

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY!

January 31

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

DON'T FOLLOW YOUR HEART

Jeremiah 17:5-9

Rev. Bryan Thompson, Preaching

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!

Nelle Skinner, 1-24
Bryson Davis, 1-29
Tyler Mason, 2-3
Wayne Wood, 2-5
Nicholas Fortner, 2-6

Alexis Talanges, 1-27
Frank Lapolla, 2-2
Kim Lanford, 2-3
Phil Wood, 2-6

FREE COVID 19 TESTING

Wednesday, January 27 * 9:00 am– 2:00 pm

First Baptist Church Parking Lot

Healthy Me, Healthy SC; a partnership between Clemson University and the Medical University of South Carolina will set up a free, drive through COVID-19 testing site in our parking lot. You do not need a referral or an appointment.

BLOOD DRIVE

This Wednesday, January 27 * 3:00 - 6:00 pm

Plan to take part by making a life saving donation. All donors will receive a \$20 gift card! Face coverings are required while donating. All donors will be screened for COVID-19 Antibodies after every completed donation. Any donor who has received one/two of the COVID-19 vaccinations CAN donate whole blood.

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.

WINTER YOUTH RETREAT

February 5-7 * Burnsville, NC

Be praying for our youth as they take part in a weekend of service, discipleship and fellowship. They will go snow tubing on Saturday. On Sunday they will pack boxes for the local food bank, Neighbors Feeding Neighbors.

LIVE RADIO BROADCAST

Each Sunday * 10:00 am

Woodruff Radio WQUL 101.7 FM 1510 AM

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Due to COVID

Spartanburg and Greenville Counties have seen very high rates of infection during January. 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 not have in person Sunday School or January Bible Study but will offer an in person Worship Service at 10:00 am. We are thankful to have our YouTube channel and radio broadcasts in place so that we can continue worshipping together (even from a distance.) If you do not feel comfortable attending the service in person at this time, please join us through the radio or YouTube broadcast. 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.

“January” Bible Study Postponed

We hope to be able to re-schedule our study of John’s Epistles a few week’s from now (hopefully – January Bible Study in February.)

“Walking Through the Bible” Postponed

We will not meet for our Wednesday night Bible Study for the next few weeks. We hope to be able to resume our study soon.

MISSIONS MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

As the new year begins, we have several opportunities for you to help those in need in our community. **Helping Hands Ministries** is in need of volunteers to help pick up food from local grocery stores and to help distribute food to people that come in for assistance. If you have extra time on your hands please contact **Sandi Turner** at **476-2401** to see how you can bless others. Helping Hands would greatly appreciate donations for the following items: corn, green beans, canned meats, pasta and sauces and macaroni and cheese. **The Woodruff Area Soup Kitchen** also can use help with their meal distributions. Please contact **Beth Grant** at **706-0896** if you would like to volunteer. Thanks for giving of your time and talents to share God’s love with people from our community!

DEEP DIVE 4 LIFE

Join us for our First Baptist Podcast – “Deep Dive 4 Life.” It is available on our church YouTube channel as well as most podcast providers. If you have questions that would be good to discuss on future podcasts, email us at 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.



SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY

Next Sunday, February 7

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

OVER AND ABOVE PROJECT

\$99,269.20 has been contributed!

LADIES FIRST THURSDAY

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!

GIFTS TO THE GLORY OF GOD!

Work of The Church Fund

In Memory of James Smith

Bob & Julia Howard

Ted & Brenda Hayes

In Memory of Vicki Manley

Ted & Brenda Hayes

In Memory of Aurelia Brock

In Memory of Mike Brock

Harold Brock

In Memory of Geraldine Mobley

Belton & Joyce Rhodes

James & Vivian West

Over & Above Fund

In Memory of James Smith

In Memory of Vicki Manley

Charles Hembree

John & Kim McAbee

Cemetery Fund

In Memory of Edna Westmoreland

Audrey Teague

FINANCIAL REPORT

BUDGET	Jan 17	Jan 24	2021
Needs	\$ 8,905.02	\$ 8,905.02	\$ 35,620.08
Offering	\$ 8,106.70	\$ 7,033.80	\$ 34,566.78
Over/(Under)	(\$ 798.32)	(\$ 1,871.22)	(\$ 1,053.30)
Additional Offerings Given for Special Accounts			
Over & Above Fund		\$	250.00
Cemetery Fund		\$	25.00
Stewardship Funds		\$	14.45
FBC Cowpens Fund		\$	150.00
Contingencies		\$	50.00
Youth Retreat		\$	162.22

