

THIS SUNDAY – MOTHER’S DAY

May 10, 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:

KEEP THE HOME FIRES BURNING

2 Timothy 1:5-7

(Paul reminds Timothy of the faith of his grandmother and mother and the way they helped instill a sincere faith in him. How can we keep the home fires of faith burning?)

An order of service will be posted on our church web site. Offering buckets will be placed by the exits.

12:15 PM RADIO WORSHIP SERVICE

Pastor’s Message:

MOTHERS’ FAITH

Exodus 2:1-10; 1 Samuel 1 & 2;

Matthew 15:21-28; Matthew 20:20-27

(What can we learn from Jochebed, Hannah, the Canaanite Woman, and the Mother of James and John?)

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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.

PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY

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

We will spread out in the Fellowship Hall practicing social distancing. We will meet for a shorter time (40 minutes) so that bathroom facilities might not be necessary (but we will 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.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We express our love and prayerful support to

Patricia Fortner and family in the death of her husband and **Daryl** and **Jimmy Fortner** and families in the death of their father, **Jerome Fortner**.

FAITHFUL GIVING

Thank you for your faithful giving! Tithes and Offerings can be sent through the mail, through online giving, through the church office or at our “drive up” services.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

This Thursday, May 7

Pray God’s Glory Across the Earth

“For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.” Habakkuk 2:14

Begin using the 7 day prayer guide. It is available at www.nationaldayofprayer.org/families_pray_for_our_nation. The National Day of Prayer Broadcast will begin at 8:00 pm and can be viewed on television on GodTV, Daystar, and NLC. It will be streamed on the National Day of Prayer website www.nationaldayofprayer.org and broadcast on radio through Moody and Bott Radio Networks. The Task Force President, Kathy Branzell, put it this way, “*Unprecedented times call for unprecedented prayer! This year’s ‘virtual’ National Day of Prayer Observance may have more prayer – and more ‘pray-ers’ than ever before!*”

BLOOD DRIVE

This Wednesday, May 6 * 4:00 - 7:30 pm

Due to the need for social distancing *The Blood Connection* strongly encourages donors to sign up for a time in advance. Sign up online through their scheduler https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/143284 or call the church office, 476-8171, and we will add you to their schedule. Thanks!

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.

OVER AND ABOVE PROJECT

\$86,129.38 has been contributed!

GIFTS TO THE GLORY OF GOD!

The Work of the Church

In Memory of Annie Godfrey and Mary Westmoreland

Tommy & JoAnne Westmoreland and family

Over & Above Fund

In Honor of Andrew Shull

Terry & Tammy Sumner

FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>May 3</u>	<u>2020</u>
Needs	\$ 8,821.10	\$158,779.80
Offering	\$ <u>9,560.85</u>	<u>\$163,618.62</u>
Over/(Under)	\$ 739.75	\$ 4,838.82
Additional Offerings Given for Special Accounts		
Over & Above Offering	\$	50.00
Katie Hauser – Europe Trip	\$	25.00
Annie Armstrong	\$	220.00
Youth Fund	\$	25.00



GRADUATE RECOGNITION SERVICE

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 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.

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 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: **KEEP THE HOME FIRES BURNING**. The 12:15 pm broadcast will be of a Worship Service we plan to record this Wednesday. Our pastor’s message will be: **MOTHERS’ FAITH**.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Katie Hauser , 5-11	Tyler Mabery , 5-11
Michael Hauser , 5-12	Rob Stone , 5-12
Kohen Murphy , 5-13	Harley Brown , 5-14
Jane Turner , 5-14	Reese Meadows , 5-14
Daniel Craig , 5-15	Sharon Wood , 5-16
Audrey Bettis , 5-16	Connor Reynolds , 5-16

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.

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.

DAY BY DAY

WEDNESDAY, May 6 – John 18

4:00 pm Blood Drive Begins

6:00 pm Church Family Prayer Time & Bible Study

6:00 pm Youth Bible Study

THURSDAY, May 7 – John 19

National Day of Prayer

FRIDAY, May 8 – John 20

SUNDAY, May 10 – John 21

10:00 am “Drive Up” Worship Service

KEEP THE HOME FIRES BURNING

& Live Radio Broadcast

12:15 pm Radio Broadcast – MOTHER’S FAITH

MONDAY, May 11 – James 1

TUESDAY, May 12 – James 2

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

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.

