

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY!

March 14

9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Words from the Cross

"IT IS FINISHED!"

John 19:30

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 BIBLE STUDY

QUESTIONS ABOUT GOD

Fellowship Hall

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Ken Robertson, 3-14

Tony Godfrey, 3-14

Keith Weaver, 3-15

Adam Hix, 3-15

Jimmy Godfrey, 3-16

Christopher Blanton, 3-16

Sadie Walker, 3-17

Ronnie Godfrey, 3-18

Kaleb Murphy, 3-18

Johnny Osborne, 3-19

Priscilla Miller, 3-20

Maewyn Elliott, 3-20

SUMMER YOUTH CAMP

The youth will be going to MFuge camp at Ridgecrest, NC - June 24-28. The cost is \$330 per person. If you would like to reserve a spot, please see Bryan Thompson. A \$60 deposit is due this Sunday, March 14. The "M" in MFuge stands for "missions." The camp is designed to be a combination of traditional summer camp (like Centerfuge) and mission projects. Join us for a fantastic time of fellowship, discipleship and missions service.

MCCALL RA CAMP

Sunset, South Carolina

Thursday – Saturday * August 12 - 14

Completed 1st grade & up

Call Lisa Abercrombie at 476-8171 as soon as possible if you would like to go. A \$40.00 deposit is due at sign up. The cost of camp is \$140.00. The balance is due by June 1. We hope to have fundraisers to offset price of camp.

LAVIDA GA CAMP

Winnsboro, South Carolina

Monday – Wednesday * July 12-14

Completed 2nd Grade & up

Call Lisa Abercrombie at 476-8171 as soon as possible if you would like to go. A \$40.00 deposit is due at sign up. The cost of camp is \$130.00. The balance is due by June 1. We hope to have fundraisers to offset price of camp.

QUESTIONS ABOUT GOD

Sunday Nights, March 14 & 21 * 6:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Join us for a new study from the book Talking with Your Kids About God: 30 Conversations Every Christian Parent Must Have by Natasha Crain. A different husband and wife team will teach each section. Here are the topics:

March 14

1. What can we learn about God from nature?
with *Terry & Angie Hauser*
2. Where did our moral understanding come from?
with *John & Julie Carroll*
3. How much evidence do we need to be confident that God exists?
with *Sam & Susan Cooper*
4. What can we learn about God from the Bible?
with *Bobby & Lisa Abercrombie*
5. How can God be three persons in one?
with *John & Marcia Ward*

March 21

1. Why do people believe so many different things about God?
with *Ted & Susan Culbreath*
2. How can we develop a relationship with a God we can't see or hear?
with *Chris & Rachel Abercrombie*
3. What is the meaning of life?
with *Andy & Kelly Watson*
4. How should we make sense of evil?
with *Patrick & Heather Elliott*
5. Why does biblical hope matter?
with *Bryan & Christy Thompson*

SUNDAY SCHOOL

A Place to Grow and Belong

Each Sunday * 9:00 am

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

LADIES FIRST THURSDAY

This Thursday, March 11 * 12:00 noon

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

WHO LET THE SENIOR ADULTS OUT?

This Monday, March 15 * 5:30 pm

Come enjoy food and fellowship with dinner at Mr. Jalapeño. Please sign up in the church office if you plan to join us. We will meet at the restaurant. Bring money for your meal. We are looking forward to a fun time!

ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

Each Wednesday * 6:45 pm * Church Sanctuary

THE MISSION MOVES FORWARD

Season of Prayer for Missions in North America

Church Goal: \$3,000.00

North America is a mission field of complex cultures and diverse religious practices. Missionaries here face challenges from secularism to language barriers to a historic health crisis. Yet, in spite of the obstacles, God's mission always moves forward. Your partnership helps make it possible.

"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord's work, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

1 Corinthians 15:58

Our efforts are not in vain. Paul instructs us all to be steadfast and immovable in advancing the gospel of Jesus Christ despite hardship. Our gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering provide the funds for thousands of missionaries as they train and serve across North America where it's estimated more than 275 million are without Christ.

WALKING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Wednesdays * 6:00 pm * Fellowship Hall

Join us as we learn about a different book of the Bible each week and what it teaches us about Jesus. 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.

