

## THIS SUNDAY

May 17, 2020

### 10:00 AM "DRIVE UP" WORSHIP SERVICE

*From the Front Porch of the Sanctuary*

We must insist that everyone remain in their cars.

*Broadcast Live on*

*Woodruff Radio WQUL 101.7 FM 1510 AM*

Pastor's Message:

ENJOYING GOD Psalm 37:4; John 10:10

(Jesus came that we might have life in all its fullness.

We were created by Him, through Him and for Him.

Our purpose is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.

What does it mean to enjoy God?)

An order of service will be posted on our church web site.

Offering buckets will be placed by the exits. We hope to

post the service to our YouTube Channel later that day.

### 12:15 PM RADIO WORSHIP SERVICE

Pastor's Message:

KNOWN BY HIS SCARS Luke 24:39

(One of the ways the Risen Jesus helped the disciples

know with certainty that He rose bodily

from the dead is that He showed them His scars.

What do Jesus' scars mean to us?)

*Broadcast on*

*Woodruff Radio WQUL 101.7 FM 1510 AM*

We plan to post the service on our Church YouTube

Channel at the end of week both as a complete service

and as individual segments that can be watched

separately.

### 6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

*Church Sanctuary*

Pastor's Message:

BATTLE FOR THE HEART Ephesians 6:12

(An ancient war is being waged in our hearts.

Will we give in to the enemy and fall prey to his

temptations or will we allow the peace of God to guard

our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus?)

This will be our first service back in the sanctuary. We

will practice social distancing. We plan for this service

to be broadcast on Woodruff Radio WQUL 101.7 FM

1510 AM at 12:15 pm on Sunday, May 24. We also hope

to post the service on our Church YouTube Channel.

## FAITHFUL GIVING

Thank you for your faithful giving! Tithes and Offerings

can be sent through the mail, through online giving,

through the church office, at our "Drive Up" Service, at

Wednesday Night Bible Study or at our Evening Service.

## SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

BATTLE FOR THE HEART Ephesians 6:12

**This Sunday, May 17 \* 6:00 pm \* Church Sanctuary**

This will be our first service back in the sanctuary. We

will be practicing social distancing and plan to rope off

every other pew. Please do not attend if you are not

feeling well. We will not be able to offer a separate

nursery but children supervised by their parents are

welcome. We want this to be a safe experience for

everyone. We hope to record this service for our

YouTube Channel and broadcast it on Woodruff Radio

WQUL on May 24 at 12:15 pm.

## PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY

**Wednesdays \* 6:00 – 6:40 pm \* Fellowship Hall**

We are spreading out in the Fellowship Hall practicing

social distancing. We meet for a shorter time (40

minutes) so that bathroom facilities might not be

necessary (but we have the bathrooms ready if needed &

equipped with sanitizing supplies.) Please do not attend

if you are not feeling well. We will not be able to offer

a separate nursery or children's program but children

supervised by their parents are welcome. We want this

to be a safe experience for everyone. We will record the

study for our Church YouTube Channel.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOKS

The Sunday School quarterlies for the Summer months

(Jun. – Aug.) are available. Please come by the office, or

call us to have them mailed or delivered to your house.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**Todd Caldwell**, 5-17

**Jeff Holland**, 5-18

**Morgan Smith**, 5-19

**Cagney Walker**, 5-19

**Kay Young**, 5-20

**Margie Boyd**, 5-20

**Lenn Craig**, 5-20

**Chad Duncan**, 5-21

**Richie Foster**, 5-21

**Aubrey Carroll**, 5-23

**Levi Gillespie**, 5-23

## ONLINE GIVING

**Secure online giving is available**

**on our church website: [www.fbcwoodruff.org](http://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.

## OVER AND ABOVE PROJECT

**\$86,274.98** has been contributed!

## FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>May 10</u>	<u>2020</u>
Needs	\$ 8,821.10	\$167,600.90
Offering	\$ 9,268.46	\$172,888.73
Over/(Under)	\$ 447.36	\$ 5,287.83
<b>Additional Offerings Given for Special Accounts</b>		
Over & Above Offering	\$	10.00



## GRADUATE

### RECOGNITION SERVICE

**Next Sunday, May 24 \* 10:00 am**

We are preparing for a wonderful

Graduate Recognition Service. **If**

**you know of someone who could be included in this**

**service, please contact the church office** so that we can

send them an information letter. If all goes well, this will

be our first Sunday morning back in the sanctuary

(practicing social distancing.) We hope to be able to live

stream the service on the internet & broadcast live on

Woodruff Radio WQUL. If we are not able to be back in

the sanctuary, we plan to hold the service on the front

porch. We give thanks for & continue to pray for the

Class of 2020.



