



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

**9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE**

THE POWER OF GIVING THANKS

Daniel 6:10

Join us in person or through the live broadcast on *WQUL 101.7 FM 1510 AM* or through the live stream on our church YouTube channel.

**6:00 PM COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE**

Thanksgiving Service with  
Emma Gray Methodist & First Presbyterian  
at First Presbyterian Church



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Rex Goodwin, 11-20	Lee Turner, 11-20
Wendie Lawson, 11-21	Katie Lloyd, 11-22
Megan Lineberger, 11-22	Louise Rush, 11-22
Christina Mabery, 11-22	Amanda Fowler, 11-23
Sara Cooper, 11-23	Miriam Patton, 11-24
Jimmy Weaver, 11-24	Ethan Hang, 11-24
Tommy Westmoreland, 11-26	

**CHURCH SECRETARY POSITION**

The Personnel Committee is searching for someone to fill our full time Church Secretary position. Carol Morgan plans to retire at the end of the year. Applications and a general job description are available in the church office. Applicants are asked to submit an application, cover letter and resume. Please help us get word out about this employment/ministry opportunity.

**2023 MINISTRY SUPPORT BUDGET**

Our church voted this past Sunday to adopt the 2023 Ministry Support Budget as recommended by the Stewardship Committee. Whether you are a tither, working towards the tithe or giving beyond the tithe, prayerfully seek God's will with your finances. God's blessings are evident when we put our trust in Him.

**CHURCH BIBLE STUDY**

**This Wednesday, November 16 \* 6:00 pm**

**Fellowship Hall**

Join with us as our church gathers  
for prayer and for Bible study!

Decaf coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and cider are provided.

(We will not meet for Bible study  
on Wednesday, Nov. 23.)

C O M M U N I T Y

*Thanksgiving*  
SERVICE



**Hosted at First Presbyterian Church**

360 E Georgia Street, Woodruff

**This Sunday, November 20 \* 6:00 pm**

Bring your friends & family as we take part in this wonderful time of worship with our brothers and sisters from Emma Gray Memorial United Methodist Church and First Presbyterian Church.



**HANGING OF  
THE GREENS**

*Preparing our hearts &  
church home for Christmas!*

**Next Sunday, November 27 \* 6:00 pm**

Join us for this unique, informal, and active worship service. Children, youth, and adults will be given decorating tasks as we sing the familiar carols of Christmas. We would love to have people lead in worship by providing special music. We need families/children to help in the "Hanging of the Greens Service". **Contact John Carroll or our pastor if you or your group would like to help us worship through song or if your family is planning to be with us and can participate in the decorating activities.** They will be directed on when and how to hang different decorations during the service. Come and share in this time with your church family.

**HELP US DECORATE!**

CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING!

Prior to the Morning Worship Service this Sunday, Nov 20 we will put together a Thanksgiving Cornucopia for the Lord's Table as we give thanks for God's abundant blessings. Contact the church office if you would like to help or if you would like to donate an item for the display.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS!

We will put the finishing touches on the sanctuary for the Advent season during our *Hanging of the Greens* service next Sunday, November 27 but will need to do a good bit of work in preparation for that night. Contact us if you would like to help.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

You are invited to help decorate our sanctuary during the Christmas Season by giving to help purchase poinsettias *In Memory of* or *In Honor of* a loved one. Your donation (of any amount) will help offset the cost of the 8 - 10" poinsettias the church will purchase. Forms are available in the church office. The deadline is **this Sunday, November 20.**

**MATCHING GIFT**

As you know from reading "The Encourager," we are **behind budget** for 2022 by **\$40,745.46**. With the hope of "**spurring one another on toward love and good deeds**" (Hebrews 10:24) gifts to the church that are labeled "**catch up**" will be matched through a generous contribution. Many of you are "caught up" on your tithes and offerings but will prayerfully consider this opportunity to multiply our gifts as the Lord has prospered you.

We have a great **church**, a great **heritage**, and a great **future**. We don't want to miss any of the opportunities that **God gives us to make a difference** in people's lives. **Everyone's help is needed.** If we will make our "loaves and fishes" **available to God**, we will discover that **He** is able to **bless** them and **multiply** them to meet **every need**. "**But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.**" **2 Corinthians 8:7**

**YOUTH GATHERING**

**At The Thompsons House**

The youth will have a bonfire this Wednesday evening (Nov 16.) and roast hot dogs and marshmallows. There is no cost for this. We will meet at the Thompsons' house at 5:45 pm and be done by 7:00 pm.

**DON'T LET GO BEFORE DAWN**

**Finding the Blessing in Your Struggle**

Dr. Ronald "Dee" Vaughan, who served as our pastor from 1988-1994, has presented his latest book to our church library. "*Jacob fought through a long dark night. He did more than survive that struggle. He refused to let go of it until he received a blessing from it. Many people are fighting the foe of depression. Surviving is a great achievement, but we dare not let go of our hardship too soon. If we hold on, believing that God is working for our good, we can receive the blessing of self-understanding and a more mature character. This book offers the reader the challenge of 'holding on' to the struggle long enough to allow God to bless you through it.*" This book, as well as Dr. Vaughan's other books, is also available for purchase at amazon.com.