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.

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICES

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

We hope to be able to resume our Sunday Evening Worship Services on Sunday, May 17. We hope to record this service for our YouTube Channel and broadcast it on Woodruff Radio WQUL on May 24 at 12:15 pm. We will be practicing social distancing.

Sunday, May 24 * 6:00 pm

Bethel Cemetery

Corner of Church and 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 decorate the graves of those who served in our armed forces.



I AM THE LORD'S SERVANT – A MOTHER'S DAY MESSAGE

A teacher gave her class of 2nd graders a lesson on the magnet and what it does. The next day in a written test, among the questions was... *“My name has six letters. The first one is M. I pick up things. What am I?”* When the test papers were turned in the teacher was amazed that very few students wrote... *Magnet*. Over half the class wrote... *Mother*.

Mothers are teachers, disciplinarians, and at times cleaning ladies. Some mothers are gardeners and mowers of lawns. Mothers are window washers and more importantly bakers of cookies. They also double as nurses and doctors and psychologists and counselors and chauffeurs and coaches. Mothers are teachers of morality, developers of personalities, molders of vocabularies and shapers of attitudes. Mothers are soft voices that say I LOVE YOU and mothers are a link to God - a child's first impression of God's love. Mothers are all these and much, much more.

Before God sent His Son to into this world to save us from our sins, He sent the angel Gabriel to talk with a young girl named Mary. She lived in the tiny village of Nazareth and was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph. Gabriel explained that she would be the mother of the Messiah, the Son of God. Her mind was full of questions. She would face ridicule and scorn as an unwed mother. Joseph could break off the engagement or even have her killed. How do you raise a Messiah? How do you bring up the Son of God? This wasn't what she had planned. How would she know what to do? Could she really do all that God was asking of her? She responded with great faith, humility, and commitment. **“I am the Lord's servant.” Luke 1:38** She traded her dreams for God's dreams. She traded her life for the life God had for her. She surrendered herself fully to God's will.

Are you willing to say the same? *“Lord, I don't know all that you have in store for me... but I'm going to trust You, I'm going to follow You, I'm going to put my life into Your hands. I know that whatever You have for me is better... it will bring greater fulfillment - it will accomplish more than what I can do on my own. I want Your way, Your will, Your hopes, Your dreams... not my own. Lord, I don't know all that You have in store for me... but I'm going to trust You, I'm going to follow You, I'm going to put my life into Your hands.”* What would change in your life if you surrendered fully to His will? So much of what we do and say is selfish, and self-centered... what if it was God centered? So much of what we do is without purpose, without meaning... what if we followed God's direction. How would it affect the way you spend your time or your money? How would it change your relationships, your priorities and your conversations?

For Mary, this meant being a mother to the very Son of God. What she did, she did in service to her God, to her Lord. What does it mean for you? We need mothers, fathers, grandparents, aunts, uncles, role models, teachers, mentors

who will enter into God's service, and see the vital role God is calling them to fulfill. What can you do? How can you serve? What has God called you to? What responsibilities has He entrusted to you? How can you make a difference? There are people who go through life without seeing the difference they could make for the cause of Christ. What if we began with the perspective: *“I am the Lord's servant... where can I be of use?”* How would God have me raise these children? What kind of grandparent would God have me be? What kind of employee would God have me be? What kind of neighbor? What kind of church member?

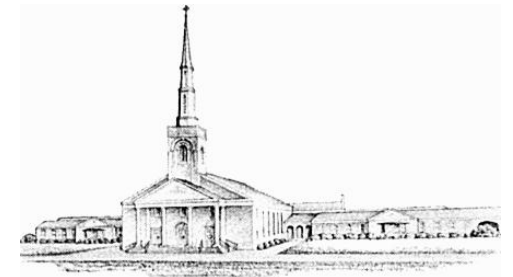
Mary surrendered herself to the will of God. Her life is filled with purpose and with joy. She goes to see Elizabeth, an elderly aunt who is also with child. God is at work all around her. She sings a beautiful song... **“My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.” Luke 1:46-47** She can't keep it inside. Her life is filled with joy. She has seen an angel, she will see shepherds and wise men. She will ponder and she will treasure these things in her heart. She will see even greater things than this. She will learn that the angel's words are true... **“With God nothing is impossible.” Luke 1:37** What wonders have you seen? What has God done in your life? How have you seen His hand at work? What has He blessed you with? What are you thankful for? How will you express praise and thanksgiving? How will you live as a result of what God has done in your life? How will you respond to His miracles? Does your soul glorify the Lord? Does your life glorify the Lord? Do your words, thoughts, actions, conversations... bring Him glory?

