## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP



## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS

Matthew 1: 1-17

WHS Girls Ensemble will be leading in worship

Join us in person or, by way of live stream or radio broadcast WOUL 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 GATHER THE FAMILY

The service will be designed especially for children of all ages. Gather on quilts and chairs in the fellowship hall.



## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10**

9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

GOD WITH US

Matthew 1: 18-25

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 WORSHIP SERVICE

THE CHOSEN: CHRISTMAS SPECIALS The Shepherd & The Messenger

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Gary Schmatt, 12-03 Bobbie Cudd, 12-06 Randa Powell, 12-06 Ari Lanford, 12-8

Tanya Jacobi, 12-05 Bobby Scott III, 12-06

Chervl Few, 12-13 John Ward, 12-14 Harold Brock, 12-08 Duane Bailey, 12-12 Nora Jane Lanford, 12-13 Brenda Haves, 12-15

Season of Prayer for

## INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

Go Tell the Story of Jesus! **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** Goal: \$3.500.00



Lostness is growing every day. 59% of the world's population remains unreached with less than 2% of evangelical Christians within their people group. Unless something changes, they have little chance of hearing the gospel. Together with your missionaries, we are committed to reaching the lost. In obedience, we will follow the Lord's command to go into all the world.

## WHS GIRLS ENSEMBLE

Sunday, December 3 \* 10:00 am

The Woodruff High School Girls Ensemble will be our guests, leading in worship. Members of the ensemble are: Akia Crowe, Sobie Duncan, Madison Durham, Arianna Grijalva, Lily Horton, Genesis Muralles -Guevara, Savannah Owings, Harrison Rhodes, Deanna Sharpe, Hannah Watson, and Rebekah Watson. They are under the direction of Carla Bobo.

## "GATHER THE FAMILY" **FELLOWSHIP**

Sunday, December 3 \* 6:00 pm \* Fellowship Hall

This service will be designed especially for children (of all ages). We will gather on quilts (and chairs) in the fellowship hall. The service will include brief video clips from some classic Christmas cartoons (Charlie Brown, Grinch, Rudolf, Veggie Tales) with brief reflections directed toward our children.



## THE CHOSEN **CHRISTMAS SPECIAL**

Sunday, December 10 6:00 pm \* Fellowship Hall

The Shepherd tells the story of the first Christmas through the eyes of a shepherd whose life of suffering and rejection changes when he and his fellow shepherds receive a miraculous revelation. The Messengers takes place many years after the Resurrection. Mary Magdalene visits Jesus' mother Mary in a secure location. Mary Magdalene records the song Mary sang before Jesus was born so that it can be included in Luke's gospel. Join with us as we share this experience together as a family of faith.

## YOUTH MINISTER NEEDED

If you know of a college student, young adult or seasoned adult that is a follower of Christ who loves young people, please share this opportunity with them.



#### **FAMILY "M" NIGHT**

Wednesday, November 29\* 6:00 pm Everyone is invited to join us for a fun family evening of activities as we

celebrate the Christmas season. We will enjoy soup and sandwiches for supper, share what our kids have learned in missions this month, have crafts and activities and Santa will be joining us for pictures. Please sign up in the office if you plan to attend.

#### **ALASKA MISSIONS**

Tommie Jo McAbee, Joy Foster, and Tracy McAbee will be selling items at FAMILY 'M' NIGHT to help raise support for their 2024 Alaskan Mission Trip with Spartanburg County Baptist Network.

## SENIOR ADULT **CHRISTMAS GATHERING!**

Tuesday, December 12 \* 11:30 am

Everyone is invited to join us for lunch (Ham, green beans, mac & cheese, sweet potato casserole, rolls & desserts) catered by Midway, a time of fellowship & Christmas games. You must sign up in the office by Friday, Dec. 1 to attend. (Donations accepted)

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOKS

The Sunday School quarterlies for December, January and February have arrived. Pick them up in Sunday School, or come by the office or call us to have them delivered to your house.

#### LADIES NIGHT OUT

A Candlelight Christmas Saturday, December 2 \* 5:00 pm

Ladies make plans to join us for an elegant evening. We will have a wonderful meal, entertainment from the Rock of Ages Family Music – the Rankin Family & we will be waited on by our handsome men. Tickets are \$10 per person. It will be wonderful way to kick off your holiday season.



## **MORE COACHES** NEEDED!!

We look forward to providing this ministry for Woodruff community children and families. Registration is open on our church website (\$70 per player.) Each player will receive a reversible jersey with a pair of socks, practice cards, a soccer ball, a poster for award stars and an end of season metal. We will have 3 Divisions: K4-K5; 1st & 2nd Grades; 3rd – 5 grades with 8 players per team. Evaluations are scheduled February 17 & 20. Practice is scheduled to begin March 4 with first game on Saturday, March 16. No games will be scheduled on the Saturdays before and after Easter. The last day of the season will be May 11. We will need 12 coaches. Applications for coaches are available on our church website. Experience is not required. Playbooks are provided with step by step instructions as well as helpful videos.

#### CHRISTMAS CARD POST OFFICE

Bring your Christmas Cards during December for people in our fellowship to the Post Boxes. Money saved on postage (donations) will go toward our youth ministry.

#### CHURCH-WIDE CAROLING

Wednesday, December 20 \* 5:30 pm

Plan to go with us as we share the joy of Christmas through the beautiful carols of Christmas. Please contact the church office if you would like to have a group carol outside vour house.