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. Envelopes have already been mailed out that will go through January 31, 2021. We want to make a plan for February, 2021 and beyond. 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). 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 envelopes for February, 2021 and beyond.

- 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.)

ENTRUST YOURSELF TO JESUS

Paul wrote, **“I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.”** He goes on to say... **“I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.”** **Philippians 4:11-13**

Philippians is an incredible letter. Paul is in prison. He is uncertain if he will be pardoned or executed. Yet, the letter is filled with powerful expressions of joy & contentment, relying on God regardless of the circumstances. This is more than just trying to make good out of a bad situation. This is more than life handing us lemons & us trying to make lemonade. This is a reliance & trust in God that brings true joy & contentment - joy & contentment that rises above the circumstances. It is to entrust yourself to God - confident that He is at work for your good even in the worst of circumstances.

Robert Louis Stevenson's grandfather was at sea when a terrible storm took place. Huge waves threatened to swamp the ship. When the danger was the greatest and the storm was the fiercest, Stevenson's grandfather carefully walked up on the deck to see how bad things really were. What he discovered brought him immense comfort. There was the captain of the ship lashed with ropes to the wheel, holding the vessel off the rocks, and carefully steering it to safer waters. The captain looked up and smiled, and that smile reassured the frightened passenger. Going back to the cabin, he said *“We shall come through; I saw the captain smile!”*

God our Captain is at the wheel! He is sovereign! He has His hand on us, and on the wheel. We don't have to worry or be afraid. Like Paul we can be content, not because everything is going well, but because we have learned to rely on God's goodness, greatness, and His incredible love.

Following Jesus requires entrusting ourselves to Him. It is an eternal commitment. Every day we are tempted to trust in ourselves rather than entrusting ourselves to Jesus. But if we learn to trust Him, we have no true cause for worry or for fear.

THANK YOU!

Thank you everyone for the phone calls, cards and condolences extended to our family during the loss of my mother, Geraldine Mobley.

Ed Mobley

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for all the prayers, calls, cards and food that you brought while I was in the hospital. We are blessed to be part of such a caring church family. Please continue to pray as I recover.

Walter & Linda Garrett



DAY BY DAY

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

9:00 am Covid Testing – Back Parking Lot
3:00 pm Blood Drive – FBC parking lot
6:00 pm Youth Lighthouse

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

6:00 pm Youth Lighthouse

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

12:00 pm Titus 2 Ladies – Mr. Jalapeno

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.

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. 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.

FIND US ON FACEBOOK

Facebook users can use this resource to invite people to our events and services.

MINISTRY PARTNERS – JAN. 31

Children's Worship – Emilee T

Nursery: Ellie W, Raina W

DEACON FAMILY MINISTRY

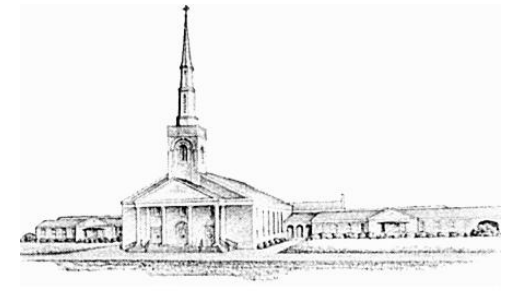
Our deacons are committed to being part of the ministry team along with our pastor & church staff. Contact them with prayer concerns, questions, & ministry opportunities as we seek to love & care for one another.

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 ENCOURAGER

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

www.fbcwoodruff.org



First Baptist Church * Woodruff, South Carolina January 27, 2021



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