

## PREPARING FOR SUNDAY!

**9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE**

*Called Church Conference*

WHAT'S IN YOUR HEART?

As Jesus and the disciples gather for the Passover meal they come to the table with many different things in their hearts. Jesus knows it is their last night together before His death and so He “shows them the full extent of His love.” (John 13:1) His disciples argue over which of them is the greatest. (Luke 22:24) Jesus washes each of the disciple’s feet including Peter’s and Judas’s (John 13:2-11) and teaches them to follow His example. (John 13:12-17; Luke 22:25-30) He warns them that one of them will betray Him and they question who this could be. (Mark 14:19; Matthew 26:25; Luke 22:23; John 13:22-25) Jesus quotes the prophecy (Psalm 41:9) about the one who will betray Him and identifies Judas discreetly (John 13:28) through an intimate and loving act of shared bread. (John 13:26) As they celebrate the Passover, Jesus begins a new covenant that is based in His broken body and shed blood. (Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:19-20) Jesus tells the disciples, calling Simon Peter by name, that Satan has asked to sift them like wheat. (Luke 22:31) He tells Peter that He has prayed for him that his faith may not fail and that after he has turned back he can strengthen his brothers. (Luke 22:32) He then tells Peter that before the rooster crows, he will deny Him three times. (Luke 22:34; John 13:38) He gives them all a new commandment – “As I have loved you, so you must love one another” (John 13:34) and tells them that this is how they will be identified as being His disciples.

*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 INTERACTIVE BIBLE STUDY**

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE CHOSEN?

“You Change Course”

Isaiah 43:5-7

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**Carol Woodward, 3-6**      **Charleston Smith, 3-7**  
**Peggy Lanford, 3-8**      **Lester Fowler, 3-8**  
**Shelby Orias, 3-9**      **Iris Elliott, 3-10**  
**Raina Jeter, 3-10**      **Katherine Thompson, 3-10**  
**Tommy Morgan, 3-10**      **Sheila Stribling, 3-11**

## YOUTH SNOW TUBING

Our youth will be taking part in a Winter Retreat, March 5-6 and will be going snow tubing. Contact Bryan Thompson for more information and to sign up.

## CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE

**This Sunday, March 6**

**During the Morning Worship Service**

**For the purpose of acting on a recommendation from the Music Ministry Committee,**

**Personnel Committee and Deacons that we call Susan Cooper to serve as Church Pianist.**

Susan Cooper has been serving through the music ministry of our church since 2004, filling in as an accompanist wherever she was needed. She is a member of the Adult Choir and has been a blessing to us as a soloist and as a member of different ensemble groups. She serves as a deacon, as the secretary of the deacon group and through a wide variety of committees and ministries of our church.

Her husband, Dr. Sam Cooper, serves as the Director of Strategic Initiatives and Special Projects at USC Upstate and teaches courses at North Greenville University. She and Sam have two children – Jonathan who is in his third year at Erskine College and Grace who is in her first year at Anderson University. Her father, the late Rev. Don Richardson served as a pastor. Her mother, Leola Richardson, has moved to Woodruff and is active in the life and ministry of our church.

Susan earned a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education, Piano major / Voice minor from Southern Wesleyan University; a Master of Arts in Intercultural Communication / Ethnomusicology from Wheaton College and a Master of Library and Information Science from the University of South Carolina.

Susan wrote as part of her testimony, “*Over the years I have developed an appreciation for all the ways that God calls us to serve Him, many of them unnoticed and not glamorous or impressive to anyone but Him. He knows our true talents and strengths, whether we do or not, and I think He leads us to places where He can best put those strengths to use.*”

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE CHOSEN?

**Interactive Bible Study**

**Sunday, March 6 \* 6:00 pm**

Join us for a great time of discussion and spiritual growth as we take part in a character driven Bible study written by the creators of *The Chosen*. This week’s episode features Jesus calling Simon Peter to follow Him as His disciple.

## NORTH AMERICAN MISSION STUDY

Tuesday, March 8 \* 11:30 am \* Network Office

Lunch will be served.

## JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!

*A Place to Grow and Belong!*

**Each Sunday \* 9:00 am**

## THE PARABLES OF JESUS

Join us on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm as our lives are changed through a detailed study of Jesus’ incredible parables.

