member of First Baptist Church by baptism.
- I want to join First Baptist Church by transferring my letter of membership from the _____ Church.
- I want to commit myself fully to serving **Christ**.
- Other Decision _____

C. Andrew Shull, Pastor
John C. Carroll, Minister of Music
Bryan C. Thompson, Associate Pastor for Youth

Lisa C. Abercrombie, Ministry Coordinator
Susan R. Cooper, Pianist
Tommie Jo McAbee, Site Manager

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We Gather for Worship

First Baptist Church
Woodruff, South Carolina

The Lord’s Day

January 1, 2023
Ten O’Clock

Broadcast Live on YouTube and Woodruff Radio 101.7 FM 1510 AM

Now this is eternal life: that they know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent. John 17:3

Prelude

Gathering and Call to Worship

Sing We The Song of Emmanuel

**Sing we the song of Emmanuel; This the Christ who was long foretold.
Lo in the shadows of Bethlehem, promise of dawn now our eyes behold.
God Most High in a manger laid; Lift your voices and now proclaim:
Great and glorious, Love has come to us; Join now with the hosts of Heaven.**

**Come we to welcome Emmanuel; King who came with no crown or throne,
Helpless He lay, the Invincible, Maker of Mary, now Mary’s son.
O what wisdom to save us all, shepherds, sages, before Him fall.
Grace and majesty, what humility; Come on bended knee, adore Him.**

**Go spread the news of Emmanuel; Joy and peace for the weary heart.
Lift up your heads, for your King has come; Sing for the Light overwhelms the dark.
Glory shining for all to see, hope alive, let the gospel ring.
God has made a way, He will have the praise; Tell the world His name is Jesus.**

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Welcome and Prayer

Lisa Abercrombie

Songs of Dependent Trust

Hymn 74 – *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Hymn 448 – *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

Scripture Reading, Music Meditation and Pastoral Prayer
John 15:9-17

Bryan Thompson

Songs of Praise

Hymn 16 – *O Worship the King*

Hymn 253 – *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Stewardship Prayer

John Carroll

Children’s Moment and Children’s Worship

(After the Stewardship Prayer, children are invited to join our pastor at the front - and after the Children’s Moment, they are invited to go with our children’s worship leaders to Children’s Worship.)

Children's Moment

Worship in Song

John Carroll

A New Heart

Message

Andrew Shull

THE WAY OF THE DISCIPLE – RELATIONSHIPS

John 15:1-8

A Christian is someone who lives in _____ to Jesus Christ.

- They trust Jesus. They know Jesus. They love Jesus.
- They abide, live, move... in relationship to Jesus Christ.
- He is Lord. He is Savior. He is Friend, Counselor, and Guide.
- Jesus is in control. He is the most important person in Christian's life.

What would we say to someone who _____ Christ because of what Christians have done?

- Not everyone who claims to be a Christian is actually a follower of Christ.
- These horrific actions directly contradict Jesus' teaching.
- Christians are forgiven but they are not perfect. They are capable of committing sinful actions.
- These events do not characterize what Christianity is really about.

A disciple is passionately _____ to Jesus Christ.

- Knowing, loving and following Jesus is our first priority.
- Forsaking all others – we commit ourselves to Him.

The universe is about _____ relationships.

The first disciples _____ everything to follow Jesus.

The first disciples spent a lot of _____ with Jesus.

The first disciples _____ daily in their understanding of who Jesus is.

Jesus is the true _____.

Our Heavenly Father is the _____.

We are the _____.

Who gets cut?

- Every branch that does _____ bear fruit.
- And every branch that _____ bear fruit.

The Father is the Good Gardener. He loves us. He is at work for our good. He wants us to grow.

— And let's face it. We need some _____.

Abiding, remaining in Christ, allows us to bear much _____.

To be apart from Christ is to become _____, good for very little.

In Christ, _____ things can be accomplished. Miracles at every turn.

❖ Waken each morning – longing to _____ what He wants you to do.

❖ Know His strength all through the day as He _____ reminders of His love and presence.

❖ Let His will and His ways _____ your steps.

❖ Go to sleep at night – _____ yourself to His power.

What does your _____ with Jesus look like?

- How connected are you?
- Are you abiding in Him?
- Does He abide in you?

This is what matters _____ than anything else.

— If we are not connected to Him – No matter what we call ourselves, we are not His disciples.

❖ Come to Him. _____ in Him.

❖ Learn His words. Let them abide, let them live in your heart.

❖ Depend on Him for strength and direction.

❖ Center your life on Him.

❖ Leave behind the things that hold you back. Be pruned and shaped so that you can bear fruit.

Time of Commitment (Hymn 300)

Without Him

Benediction

Postlude

THE WAY OF THE DISCIPLE

Join with us as we begin a focus on what it really means to live as one of Jesus' disciples. We will be looking at characteristics Jesus said were essential for those who would devote themselves to following Him.

Jan. 1: Relationship with Jesus – John 15:1-8

Jan. 8: Humility – John 13:1-17

Jan. 15: Trust & Obedience – John 14:23-24

Jan. 22: Love – John 13:35

Jan. 29: Taking Up the Cross – Luke 9:22-26

GREAT THINGS HAPPEN ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS!

Church Bible Study * 6:00 pm * Fellowship Hall

Join with us as our church gathers for prayer and for Bible study!

Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate and Cider are provided.

Music and Missions (K4 – Grade 5) and **Youth Lighthouse** (Grades 6-12) resume this week at 5:45 pm.

Sanctuary Choir rehearsals resume next Wednesday, January 11 at 7:00 pm.

GATHERING TO WATCH THE CHOSEN (Season 3)

Beginning Next Sunday, January 8 * 6:00 pm

Plan to be with us for discussion and Bible study as we watch and experience each episode of Season 3 of The Chosen together. (The Chosen focuses on the lives of Jesus' first disciples. Season 3 begins with the Sermon on the Mount and the way the sermon impacts the lives of Jesus' disciples.)