## God's Greatest Gift \* Our Greatest Choice Sunday Morning, December 17 \* 10:00 am Presented by the Sanctuary Choir

Traditional carols, inspirational ballads and joyous gospel songs breathe life into our celebration. Every person who took part in the wondrous Christmas event was faced with choices. May we choose to worship, honor, and serve this Savior who is Christ the Lord!

## **International Missions Covered Dish Night of Prayer** Sunday, December 17 \* 6:00 pm

Bring a favorite International Dish to share with your family of faith as we learn more about how God is at work in our world



## **Christmas Eve** Candlelight **Communion Service** Sunday, Dec. 24 \* 5:00 pm

Make plans to be with us and take part in this beautiful worship service

## **KEEP OUR NEIGHBORS WARM**

Blankets and Space Heaters are being collected for the Woodruff community at Scurry's On Main Barber Shop - 117 S. Main Street.

#### 2024 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Whether you give through bank draft, online giving, through the mail or in person, we are very grateful for your gifts to the Lord's church. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless & multiply each gift for His service. Please contact us if you haven't been receiving envelope packets but would like to start.

#### JANUARY BIBLE STUDY

## The Sermon on the Mount: Blessings of the Kingdom Sunday Nights in January \* 6:00 pm

It's not a sermon. It's THE sermon. For as long as the Bible has been studied, Matthew 5-7 has been a critical passage of Scripture for followers of Jesus. Growing disciples have turned to it for centuries so they could learn more about how to grow spiritually as His disciples. The passage has come to be called the Sermon on the Mount, and it is appreciated as a most remarkable message because of the profound depth as well as the simplicity of the life changing instruction. Let's learn together what it means to be a disciple of Christ.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

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		Nov. 19		Nov. 26		202	
Budget Needs	\$	8,754.71	\$	8,754.71	\$	420,2	26.08
Budget Offering	\$	5,722.08	\$	21,868.88	\$	432,3	62.60
Over/(Under)	\$	(3,032.63)	\$	13,114.17	\$	12,1	36.52
Additional Offeria	ngs	Given for	Sp	ecial Accor	unts		
Stewardship Suppl	ies			\$	27	.06	
Janie Chapman				\$	150	.00	
Lottie Moon				\$	100	.00	
OVER and ABOV	Е			\$ 1	1,224	.00	
Christmas Poinsett	ias			\$	591	.00	
Ladies Night Out				\$	540	.00	
Senior Adult Trip				\$	370	.00	
Use of the Church				\$	50	.00	
Upward Soccer				\$	200	.00	
Wednesday Night	Dir	iner		\$	5	.00	
Cemetery Fund				\$ 1	1,247	.00	
Ukraine				\$	150	.00	

#### **GIFTS TO THE GLORY OF GOD!**

#### WORK OF THE CHURCH

In Memory of Charles Brown

Bruce and Jan Hagins

Gary & Janette Schmatt

In Memory of Ellie Knoke

**Gary & Janette Schmatt** 

In Memory of Kay Shaver, Charles Brown, Steve Patton
Walter and Linda Garrett

#### **OVER and ABOVE**

In Memory of Charles Brown

**Ed and Rita Mobley** 

In Memory of Steve Patton, Charles Brown and In Honor of Tommy Westmoreland

#### Tommie Jo McAbee

In Memory of Charles Brown, Steve Patton, Brenda Harrison, Charles and Jessie Smith, Ed and Polly Morgan

#### Milton and Vicki Rae Smith

In Honor of Andrew Shull, John and Julie Carroll, Lisa Abercrombie, Susan Cooper, Tommie Jo McAbee, Peggy Gilliland, Cheryl Rasor, Bobbie Cox Milton and Vicki Rae Smith



#### **OVER and ABOVE**

Heating & Air for the South Wing Contributed to Date: \$ 21,882.56

#### JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

#### BACKPACK MISSION TRIP

Pray for our network team as they travel to Jenkins, Kentucky Dec. 10-13 to distribute backpacks (our church & other churches put together) to children in this flood damaged region.



#### DAY BY DAY

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

6:00 pm Family "M" Night

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

6:00 pm Web Team Meeting

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

5:00 pm Ladies Night Out

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3**

9:00 am Sunday School

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

6:00 pm Gather the Family – Fellowship Hall

#### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 4**

11:00 am Ladies' Bible Study - Builders' Room

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

5:45 pm Music & Missions, Youth Lighthouse

6:00 pm Church Bible Study – Live on YouTube

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10**

9:00 am Sunday School

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

6:00 pm The Chosen: Christmas Specials – Fellowship Hall

#### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 11**

11:00 am Ladies' Bible Study - Builders' Room

## **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12**

11:30 am Senior Adult Christmas Gathering

#### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13**

5:45 pm Music & Missions, Youth Lighthouse 6:00 pm Church Bible Study – Live on YouTube

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

## **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16**

10:00 am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

## **MINISTRY PARTNERS**

DECEMBER 3: Greeters: T & T Sumner
Outside Ushers: Mark S & Jason K
Nursery: P & C Fain C Worship: Loraine F, Corey F

DECEMBER 10: Greeters: P & T McAbee Outside Ushers: James T & Matt L Nursery: Jennifer Y & Lindsey T Children's Worship: A Weaver, A J Fortner

#### LIVE RADIO BROADCAST

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

#### **ONLINE GIVING**

Secure online giving is available on our church website: www.fbcwoodruff.org

#### REMIND

Sign up for *Remind* to receive time sensitive (deaths, schedule changes, etc.) texts or emails. Text the message "@wfbc1787" to 81010 or email us to sign up.

# THE ENCOURAGER

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

www.fbcwoodruff.org



First Baptist Church \* Woodruff, South Carolina November 29 – December 12, 2023



## **Regular Office Hours:**

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

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