

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY!

January 10

9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

WALKING IN THE LIGHT

1 John 1:7

Sin keeps us from having fellowship with God and with each other. Sin deceives us and robs us of the truth. Sin blinds us and diminishes our ability to love each other. Sin aligns us with Satan and causes us to work for him. But if we confess our sin, Jesus is faithful and just and will forgive our sin and cleanse us completely. If we walk in His light we can have fellowship with God and with one another.

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 JANUARY BIBLE STUDY

LIVING WITH ASSURANCE: John's Epistles

Fellowship Hall

Join us in person or by way of live stream or later on the church YouTube channel.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Lisa Abercrombie, 1-11 Steve Patton, 1-15
Jan Skinner, 1-16

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our church family grieves the death of
James Smith.

We extend our love and prayerful support to his daughter, **Tammy Smith**, his son, **Tommy Smith**, his brother in law, **Ted Hayes** and their families.

OBSERVE COMMUNION AT HOME

If you will be participating in the worship service through our YouTube channel or through the radio broadcast this Sunday and would like to have a communion set, please stop by the church office or call us, 476-8171, and we will deliver it to you.

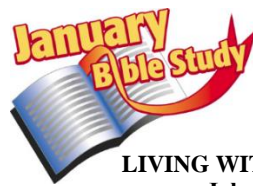
LOVE OFFERING FOR FBC COWPENS

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.

LIVE RADIO BROADCAST

Each Sunday * 10:00 am

Woodruff Radio WQUL 101.7 FM 1510 AM



JANUARY
BIBLE STUDY
Each Sunday in January
6:00 pm

LIVING WITH ASSURANCE: John's Epistles

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.

Coffee, Tea, and Hot Chocolate

This year 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 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.

LADIES FIRST THURSDAY

Our Titus 2 Ladies ministry will meet for prayer at 12:00 noon, Thursday, January 7. Make plans to join us at Mr. Jalapeno. Come join us and invite a friend!

WINTER YOUTH RETREAT

January 16 - 18 * 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.

JANUARY CHURCH CONFERENCE

Sunday, January 24 * After January Bible Study

If your group or committee would like to be included in the printed reports, please turn your information in before Wednesday, January 20.

BLOOD DRIVE

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

Mark your calendar and plan to take part by making a life saving donation.

FIND US ON FACEBOOK

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

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.)

2020 FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget Receipts: \$449,289.52

Budget Expenditures: \$435,556.90

Total Received: \$500,844.28

(This figure includes all budget and designated gifts.)

In addition to the work and on-going ministry of our church, your gifts through budget and designated offerings also supported the work of Christ through...

Lottie Moon (International Missions) - \$4,256.00
Annie Armstrong (North American Missions) - \$2,090.00
Janie Chapman (South Carolina Missions) - \$820.00
SC Baptist Convention - \$19,245.66
Spartanburg County Baptist Network - \$6,735.98
Mission Dignity - \$600.00
Helping Hands Ministries - \$8,400.00
Woodruff Community Clothes Closet - \$600.00
Mobile Meals - \$600.00
Woodruff Community Center - \$600.00
Woodruff Area Soup Kitchen - \$1,500.00
Agape Center - \$600.00
Great Start Woodruff - \$2,011.63
Hearts for Schools - \$300.00
Mission Project Scholarships - \$725.00
Woodruff High School Theology Class - \$4,163.00

JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!

A Place to Grow and Belong!

Each Sunday * 9:00 am

DEEP DIVE 4 LIFE

Join us every Friday as we dive deep into the Bible. Episodes are available on our church YouTube channel as well as most podcast providers. If you have questions that would be good to discuss on the podcast, email us at deepdive4life@gmail.com. Remember to dive into scriptures each day!

GIFTS TO THE GLORY OF GOD!

Work of The Church Fund

In Memory of Paul Stewart

Floyd & Cora Stewart

In Memory of Vicki Manley

Joann Laster

Over & Above Fund

In Memory of Barbara Casey

John & Kim McAbee

Gregg & Chrissy Thompson

FINANCIAL REPORT

BUDGET	Jan 3	2021
Needs	\$ 8,905.02	\$ 8,905.02
Offering	\$ 4,324.20	\$ 4,324.20
Over/(Under)	(\$ 4,580.82)	(\$ 4,580.82)
Additional Offerings Given for Special Accounts		
Stewardship Funds	\$	2.71
Youth Fund	\$	180.00
FBC Cowpens Fund	\$	110.00
Children's Fund	\$	50.00

WALKING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Each Wednesday * 6:00 pm * Fellowship Hall

Join us as we walk through each book of the Bible. We meet in the Fellowship Hall practicing social distancing. Each study is posted to our church YouTube channel.

