

## PREPARING FOR SUNDAY!

**9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE**

A TALE OF TWO GARDENS

In a subtle way there is a comparison in Scripture between the Garden of Eden and the Garden of Gethsemane. In Eden, Adam and Eve would “walk with God” in the cool of the day (Genesis 3:8.) In Gethsemane, Jesus frequently met with His disciples (John 18:2.) Both gardens are gardens of decisions of great impact and importance. Adam and Eve chose not to trust God. Jesus makes a different choice as He prays, “Father, if You are willing, take this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done” (Luke 22:42.)

*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.*

**11:00 AM MARCH CHURCH CONFERENCE**

**6:00 PM INTERACTIVE BIBLE STUDY**

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE CHOSEN?

“You Are a Witness”

Isaiah 43:8-10

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**Billy Farmer**, 3-13      **Ken Robertson**, 3-14  
**Tony Godfrey**, 3-14    **Keith Weaver**, 3-15  
**Adam Hix**, 3-15        **Christopher Blanton**, 3-16  
**Sadie Walker**, 3-17    **Ronnie Godfrey**, 3-18  
**Kaleb Murphy**, 3-18    **Johnny Osborne**, 3-19

## MARCH CHURCH CONFERENCE

**This Sunday, March 13 - After the Worship Service**  
Plan to stay after church and take part in our March Church Conference. Financial reports, updates and other church business will be presented and discussed.

## 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 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

March 16

The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant  
Matthew 18:21-35

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard Matthew  
20:1-16

## SUSAN COOPER

**To Serve As Our Church Pianist!**

This past Sunday the church voted to call Susan Cooper as our Church Pianist. We are delighted to welcome her as an official member of our church staff. Susan began serving through the music ministry of our church in 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. In accordance to our by-laws she will step down from her ministry as a deacon now that she is serving as a member of our church staff.

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.

Please pray for Susan as she uses the gifts God has entrusted to her for His glory!

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE CHOSEN?

**Interactive Bible Study**

**Sunday, March 13 \* 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 the story of twelve year old Jesus in the Temple and the wedding at Cana.

## MEN’S BIBLE STUDY

**Beginning This Tuesday, March 15 \* 6:30 pm**

“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.

## 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*

## NACHO NERF NIGHT

**This 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.

*All ladies and girls are invited to our*

## LADIES BRUNCH!

**This 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!

## 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.

## LADIES SPRING TEA MEETING

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

Come and help us make plans for the Spring Tea.

## 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.



## PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Children are invited to take part in the procession of palms, streamers, & banners. If you would like for your child to take part, please bring them to the front foyer of the sanctuary at **9:50 am on Sunday, April 10.**



## PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON & EASTER EGG HUNT

**Palm Sunday, April 10**

Everyone is invited to bring a well filled basket of food & join us for a covered dish luncheon. Following our meal we will share the Easter story & prepare for our Egg Hunt. Please help support this event by contributing **individually wrapped candy or prizes.** Contact Lisa if you would like to volunteer to help with the activities.

## 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.

Please consider what you will give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering as we seek to reach the people of North America.

## AUDIO / VISUAL TEAM

We will be having a training session on Sunday, March 27 immediately following the morning worship service in the sanctuary. Please plan to attend and contact us if you would be willing to serve on one of these teams.

## 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](http://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.

## GIFTS TO THE GLORY OF GOD

*Work of the Church*

*In Memory of Bill Westmoreland*

**John & Jennifer Pearson**

*Over & Above Fund*

*In Memory of Genny Morrison*

**Terry & Tammy Sumner**

*In Memory of Jerry Cooper*

**JoAnn Laster**

*In Memory of Jimmy Godfrey*

**JoAnn Laster**

*Heritage Fund*

*In Memory of Gail Hix*

**Phil & Myra Wood**

**Hugh & Margaret Murphy**

**Lynn & Jean Harrill**

*In Memory of Genny Morrison*

**Lynn & Jean Harrill**

## FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>Mar 6</u>	<u>2022</u>
Needs	\$ 8,962.37	\$ 89,623.70
Offering	<u>\$ 11,043.87</u>	<u>\$ 91,622.03</u>
Over/(Under)	\$ 2,081.50	\$ 1,998.33
<b>Additional Offerings Given for Special Accounts</b>		
Over & Above	\$	75.00
Heritage Fund	\$	170.00
Stewardship Fund	\$	6.25
Youth Winter Retreat	\$	181.00
Hearts For Schools	\$	50.00

## JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!

*A Place to Grow and Belong!*  
Each Sunday \* 9:00 am

### 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.

### LIVE RADIO BROADCAST

Each Sunday \* 10:00 am  
Woodruff Radio WQL 101.7 FM 1510 AM

### ONLINE GIVING

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



### GREAT START WOODRUFF

Great Start Woodruff is a community effort to provide book bags, school supplies, Bibles, haircuts & other resources to the students in District 4 as they prepare for the new school year. (Presently District Four has 2,904 students – Over 64% qualify as Title I.) **Be praying about this & let us know in the church office if you have contacts with businesses or other organizations who could help.**

### 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.

### 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. Bags are then packed for the children to take home on Fridays.

### CHRISTIAN BELIEFS

Please continue to pray for the Theology classes that are taught at the church during each school day for seniors at Woodruff High School. This semester we have 22 students in our 2<sup>nd</sup> period class & 13 students in our 3<sup>rd</sup> period class. The class is team taught by Rev. Andy Watson & our pastor.



