

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY, JULY 18

9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

“WHEN THE LORD IS YOUR SHEPHERD...”

Psalm 23

Join us in person in our church sanctuary 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.

11:00 AM JULY CHURCH CONFERENCE

6:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICE

“HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION”

A service built around God's precious promises set to music in the old hymn.

Join us in person in our church sanctuary or by way of live stream or later on the church YouTube channel. An order of service will be posted on our web site.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Lottie Caldwell, 7-20 **Heather Caldwell**, 7-22
Connor Davis, 7-22 **Avery Stonesifer**, 7-23
Walter Garrett, 7-24 **Lewis Leake, Jr.**, 7-24

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our church family grieves the death of
Todd Yarbray.

We extend our love and prayerful support to
Jennifer Yarbray, his son, **David Yarbray**,
his daughter **Kate Yarbray** and family.

We extend our love and prayerful support to:

Jane Turner and family in the death of
her sister in law, **Kay Gilbert Turner**.

Kelly Smith and family in the death of
her mother, **Shirley Torlina**.

John Cannon and family in the death of
his sister, **Suzanne Hamilton**.

LIVE RADIO BROADCAST

Each Sunday * 10:00 am

Woodruff Radio WQUL 101.7 FM 1510 AM

JULY CHURCH CONFERENCE

This Sunday, July 18

After the Morning Worship Service

Plan to stay after church and take part in our July Church Conference. Financial reports, Over and Above project updates and other church business will be presented and discussed.

CASUAL SUMMER

Please feel free to dress comfortably as you come for worship and invite others to come with you.

WHEN THE LORD IS YOUR SHEPHERD...

The Lord has used Psalm 23 to bring strength and comfort to untold millions of people. Join us this Sunday morning as we take a fresh look at this beautiful psalm and learn to have a deeper trust in God. Our pastor's message will take the form of brief reflections placed near music that celebrates these life-changing truths.

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

The hymn “*How Firm A Foundation*” was first published in 1787. The author of the text and the tune are unknown but most of the words are taken straight out of the Bible. It celebrates God's great and precious promises that provide an incredible foundation for life. Join us this Sunday night as we learn to rely on the promises of God.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Monday, July 19 * 7:00 pm * Builders' Classroom

Come join our ladies Bible study group for a refreshing summer evening meeting. Invite a friend to come too!

DISCOVERING JESUS BIBLE CLUB

Wednesday, July 14 * Grades 1-5 * 5:45 - 7:00 pm

Bible Study, Games, Crafts, & Fun

We will use our detective skills to discover who Jesus is and how to build our faith in Him.

JUMPING FUN AT BIG AIR!

Grades 1-5 * Next Tuesday, July 20

9:15 am * \$13.50 each

Let's jump into Summer fun at Big Air Trampoline Park in Spartanburg. Meet at the church at 9:15 am. Younger kids may join us but must have a chaperone. You must complete waiver before jumping. We must have 15 people to sign up to get the group rate. Call the church office to sign up by this Sunday, July 18.

ONLINE GIVING

Secure online giving is available

on our church website: www.fbcwoodruff.org

Giving online is easy and convenient but if you need assistance, Carol Morgan, our Church Secretary, is able to help. Feel free to give her a call, 476-8171.

RACHEL ABERCROMBIE

Serving through Child Evangelism Fellowship

Continue to pray for Rachel Abercrombie as she directs the work of summer missionaries who are conducting Bible Clubs across the upstate this summer. Pray for her as she helps equip these young people and joins with them as they reach children with the good news of Jesus Christ. This is Rachel's 10th summer serving with CEF.

WITH LOVE AND APPRECIATION FOR RANDY RHODES!

We are grateful for all the ways that Randy Rhodes uses the gifts God has entrusted to him. He is a great blessing to our church. Randy has retired from his role as one of our church's Site Managers. He plans to continue to serve in different areas on a volunteer basis. Please let Randy know of your love and your appreciation.

TRACY MCABEE

Alaska Mission Trip

Please lift up Tracy McAbee and the team from the Spartanburg County Baptist Network as they serve in Alaska, July 22 – August 2. They will be partnering again with Rev. David Gamble at Sand Lakes Church in Anchorage/Wasilla, Alaska to complete some key projects and participating in a wide variety of ministry outreach opportunities.