March 10 – *Song of Solomon* * March 17 – *Isaiah*

Isaiah was a powerful prophet of God who served from the time of King Uzziah's death through the reigns of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah (739 – 686 BC.) His prophecies not only addressed the events of his day but also looked ahead to the Babylonian exile; the Persian empire; the birth, ministry, crucifixion and resurrection of the Messiah; and the Messiah's future "Peaceful Kingdom." *The Book of Isaiah* is directly quoted 65 times in the New Testament. It proclaims many, many powerful truths about the nature of God, the nature of mankind, the nature of the Messiah, and salvation that comes by grace through faith. It includes four "Songs of the Suffering Servant." Isaiah's detailed prophecies that were fulfilled hundreds of years later help us to place our trust in God who is not limited by time or space. In powerful and beautiful language we gain a glimpse of the lengths God has gone to provide salvation for us through His Son, Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY SCHOOL QUARTERLIES

Please give us a call, 476-8171, if you would like for us to mail you the April, May, June, Sunday School Quarterlies or deliver it to your house.



Daylight Saving Time

Begins

This Sunday!

Spring Forward - Set Your Clocks Ahead 1 Hour!

NEW PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN

ENROLLMENT FOR 2021-22

Thursday, March 18 * 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

District 4 Activity Center

FREE COVID-19

MOBILE TESTING CLINIC

Thursday, March 25 * 10:30 am - 4:30 pm

First Baptist Church Parking Lot

Sponsored by DHEC, the drive-thru testing clinic is easy to use. Prescreening is not required, and the cost is free to those being tested. Results will be available within 48-72 hours. Visit [scdhec.gov/COVID19](https://www.scdhec.gov/COVID19) for more information.

YOUTUBE CHANNEL

A library of sermons, music, studies & podcasts are available. Visit our website www.fbcwoodruff.org for a link to this channel or search "First Baptist Woodruff" on YouTube. We give thanks for all who have been involved in recording, editing, & making this possible.

OVER AND ABOVE PROJECT

\$100,281.60 has been contributed!

LIVE RADIO BROADCAST

Each Sunday * 10:00 am

Woodruff Radio WQUL 101.7 FM 1510 AM

GIFTS TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Over & Above Fund

In Memory of Ethel Chumley

In Memory of James Smith

In Memory of Judy Ruppe

Tommy & Lynne Morgan

Work of the Church

In Memory of Ethel Chumley

Priscilla Miller

FINANCIAL REPORT

BUDGET	Mar 7	2021
Needs	\$ 8,905.02	\$ 89,050.20
Offering	\$14,918.50	\$ 91,326.17
Over/(Under)	\$ 6,013.48	\$ 2,275.97
Additional Offerings Given for Special Accounts		
Over & Above Fund		\$ 150.00
Stewardship Funds		\$ 11.25
RA/GA Camp		\$ 25.00
Use of Church		\$ 40.00
Michiko Phillips' Estate		\$ 270.00



DAY BY DAY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

6:00 pm *Walking Through The Bible* - Live on YouTube;
Mission Friends; Children's Choir; Youth Lighthouse
6:45 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

12:00 pm Ladies Luncheon - Mr. Jalapeno

SUNDAY, MARCH 14 - Daylight Saving Time begins

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service - Live on Radio & YouTube
6:00 pm Bible Study *Questions About God* - Fellowship H
- Live on YouTube

MONDAY, MARCH 15

5:30 pm Senior Adults - Mr. Jalapeno

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

6:00 pm *Walking Through The Bible* - Live on YouTube;
Mission Friends; Children's Choir; Youth Lighthouse
6:45 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

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. Remember to dive into scriptures each day!

MINISTRY PARTNERS - MAR 14

Children's Worship - L Abercrombie, G Cooper
Nursery: Christy T, Abby J AM Z & R Lanford 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**

THANK YOU!