At the beginning of Jesus' ministry, He and His disciples were at a wedding. His mother comes to Him and tells Him that they have run out of wine. This would be a terrible embarrassment for the host, but it is certainly not a matter of life or death. Jesus asks, **“Why are you involving Me?”** She turns to the servants and says... **“Do whatever He tells you.” John 2:5** Notice her faith and her confidence. She leaves it entirely in His hands. Jesus takes ordinary water and quietly transforms it into extra ordinary wine. He does that in our lives too! He takes the plain and ordinary and transforms it into something wonderful. Notice Mary's confidence. How did she know He would take care of it? How did she know this was something she could trust Him with? Why do you trust God? What has He done that causes you to trust Him? Are you willing to do whatever He tells you? Are there areas of your life that you aren't willing to turn over to Him - areas where you would rather worry than trust? How can you trust Him more? God can and will do incredible things through your life... if you will trust Him. **Nothing is impossible with God.**

THE ENCOURAGER

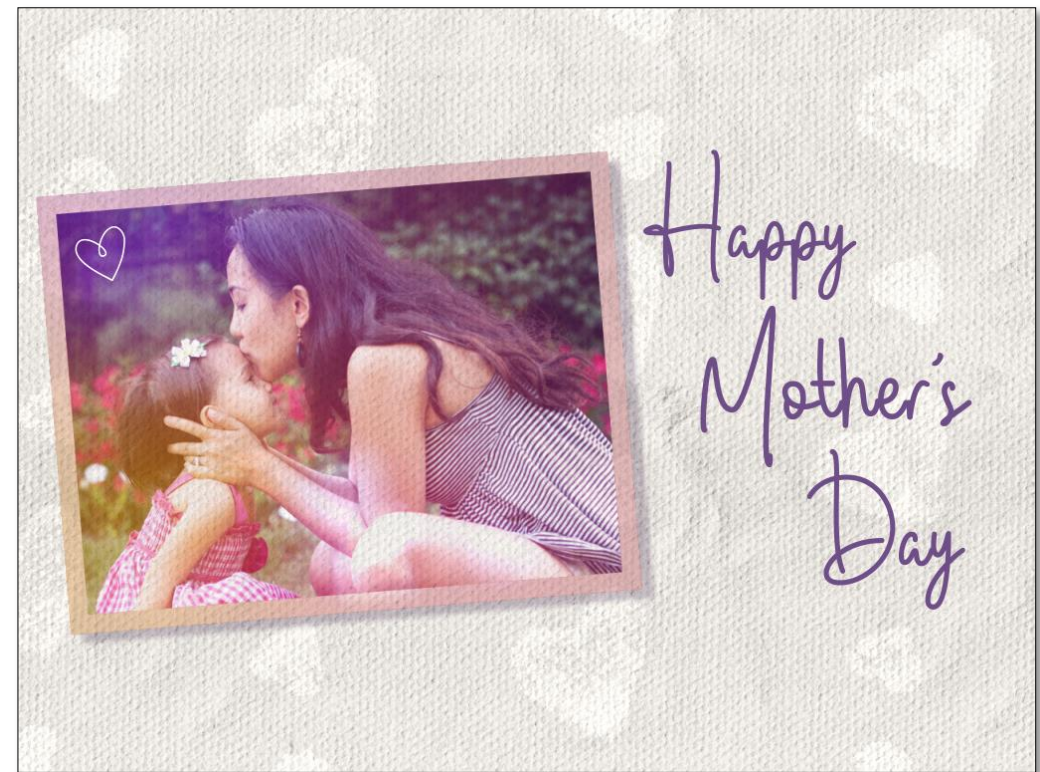
“...to prepare all God's people for the work of Christian Service to build up the body of Christ.”

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