THIS SUNDAY May 24, 2020

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Church Sanctuary

Graduate Recognition Service

Pastor's Message:

STEPS OF FAITH Matthew 14:22-33

(Peter gets out of the boat & goes to Jesus walking on the water. When he takes his eyes off of Jesus & focuses on the wind & the waves he begins to sink until Jesus saves him. What does it mean to walk by faith?)

Broadcast Live on Woodruff Radio WOUL 101.7 FM 1510 AM and on our church YouTube channel

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



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?)

Broadcast on Woodruff Radio WQUL 101.7 FM 1510 AM

This service was recorded live this past Sunday evening and is available for viewing on our church YouTube channel. An order of service is available on our church web site.



6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Memorial Day Service At Bethel Cemetery Corner of Church & Wofford Streets

Pastor's Message:

SOLDIERS OF CHRIST 2 Timothy 2:3-4

(Paul writes that a Christian should endure hardship and seek to please the Lord just as soldiers seek to please their commanding officer.

What does it mean to be a solider of Christ?)

The service will include a time to place an American flag on the graves of those who served in our armed forces.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our church family grieves the death of Gary Chumley.

We extend our love and prayerful support to his wife, Dayna, and to his mother, Ethel, daughters, Chrisy Thompson and Missy Workman, and to the entire Chumley family.



GRADUATE RECOGNITION SERVICE

This Sunday, May 24 * 10:00 am **Church Sanctuary**

Join us for our first Sunday morning

service back in the sanctuary. We will be practicing social distancing and have roped off every other pew to help us in the effort of staying six feet apart. 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. An order of service will be posted to our church web site and printed orders of service will be available as well. We hope to be able to live stream the service on our YouTube channel & broadcast live on Woodruff Radio WOUL. We give thanks for & continue to pray for the Class of 2020.



MEMORIAL SERVICE

This 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.

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.

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.

YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Each week we are posting worship services, sermons, Bible studies, special music and lessons for youth and children on our Church YouTube Channel. Visit our church website 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, WOUL 101.7 FM 1510 AM. The broadcast at 10:00 am will be live from the sanctuary. Our pastor's message will be: STEPS OF FAITH. The 12:15 pm broadcast will be of last Sunday's Evening Worship Service. Our pastor's message is: BATTLE FOR THE HEART.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Brayden Calhoun, 5-25	Hunter Lee, 5-25				
Kenny Mabery, 5-25	Sue McClure, 5-26				
Halee Nelson, 5-27	Luke Ketterman, 5-2				
Skip Scott, 5-28	Liz Tipton, 5-29				
Nathan Craig, 5-29	Aiden Dill, 5-29				
Ethel Chumley, 5-30					

CONGRATULATIONS!

Ethel Chumley will turn 99 years old on May 30. Cards may be sent to: 307 Allen Bridge Road, Woodruff, SC 29388.

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.

ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

Church Goal: \$3,500.00 * Received: \$1,990.00

OVER AND ABOVE PROJECT

\$86,284.98 has been contributed!

GIFTS TO THE GLORY OF GOD!

The Work of the Church

In Honor of Andrew Shull

Joann Laster

Theology Class

In Memory of Gary Chumley **Audrey Bettis**

FINANCIAL REPORT

BUDGET		May 17	2	2020	
Needs	\$	8,821.10	\$17	6,422.00	
Offering	\$	4,443.35	\$17	7,332.08	
Over/(Under)	(\$	4,377.75)	\$	910.08	
Additional Offerings Given for Special Accounts					
Over & Above Offering			\$	10.00	
Annie Armstrong			\$	50.00	
Theology Class			\$	20.00	
RA/GA Camp			\$	350.00	
Bethel Cemetery I	Fund		\$	\$1,000.00	

DAY BY DAY

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

SUNDAY, May 24 – 2 Peter 2

10:00 am Graduate Recognition Service - sanctuary STEPS OF FAITH Matthew 14:22-33 Live YouTube Stream & Live Radio Broadcast 12:15 pm Radio Broadcast – BATTLE FOR THE HEART Ephesians 6:12 6:00 pm Memorial Service – Bethel Cemetery SOLDIERS OF CHRIST 2 Timothy 2:3-4

MONDAY, May 25 – 2 Peter 3 – Memorial Day TUESDAY, May 26 – 1 John 1

WEDNESDAY, May 27 – 1 John 2

6:00 pm Church Family Prayer Time & Bible Study 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study

THURSDAY, May 28 – 1 John 3

8:00 pm Woodruff High School Graduation FRIDAY, May 29 - 1 John 4



The Church Office will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25.