To my dearest family at First Baptist, I recently lost my last remaining sibling, Olin Lanford, as he went to meet our Heavenly Father and get the healing he needed. In the weeks since, I have been blessed by your prayers and calls to support my spirit. It is times like this that the family of Christ is so important. Thank you to everyone who has reached out, sent up a prayer, or made a donation to the church in memory of Olin. It is very much appreciated. God's Peace, **Audrey Bettis**

THE SYMBOL OF THE CROSS

The most distinguishing symbol of the Christian faith is the cross. We have grown accustomed to seeing the cross as jewelry, on steeples, or even on T-shirts. But if you think about it even a little - it is an odd choice as a symbol of our faith. It was a means of execution. A hangman's noose or an electric chair would be odd choices for jewelry.

This is even more amazing when we consider the horror & torture with which crucifixion was regarded in the ancient world. Crucifixion was invented by Persians, but taken over by the Greeks & perfected by the Romans. It is regarded as the cruelest method of execution ever practiced because it delayed death until the maximum torture had been inflicted on its victim. It was possible for the victim to hang on the cross for days before dying very slowly of asphyxiation. The Roman government considered crucifixion such a heinous form of execution that they did not allow any Roman citizens to be executed in this manner. Crucifixion was so painful and such a horrible way to be tortured and killed that a new word had to be created to describe it. The word "*excruciating*" was coined to attempt to describe the pain and agony of the cross. It literally means "out of the cross."

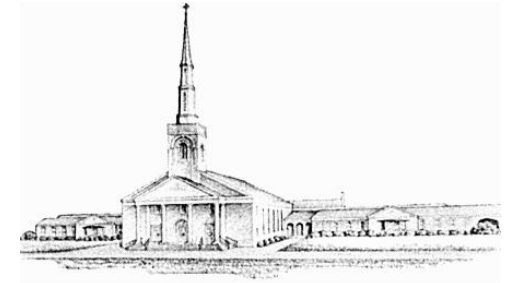
But, the cross does not just mean pain, torture, and death. The cross symbolizes God's love for us and the new life we can have through Him. Leave it to God to turn something as ugly as the cross into a beautiful symbol of love and life. As bad as things get... we can look to the cross and realize that evil does not have the last word. For that matter... death does not have the last word. The cross has become a symbol of God's victory over death. The Catholic tradition favors the crucifix - a dying Jesus on the cross. It is a reminder of His suffering and how He identifies with us in the midst of our suffering. He is with us. He comes to us and suffers with us, and this is extraordinarily powerful. The Protestant tradition favors the empty cross as a symbol not only of Jesus' death but also of His resurrection. He has risen from the dead. He has conquered sin, death, and the grave. Because He lives... We can live! The cross proclaims a love that is more powerful than death.

Look at the cross... and see your need for God. Look at the cross... and see the love and power of God. Let the cross be personal for you. Let it be a symbol of your salvation, of your forgiveness, of God's love for you, and of His power that is at work in your life. Let the cross be a symbol of your commitment to Christ. Let His mark be on your life and on your heart as you choose humility instead of pride, love instead of hate, and forgiveness instead of malice. The Cross of Christ calls us to live differently from the world. **"May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world."** Galatians 6:14

THE ENCOURAGER

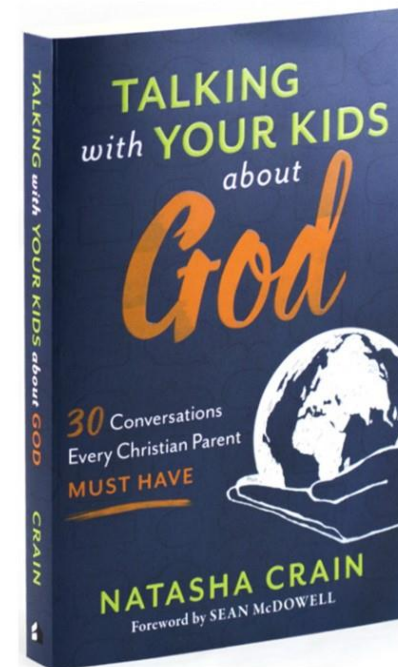
"...to prepare all God's people for the work of Christian Service to build up the body of Christ."

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First Baptist Church * Woodruff, South Carolina

March 10, 2021



Join us for a new study:

Questions about God

Sundays March 14 & 21 * 6:00 pm

Based on Natasha Crain's book
each session features 5 topics
taught by 5 husband & wife teams.

Regular Office Hours:

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

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