## MEMORIAL SERVICE

**Next Sunday, May 24 \* 6:00 pm**

**Bethel Cemetery**

**Corner of Church & Wofford Streets**

Join us as we meet under one of the huge

shade trees in our church cemetery and honor those who

served in the Revolutionary War and the wars that

followed. We will be practicing social distancing. The

service will include a time to place an American flag on

the graves of those who served in our armed forces.

## YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Each week we are recording and posting a number of

sermons, special music and lessons for youth and

children on 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.

## RADIO BROADCAST

**Each Sunday \* 10:00 am & 12:15 pm**

Join with your First Baptist Family on our Woodruff

radio station, **WQUL 101.7 FM 1510 AM**. The

broadcast at 10:00 am will be live from the front porch

of the sanctuary. Our pastor's message will be:

ENJOYING GOD. The 12:15 pm broadcast will be of a

Worship Service we plan to record this Wednesday. Our

pastor's message will be: KNOWN BY HIS SCARS.

## LET US KNOW IF YOU NEED HELP!

If you need help picking up groceries or items from the

pharmacy, please contact us. We are very happy to help.

Contact our pastor, church staff or deacons if you

discover ways our church can be a channel of God's love

and care. Check on each other. During this time that we

are not able to meet together, reach out by telephone to

those in your Sunday School class and others that God

places on your heart.

## DAY BY DAY

### WEDNESDAY, May 13 – James 3

6:00 pm Church Family Prayer Time & Bible Study

6:00 pm Youth Bible Study

### THURSDAY, May 14 – James 4

**FRIDAY, May 15 – James 5**

### SUNDAY, May 17 – 1 Peter 1

10:00 am "Drive Up" Worship Service

ENJOYING GOD Psalm 37:4; John 10:10

& Live Radio Broadcast

12:15 pm Radio Broadcast – KNOWN BY HIS SCARS

Luke 24:39

6:00 pm Evening Worship Service – Church Sanctuary

BATTLE FOR THE HEART Ephesians 6:12

### MONDAY, May 18 – 1 Peter 2

**TUESDAY, May 19 – 1 Peter 3**

### WEDNESDAY, May 20 – 1 Peter 4

6:00 pm Church Family Prayer Time & Bible Study

6:00 pm Youth Bible Study

### THURSDAY, May 21 – 1 Peter 5

**FRIDAY, May 22 – 2 Peter 1**

## YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

**Wednesdays \* 6:00 – 6:40 pm \* Youth Room**

Our youth room is large enough to meet in and practice

social distancing. Join us for prayer and Bible study.

## FUGE: YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

**July 6-10 \* Charleston Southern University**

Join us for a fantastic week of fun and discipleship.

Contact Bryan Thompson as soon as possible if you

would like to go.

## ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING

**FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS**

**Church Goal: \$3,500.00 \* Received: \$1,940.00**

Please continue to pray for the witness of Christians,

Churches & Missionaries across North America &

prayerfully consider your gift to the Annie Armstrong

Offering.

## 30 YEARS OF PASTORAL MINISTRY

Our pastor, Andrew Shull, was ordained as a Minister of

the Gospel on May 13, 1990 by Fairview Baptist Church in

Greer. At the time he was serving as pastor of the

Memorial Baptist Church in Laconia, IN. Please

continue to pray for him as he seeks to be faithful to the

calling God has given him.

## THE LORD'S SUPPER AT HOME

*"Instructions for a Meaningful Observance of the Lord's*

*Supper at Home"* are available. Call the church office if

you would like a copy. To access them on our church

website - click on "miscellaneous" in the navigation bar.

## THE WALK - MICAH 6:8

God desires a close personal relationship with you. He wants you to know Him and to feel His presence so that you may live life to the fullest. He wants you to walk with Him.

In Micah 6, God asks the people if He has become a burden to them. The people had gotten to the point that God was not high on their priority list. They went through the motions of honoring and serving God, but it was more of an attempt to ease their conscience and look respectable, than it was to please God. In fact they had lost sight of what really does please God. One compromise after another and God was being eased out of their lives.