March 2

The Parable of the Sower – Matthew 13:3-23

The Parable of the Weeds – Matthew 13:24-30

March 9

The Parable of the Mustard Seed & Yeast

Matthew 13:31-35

The Parable of the Hidden Treasure & Pearl

Matthew 13:44-46

The Parable of the Net Matthew 13:47-52

## YOUNG COUPLES' BIBLE STUDY

All young couples are invited to join us for Bible study on Sunday mornings. It meets at 9:00 am in the room next to the youth room.

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

*The Faithful – Heroes of the Old Testament*

Let us know if we can order a study guide for you. Come be part of the morning group or the evening group.

**Mondays \* 11:00 am \* Builders' Room**

*Led by Sandy Farmer & Lisa Abercrombie*

**Thursdays \* 7:00 pm \* Builders' Room**

*Led by Christy Thompson*

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

**Tuesdays \* 6:30 pm \* Beginning March 15**

“No More Excuses” by Tony Evans urges men to stop looking at their circumstances as excuses and instead to see them as challenges and opportunities for success. Exploring examples of men of God throughout the Bible, this study will challenge you to lay down your excuses, stop compromising, and fight to be a man of character and commitment. Despite your setbacks, failures, and pressures, you can find purpose, meaning, and direction in life and become the man God has called you to be.

## ALASKA MISSION TEAM

Please pray for Tracy McAbee and the Missions Team from our Spartanburg Baptist Network as they serve in Anchorage, Wasilla, & Willow, Alaska February 24 – March 5. The team will take part in opportunities for evangelism and community outreach.

## NACHO NERF NIGHT

**Friday, March 11 \* 6:00 pm**

Make plans to join us for a fun filled evening of nacho’s and nerf activities with your family. \$4 per person or \$10 per family. Please sign up in the office if you plan to join us. Bring your own nerf gun. Extra nerf bullets and safety goggles will be provided.

## SEASON OF PRAYER

*For Missions in North America*

North American missionaries depend on your prayers. They are taking the gospel to a region of 366 million people where the spiritual and cultural divides are deep and growing. Only the love of Christ can bring true unity and transformation.

Special prayer guides will be included in this week’s bulletin. Please use them in your daily devotional time. Please consider what you will give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering as we seek to reach the people of North America.

*All ladies and girls are invited to our*

## LADIES BRUNCH!

**Saturday, March 12 \* 10:00 am**

Bring your favorite brunch food & join us as we enjoy a devotion, work on our crocheting for others mission project, start a new sewing project and discuss plans for upcoming Ladies’ Spring Tea. Now is a great time to join our group and get involved. Please sign up in the office if you plan to attend. Looking forward to a fun time!

## LADIES SPRING TEA MEETING

**Sunday, March 20 \* 5:00 pm \* Fellowship Hall**

Come and help us make plans for the Spring Tea.

## GIFTS TO THE GLORY OF GOD

*Work of the Church*

*In Memory of Bill Westmoreland*

**Minnie Smith**

*Over & Above Fund*

*In Memory of Genny Morrison*

**Tommie & Rita Bratton**

**Kenny & Anne Gilfillan**

*In Memory of Jerry Cooper*

**Gary & Cynthia McAlister**

*Heritage Fund*

*In Memory of Gail Hix*

**Mary Dell Scott**

**Gary & Cynthia McAlister**

**Mrs. Bennie W. Page & Family**

*In Memory of Genny Morrison*

**Lenn & Cindy Craig**

## FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>Feb 27</u>	<u>2022</u>
Needs	\$ 8,962.37	\$ 80,661.33
Offering	\$ <u>13,392.21</u>	\$ <u>80,578.16</u>
Over/(Under)	\$ 4,429.84	(\$ 83.17)
<b>Additional Offerings Given for Special Accounts</b>		
Over & Above	\$	100.00
Heritage Fund	\$	530.00
Ladies Bible Study Book	\$	51.00
Men’s Ministry	\$	52.00
Stewardship Fund	\$	11.25

## LAKE BOWEN FISH CAMP

Thursday, March 24 \* 4:30 pm

Join us for a night out to the Lake Bowen Fish Camp in Inman. Sign up in the church office if you would like to ride the bus. We plan to leave the church back parking lot at 4:30 pm.

## AUDIO / VISUAL TEAM

We are recruiting folks who are willing to assist on a rotating basis with our church sound system, projection and streaming. We will be setting up training events in the coming days. Please contact us if you would be willing to serve on one of these teams.