Jan. 6 – *Nehemiah*; Jan. 13 - *Esther*

Esther is one of the last stories in the chronology of the Old Testament. Only Ezra 7-10, *Nehemiah*, and *Malachi* report older Old Testament history than *Esther*. The events take place during Persian rule – after Zerubbabel leads the exiles' return to Jerusalem c. 538 BC (Ezra 1-6) but before Ezra c. 458 BC (Ezra 7-10) and *Nehemiah's* return c. 445 BC (*Nehemiah* 1-2). The story of *Esther* covers a 10 year period, 483-473 BC. It gives the background of Purim, one of two festivals outside of the Torah. (Hanukkah or the Festival of Lights is the other.) It is the only Old Testament book that was not found among the Dead Sea Scrolls that were discovered in 1947. Through God's providence and in keeping with His promises, God places *Esther* and *Mordecai* in positions of power to preserve His people. *Esther* reminds us that God moves and works in ways we do not always understand to place us right where we need to be - **“And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?”** **Esther 4:14** *Esther* is the only book of the Bible without a single mention of God's name, yet God is at work in powerful ways behind the scenes to accomplish His good purposes. It is an Old Testament illustration of *Romans 8:28* - **And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.**

SPRING SEMESTER WHS COURSE

This week we began 2 Christian Beliefs classes (2nd & 3rd period) for seniors at Woodruff High School. We are supplying the students with Bibles, books and resources for the class. **If you would like to help** with the cost of books simply mark an envelope 'WHS Course.' Thank you for your support of this incredible opportunity.

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.

THANK YOU!

Thank you all for the things you do for Woodruff and the lunches you brought to us. **Floyd & Cora Stewart**

DAY BY DAY

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

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

6:45 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

12:00 pm Titus 2 Ladies – Mr. Jalapeno

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

9:00 am Sunday School

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

4:00 pm Deacons' Meeting

6:00 pm January Bible Study – Live on YouTube

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

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

6:45 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

MASKS ENCOURAGED

Please consider wearing a mask in the common areas of the church until you can observe social distancing once you are seated. There is a basket of individually packaged masks by the entrance of each sanctuary door.

COMMUNION – GLUTEN FREE

Gluten free Communion wafers are available for anyone with this dietary restriction. Please see our pastor prior to this Sunday's morning service.

OVER AND ABOVE PROJECT

\$97,281.03 has been contributed!

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.

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.

MINISTRY PARTNERS – JAN. 10

Children's Worship – Amanda W, Jimmy W
Nursery: Iris E, Emilee T (AM) Iris E, Marcia W (PM)

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

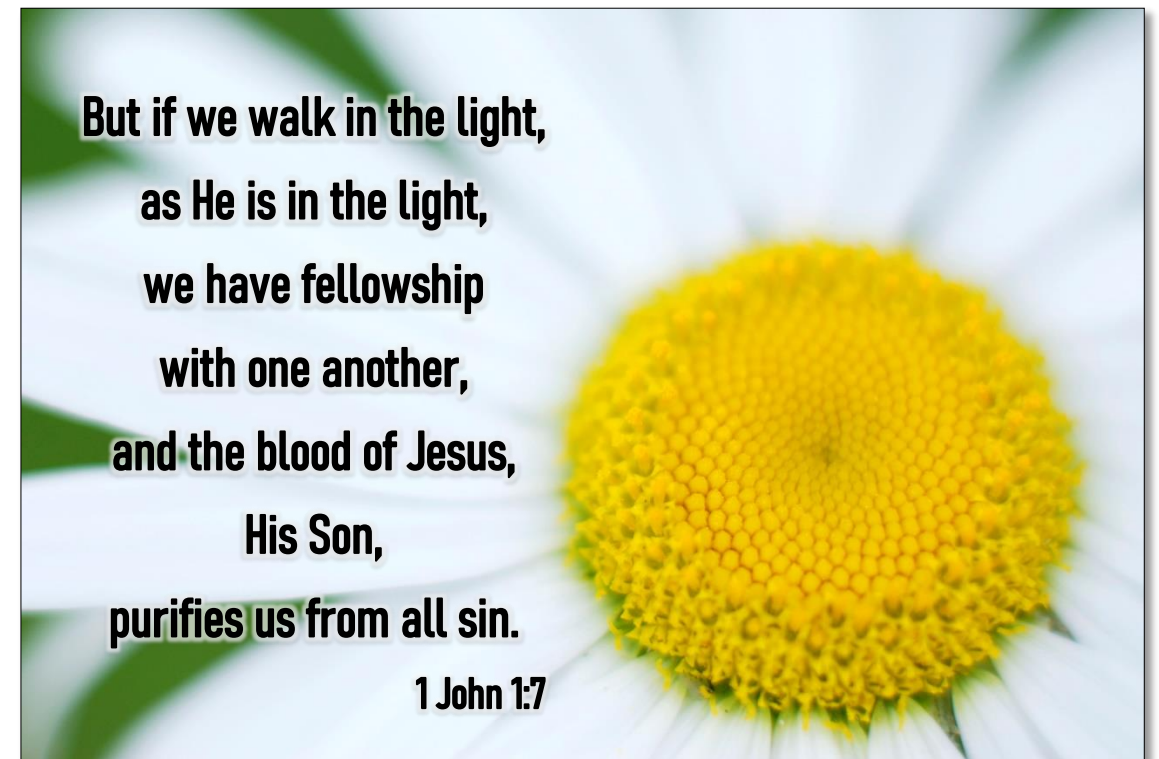
THE ENCOURAGER

“...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 6, 2021



Regular Office Hours:

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

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Carol R. Morgan, Secretary

Kay M. Young, Pianist

Tommie Jo McAbee, Site Manager

Randy C. Rhodes, Site Manager