**“My people, what have I done to you? How have I burdened you?”** Micah 6:3 God asks, because that’s how they were acting. They were acting as if He was a burden to them. Is God a burden? Is He the one who gets in the way of our plans? *“I would do this.... I could do that.... But I have to do this.”* Does God take away the fun and enjoyment of life? That is the way many people feel. *“I don’t want to follow Christ, I’d have to give up too much.”* If we think God is a burden... then we will just do what we have to do to get by and when no one is looking we will do something else. People like to paint a picture of a God who is never pleased, never satisfied, demanding, and impossible to relate to. But it isn’t true. Jesus did not say, *“I have come to burden you, to make your life miserable, to load you down with a lot of rules and commandments, to take the fun out of everything.”* No, He said, **“I have come that you might have life to the fullest.”** John 10:10

People have it all wrong. God isn’t a burden. He is a joy! He doesn’t take the fun out of life --- He is the one who made life and fun in the first place. If you will trust Him, if you will taste and see.... you will discover a fullness of life that is not possible without Him. Everything else is a mirage! So what does God want? **He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.** Micah 6:8

He wants us to walk with Him! He isn’t interested in burnt offerings or in us doing things for appearances. He wants us! He wants us to walk with Him! Life is a journey, a walk. Stop and think... Where are you going? How are you getting there? What are you doing along the way?

**I. Direction – Are you walking the same direction?** To walk with God, we have to walk in the same direction. If I go one way and you go another, we aren’t really walking together. If we claim to be a Christian... If we claim to walk with Christ... Shouldn’t we be going in the same direction with God. A man who was lost asked a smart aleck for directions - *“If you keep going that direction it will be another 23,299 miles, but if you turn around, it’s a mile up ahead.”* To walk with God is to have the same goals and to be headed in the same direction. God wants us to walk “humbly” with Him. Humility is cheerful self-forgetfulness.

It is to be having so much fun that we forget our own concerns. It is to let God choose the direction. What direction is your life going? Is it possible that God knows the way better than you? Walking with God is a relationship of trust, trusting that God knows best. **We live by faith, not by sight.** 2 Corinthians 5:7

Have you ever taken a walk with a two year old? You point out to him the pretty gardens, the beautiful flowers, the scampering squirrel, the pretty song bird; but he’s not interested. You see, he’s too busy trying to pry free from your hand. He’s a big boy now. He wants to walk free - on his own. **“Teach me the way in which I should walk.”** Psalm 143:8 Are you walking the same direction?

**II. Different – Do you feel the resistance?** Picture yourself on the beach, walking against the wind. You feel it on your face... it makes you feel alive! When we walk with God... we feel the resistance. Noah walked with God - He was different from everybody in his generation (Genesis 6:9.) We are to be in the world but not of the world (John 17:16.) We are to live as aliens and strangers (1 Peter 2:11.) The word for “Church” in Greek means *“The Called Out Ones.”* Walking with Christ makes us different. We turn the other cheek, go the extra mile, pray for enemies, return good for evil, tell the truth, love people more than things, forgive, do justice, and love mercy. We have a different attitude, outlook, perspective, lifestyle, words, and habits. If you can’t feel the resistance, it might be because you are too much like the world.

**III. Diligence – Is it everyday?** Is it real? If you just walk with God occasionally, then you are just fooling yourself. There is no such thing as a part-time Christian - not if it is real. If it is only something for you on Sunday – then you have missed the point. If it is only something for you when you are around church people – then you have missed the point. If it is only something for you when you feel “spiritual” – then you have missed the point. Walking with God is a daily activity - one step at a time. He is with us as we get out of bed, as we brush our teeth, in the car, moment by moment, decision by decision, step by step.

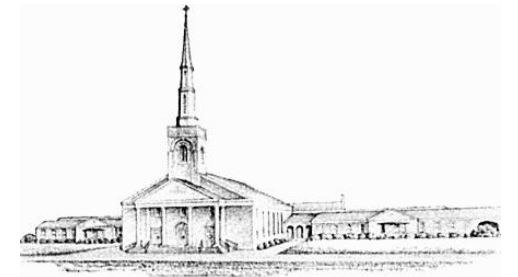
**IV. Decision – Is Jesus your Lord?** Life is filled with decisions. Do we go this way or that way? Do we go through the motions or do we find out what it is all about? Do we walk with God or do we strike out on our own? It isn’t enough to say you walk with God. You won’t wind up in the same place. You can’t get to Heaven if you stay on a path that leads to Hell. You get to Heaven through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ - walking with Him, letting Him be your Savior and making Him your Lord.

What does God want? He wants you! He wants you to walk with Him. He wants to help you find joy in life through Him. He wants to show you the richness of His love. He wants you to trust Him.

# 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

May 13, 2020



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