## HEARTS FOR SCHOOLS

Would you consider donating fruit snacks or contributing funds for their purchase? The school identifies children who have a need for food over the weekend. Volunteers come together to pack bags for the children to take home on Fridays.

## HERITAGE FUND

The Hix family has helped establish a Heritage Fund in memory of Gail Hix to purchase a South Carolina Historical Marker for our church. To contribute simply write "Heritage Fund" on your envelope or online gift.

## TIMELY ALERTS

We are using *Remind* to send out "timely alerts" (schedule changes, death announcements, etc.) Text the message "@wfb1787" to 81010 or email us to sign up.

## LIVE RADIO BROADCAST

Each Sunday \* 10:00 am

Woodruff Radio WQUL 101.7 FM 1510 AM

## ONLINE GIVING

Secure online giving is available on our church website: [www.fbcwoodruff.org](http://www.fbcwoodruff.org)

## GOOD NEWS CLUB

The Good News Club meets each Thursday at Woodruff Elementary School (grades 3-5) from 2:30 – 4:00 pm. Sign up at [cefspartanburg.com/woodruff.html](http://cefspartanburg.com/woodruff.html).

## MENTORS NEEDED

ROAD678 is an at-risk youth program ministering to students from Woodruff Middle School. The group meets at the Woodruff Community Center on Thursdays from 3:00 – 6:00 pm. In addition to mentoring opportunities there are lots of fun activities and programs that teach biblical principles and other life skills. Contact the church office for information about how to volunteer. If you would like to help sponsor a student (field trips, birthdays, food, and summer camp) simply include "ROAD678" on your envelope or online gift.

## DAY BY DAY

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

5:45 pm Missions & Music (4 years to grade 5)

Youth Lighthouse (grades 6 – 12)

6:00 pm The Parables of Jesus - Live on YouTube

6:45 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, MARCH 3

2:30 pm Good News Club – WES

7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study

### SATURDAY, MARCH 5

Youth Depart for Retreat

### SUNDAY, MARCH 6

9:00 am Sunday School

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

6:00 pm Bible Study – What Does It Mean to Be Chosen?

### MONDAY, MARCH 7

11:00 am Ladies Bible Study

### TUESDAY, MARCH 8

11:30 am North American Mission Study – Network Office

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

5:45 pm Missions & Music (4 years to grade 5)

Youth Lighthouse (grades 6 – 12)

6:00 pm The Parables of Jesus - Live on YouTube

6:45 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, MARCH 10

2:30 pm Good News Club – WES

7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study

### FRIDAY, MARCH 11

6:00 pm Nacho Nerf Night

### SATURDAY, MARCH 12

10:00 am Ladies Brunch

## MINISTRY PARTNERS – MAR 6

Nursery: L Gillespie, Summer Baxter (am)

C & E Thompson (pm)

Children's Worship – L Forrester, O Thompson

Welcome Center – T & T Sumner

Outside Ushers – M Smith, J Ketterman

## SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOKS

Sunday School quarterlies for March, April & May have arrived. Pick them up in Sunday School, or come by the office, or call us to have them delivered to your house.

## THANK YOU!

Dear First Baptist Church, Thank you so much for providing us with delicious treats! We truly appreciate your generosity as well as your thoughts & prayers. Many thanks,  
**WHS Faculty & Staff**

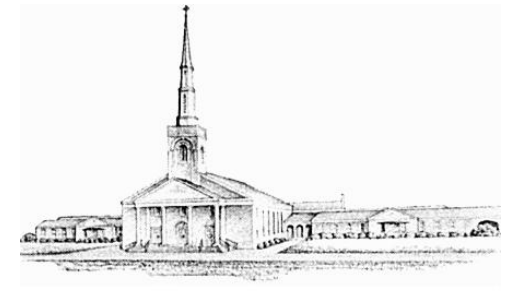
Dear Andrew, Staff & Members, Just wanted to thank you for the lunch that you all provided to our family on the day of Mom's funeral. The food was delicious and we appreciate your thoughtfulness at this very difficult time. Thank you again. Much love,

**Lisa Morrison Benfield**

# THE ENCOURAGER

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

[www.fbcwoodruff.org](http://www.fbcwoodruff.org)



First Baptist Church \* Woodruff, South Carolina

March 2, 2022

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