### DAY BY DAY

#### 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

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 13 - Daylight Saving Time begins

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 14

11:00 am Ladies Bible Study

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 15

6:30 pm Men’s Bible Study

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

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 17

2:30 pm Good News Club – WES  
7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study

### MINISTRY PARTNERS – MAR 13

Nursery: J & J Westmoreland (am)  
B & L Abercrombie (pm)  
Children’s Worship – L Abercrombie, O Thompson  
Welcome Center – P & T McAbee  
Outside Ushers – J Talanges, R Rhodes, M Lineberger

### DEACON FAMILY MINISTRY

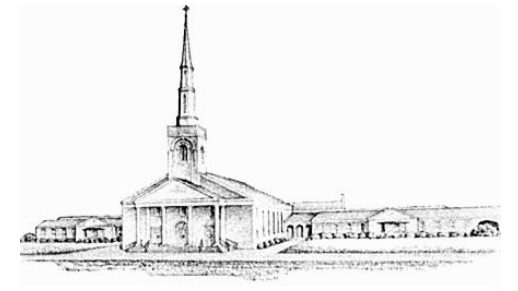
Our deacons are committed to being part of the ministry team along with our pastor & church staff. Contact them with prayer concerns, questions, & ministry opportunities as we seek to love & care for one another.

A–Co Nick Fortner and James Talanges  
Cp-G Chris Abercrombie and Matt Lineberger  
H–Lc Ted Culbreath and Tommy Morgan  
Ld–Q Terry Hauser and Jason Ketterman  
R–S Sam Cooper  
T–Z Terry Sumner and Randy Rhodes

# THE ENCOURAGER

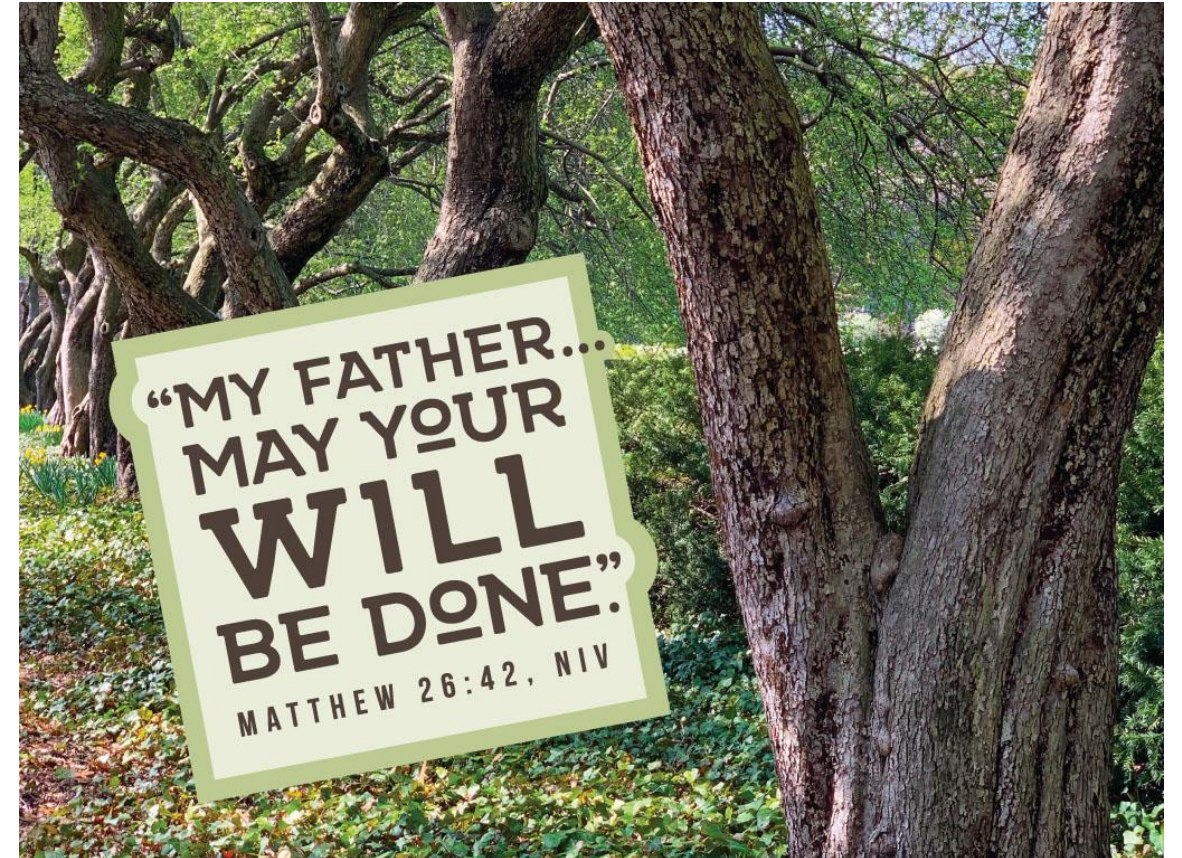
“...to prepare all God’s people for the work of Christian Service to build up the body of Christ.”

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First Baptist Church \* Woodruff, South Carolina

March 9, 2022



### Regular Office Hours:

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

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