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. Reach out by telephone to those in your Sunday School class and others that God places on your heart.

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 Wednesday Night Bible Study or at one of our Worship Services.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

"Dealing with Messy Relationships: Yield" Philippians 2:1-8, 13-15

We hope to begin posting a panel discussion of each week's Sunday School lesson to our church YouTube channel on Thursdays beginning this week.

THE GOD WHO GOES BEFORE – Deuteronomy 31:8

Dr. Albert Einstein was going on a train to an out of town engagement. The conductor asked for his ticket. But Einstein could not find it. He rummaged through his pockets and his brief case but to no avail. The conductor said, "We all know who you are Dr. Einstein, and you surely bought a ticket. Don't worry about it. Everything is OK." He went off down the aisle, but before going into the next car he looked in amazement as he saw Einstein down on his knees looking for his ticket. He came back and gently said, "Dr. Einstein, I know who you are." But Einstein replied, "I know who I am too, but without the ticket I don't know where I am going."

Perhaps you have felt that way during this season when everything seems so up in the air. We don't know what next week or next year or even tomorrow will hold for us --- but even in the face of that --- we are not discouraged, and we are not afraid --- for regardless of what the future holds --- God goes before us and He is in control! He is sovereign. Nothing surprises Him.

"The LORD Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." Deuteronomy 31:8 He guided the Children of Israel through the wilderness with a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. He taught them to depend on Him daily by sending manna, quail and water. He watched over them, provided everything they needed, and gave them constant reminders of His abiding presence.

I. He will guide you! God is not limited by time or space. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He

knows all the possibilities and outcomes. He knows the complete context for how the various puzzle pieces of our lives fit together. He sees the big picture as well as the micro-details. He is constantly at work for our good.

- **II.** He will be with you! He has promised to be with us always. He is with us even in the valley of the shadow of death. We are truly never alone. His presence provides great comfort and assurance.
- III. He will prepare you! God used the first 40 years of Moses' life where he received the best education the world had to offer as a prince of Egypt and the second 40 years where he learned through on the job training looking after his father in law's sheep in the wilderness to prepare him for the last 40 years helping guide God's people through the wilderness. God who holds our future in His hands works to prepare us. He does not waste our pain or our experiences but can use them to equip us as a channel of His blessings.
- **IV.** He will prepare others! God sets up "Divine Appointments" and uses a web of witness as He reaches out to us. He prepares the hearts of the people He will send us to. He goes before us. He is with us. And He follows through behind us.
- V. He will provide what you need when you need it. Like a parent who waits until they approach the ticket booth to give their child their ticket, God takes care of us. He often gives us just enough light to see the path in front of us. Learn to trust His provision that is always exactly on time.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

THANK YOU!

First Baptist Congregation, Thank you so much for your generosity and support as I serve on staff this summer at Look Up Lodge! I fell in love with this camp through your support by sending the youth there! I can't wait to see how the Lord blesses this summer! Thank you again! - **Rhea Wilson**

Dear First Baptist Church, I first want to thank everyone for the continuous support throughout this crazy and unpredictable time. Each of you have been on my mind through these uncertain times. With the summer quickly approaching and their still being so many unclear answers for what is ahead, I have decided to not return to work at Look Up Lodge for a second summer. This was not an easy decision. With there being no guarantee of having campers this summer, I believe it is best for me to stay home, work in a hospital, and impact those I meet along the way. While it saddens me to not return to work at such an impactful camp, I am excited for that this summer will hold. I have no doubt that I will still be used by the Lord this summer in great ways. I will continue to pray for every one of the church during this scary and uncertain time. Again, thank you for always supporting me! With love, **Eryn Beeler**

With the current completion of our Drive Up Worship Services, we are very thankful for those who have made these meaningful services available and for their innovation in bringing them to our community. We are grateful to Jim Young and Skip Scott who worked each week with our sound and recording; Bob Corlew and T. C. Lewis from WQUL who went overboard to help make the broadcasts possible; all our musicians who added so much to our worship experiences; and to each member of our church staff for their creativity, determination and hard work. We are grateful to Patrick Elliott who invested hours and hours filming sermons and editing the video and to Chris Abercrombie who has helped us prepare for live streaming. To God be the glory. Now that we are moving back into the facility, we plan to continue our radio broadcasts and are adding live streaming of our worship services on the church YouTube channel. We are very grateful for the growing team of folks who are working to make this possible.

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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