BACKPACKS FOR APPALACHIA

Our mission groups are collecting items to fill backpacks for children and youth in Appalachia. A list of items to bring is available in the church office and on our church website on the “extra” page. In 2020, amidst a global pandemic, South Carolina Baptists donated 3190 filled backpacks for Christmas gifts for children in the Appalachian Mountain Region. This effort was led by our Spartanburg County Baptist Network, in conjunction with associational WMUs across the state. Bobby & Lisa Abercrombie and Perry & Tracy McAbee were part of the team that delivered the backpacks to children in Kentucky. This year, our SC goal is 5000 backpacks.

FBC PODCAST - DEEP DIVE 4 LIFE

Dive into Scripture through our church podcast.

In episode 29 we discuss the miracles of Jesus and the profound ways they affect our lives today. Included in this episode is a beautiful first person monologue written and presented by Heather Elliott.

In episode 30 we discuss strategies to overcome a “spectator” attitude prevalent in modern church life and how we can “get back in the game!”

“Deep Dive 4 Life” is available on our church YouTube channel as well as most podcast providers.

AIR CONDITIONING

The last two Sundays and last Wednesday we have been without air conditioning in the fellowship hall and the classrooms that are supplied by our “main chiller.” (It would work during the week but not on Sundays & Wednesdays.) This week and last week we have replaced two fan motors, a water flow valve and are working on the air compressor. We are hoping that air conditioning has been restored.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

A Place to Grow and Belong

Each Sunday * 9:00 am

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Special Sunday Night Studies

TALKING ABOUT JESUS – Join us as 5 different couples lead our study each night. They will be teaching segments from the book, Talking with Your Kids about Jesus: 30 Conversations Every Christian Parent Must Have by Natasha Crain – August 8, 15, 22 & 29. We will learn ways to talk about who Jesus is, what He teaches us, the truths concerning His death and resurrection and what it means to entrust our lives to Him.

SHAKEN – Join us for a Video Bible study written and presented by Tim Tebow from his best selling book Shaken: Discovering Your True Identity in the Midst of Life's Storms. We will learn to release bitterness from past hurts as we trust in a loving God; recognize and use our talents to make a difference in the world; and remain resilient and grounded in our faith despite extraordinary odds. The study is scheduled to take place September 12, 19, 26 and October 3.

TIMELY ALERTS

We are using *Remind* to send out “timely alerts” (schedule changes, death announcements, etc.) Text the message “@wfbc1787” to 81010 or email us to sign up.

OVER AND ABOVE PROJECT

Contributed to date: \$112,313.64

Expenditures to date: \$ 27,492.00

Current Balance: \$ 84,821.64

GIFTS TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Over & Above Fund

In Memory of Bob Hix

Lenn & Cindy Craig

Berea Friendship UMC Quilter/Mrs. Kelley

In Memory of Bill Lanford

Charles Hembree

In Memory of Annette Newman

John & Kim McAbee

FINANCIAL REPORT

BUDGET	July 4	July 11	2021
Needs	\$ 8,905.02	\$ 8,905.02	\$249,340.56
Offering	\$12,132.85	\$ 7,633.00	\$246,872.75
Over/(Under)	\$ 3,227.83	(\$ 1,257.02)	(\$ 2,467.81)
Additional Offerings Given for Special Accounts			
Over & Above		\$	405.00
Stewardship		\$	30.71



WALKING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Wednesdays * 6:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

Join us for Bible study. The study is livestreamed and can be viewed live a little after 6:00 pm on Wednesdays or afterward at a time of your convenience.

July 14 – Zechariah July 21 – Malachi

The name “Malachi” means “The Lord’s Messenger.” It is written around 450 BC, after the Babylonian exile and during the time of Persian control of Judah. 80 to 100 years before the Book of Malachi, a small remnant of the Jewish people have returned to Jerusalem. The Temple has been rebuilt 516 BC, and the walls were being completed (between 458 and 430 BC.) Malachi is written after the events in the book of Ezra and during or shortly after the events recording in the book of Nehemiah, but not during Nehemiah’s two terms as Governor. It is 55 verses long. Of the 55 verses, 47 quote the voice of God. There are no less than 27 questions in the book. It presents a question and answer style of preaching that became a very popular format in later Judaism. Malachi states in the opening verse that it is an “oracle” or “prophecy” literarily a “burden” indicating that it is a heavy message containing stern warnings. God begins by emphatically stating His love and then challenges the motives and actions of His people who have betrayed His love. Malachi addresses the same complacency and disregard for God that are present among God’s people today. The people were discouraged by hard economic realities and Persian dominance. Some felt the Lord did not really love them because of these factors. They brought defective animals for sacrifice, worship was a drudgery and many felt that serving God a waste of time. Although the people blamed God, their plight was the result of their own sinfulness: contempt for God, corrupt priests, marriage to pagans, failure to tithe, not keeping the Sabbath, marital unfaithfulness, mistreatment of the weak, and perjury. Malachi challenges the people to return to God - **“Return to Me and I will return to you.” 3:7** The Book of Malachi is repeatedly quoted and alluded to in the New Testament – Matthew 11:10; 17:12; Mark 1:2; 9:11-12; Luke 1:17; Romans 9:13. Malachi seeks to prepare the people for the coming of the Messiah and the Messenger who will proceed Him. 3:1-5; 17-18; 4:1-3; 5-6. This Messenger will seek to **“turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the hearts of children to their parents.” 4:6**

YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Each week we add worship services, sermons, Bible studies, music and podcasts to our YouTube channel that can be viewed on phones, computers and televisions across our community and across the world.



DAY BY DAY

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

5:45 pm Discovering Jesus Bible Club (Grades 1-5)
6:00 pm *Walking Through The Bible* - Live on YouTube;

SUNDAY, JULY 18

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service – Live on Radio & YouTube
11:00 am July Church Conference
4:00 pm Deacons’ Meeting
6:00 pm Worship Service – Live on YouTube

MONDAY, JULY 19

7:00 pm Titus 2 Ladies Bible Study

TUESDAY, JULY 20

9:15 am Jumping at Big Air

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

5:45 pm Discovering Jesus Bible Club (Grades 1-5)
6:00 pm *Walking Through The Bible* - Live on YouTube
6:45 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

MINISTRY PARTNERS

July 18: Children’s Worship – C A Talanges, G Cooper
Nursery – B & L Abercrombie (am) Z & R Lanford (pm)

THANK YOU!

Dear First Baptist Church, The Board of Directors of the Soup Kitchen acknowledges with thanks your donation. The kitchen would not continue to operate without your support and prayers. Sincerely, **WASK Board**

Dear FBC, Your very generous gift helps us take care of those around us. Your gift provides nutritious meals & much more. Your gift brings hope to the hopeless. You are putting God’s plan of feeding the hungry in action. We sincerely appreciate your gift. **Mobile Meals**

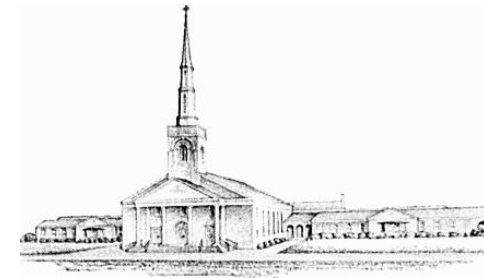
On behalf of the staff and board of directors, thank you so much for your continued generosity in support of Helping Hands Ministries. With your help we are able to help others. Sincerely, **Sandie Turner**

Thank You! We give thanks to everyone that helped last month with our Concrete and Cranes VBS; **Katie Abercrombie, Christopher & Rachel Abercrombie, Lisa Abercrombie, Lawson Marett, Amanda Weaver, Carol Anne Talanges, Kayla Mabery, Chou Hang, Marcia Ward, Christy Thompson, Bryan Thompson, Brayden Calhoun, Lorraine Forrester, Rickey Forrester, Sandy Farmer, Susan Culbreath, Ted Culbreath, Tommie Jo McAbee, Randy Rhodes, Cheryl Few, Laurie Gillespie, Myra Wood, Jo Ann Waddell** for providing ice cream and **The Winsome Sunday School Class** for providing pizza for our closing celebration. We took up an offering and purchased hand sanitizers and sanitizing wipes to donate to the Woodruff Area Soup Kitchen.

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

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