**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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOKS**

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



**OPERATION:  
CHRISTMAS CHILD**

The filled shoe boxes need to be brought to the church on or before **this Sunday, November 20.** Flyers

& boxes are available. A \$10.00 donation is requested with each box. You can also build a box "online" for \$25.00 on the Samaritan's Purse website.

Our church is serving for the 12<sup>th</sup> year as a collection site for the Woodruff Community – November 14-20. We welcome help in packing the individual boxes into the shipping boxes. (**Even helping for a few minutes is appreciated.**) Stop by anytime during collection hours or office hours.

9:00 am – 3:00 pm Wed – Thur (Nov. 16 -17)

8:30 am – 10:30 am Friday (Nov. 18)

9:00 am – 11:00 am Saturday (Nov. 19)

7:00 am – 9:00 am Monday (Nov. 21)

We will also be **loading cartons into the box truck** on Monday morning, November 21 at 9:00 am and would love to have help from anyone who is able.

**THE CHOSEN – CHRISTMAS SPECIAL**

**Sunday, December 4 \* 6:00 pm \* Fellowship Hall**

The Chosen 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. Join with us as we share this experience together as a family of faith.

**CHRISTMAS MEMORIES**

*(A multi-generation conversation)*

**Sunday, December 11 \* 6:00 pm**

Join us as we share meaningful personal memories of Christmas' past. In addition to a time to share memories, the service will feature a multi-generation panel discussion about Christmas. Contact our pastor if you would like to help represent your generation on the panel.

**MORAVIAN LOVE FEAST**

**Sunday, December 18 \* 6:00 pm \* Fellowship Hall**

Join us for Moravian Love Feast Buns (shipped from Winston Salem the buns have the subtle flavors of nutmeg, and fresh orange and lemon rind) a wide variety of Moravian cookies, Moravian coffee and other hot beverages and a time of devotion as we celebrate the love God has for us and the love we have for each other.

**JOIN THE SANCTUARY CHOIR!**

Use your gifts to bring glory to God! We rehearse on **Sundays @ 10:45 am & Wednesdays @ 6:45 pm.** We are preparing a Christmas Musical and look forward to the way God will be at work as He blesses and strengthens us. **BRAND NEW HALLELUJAH** will be presented on Sunday morning, December 18.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>Nov 13</u>	<u>2022</u>
Budget Needs	\$ 8,962.37	\$412,269.02
Budget Offering	<u>\$ 13,058.48</u>	<u>\$371,523.56</u>
Over/(Under) Budget	\$ 4,096.11	(\$ 40,745.46)
<b>Additional Offerings Given for Special Accounts</b>		
Stewardship Fund	\$	17.13
Over & Above	\$	135.00
Janie Chapman	\$	500.00
Christmas Poinsettias	\$	170.00
Good New Club Snacks	\$	400.00

## GIFTS TO THE GLORY OF GOD!

### Over & Above Fund

*In Memory of Carrie Ketterman*

**Marlene Ketterman Davis  
Milton & Vicki Rae Smith**

*In Memory of Evelyn Bryson*

*In Memory of Ron Majeska*

*In Memory of Martha Jean Lanford*

**Milton & Vicki Rae Smith**

## 2023 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 them as we seek to be faithful to the mission He has entrusted to us in Woodruff & beyond. **Please contact us if you haven't been receiving envelope packets but would like to start.**

## USHERS

Please contact us if you would be willing to be part of the ushers' ministry on a rotating basis one service a month.

## LADIES BIBLE STUDIES

**Mondays \* 11:00 am    Thursdays \* 7:00 pm**

*Breathe – by Priscilla Shirer*

## BACKPACK MISSION TRIP

Our network is planning a trip to Jenkins, Kentucky Dec. 11-13 to distribute backpacks (our church & other churches put together) to children in this flood damaged region. Contact Tracy McAbee at the Network office 582-8330 if you would like to be part of the mission team. Pray for the team's safety as they share the backpacks and Christmas blessings to those in need.

## YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Visit our website [www.fbcwoodruff.org](http://www.fbcwoodruff.org) for a link to this channel or search "First Baptist Woodruff" on YouTube.

## LIVE RADIO BROADCAST

**Each Sunday \* 10:00 am**

**Woodruff Radio WQUL 101.7 FM 1510 AM**



## DAY BY DAY

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

9:00 am – 3:00 pm Woodruff Community Shoe Box Drop Off  
5:45 pm Missions & Music  
5:45 pm Youth Gathering – Thompsons' House  
6:00 pm Church Bible Study – Live on YouTube  
6:45 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

9:00 am – 3:00 pm Woodruff Community Shoe Box Drop Off  
2:30 pm Good News Club – Woodruff Elementary  
7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study – *Breathe*

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

8:30 – 10:30 am Woodruff Community Shoe Box Drop Off

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

9:00 am – 11:00 am Woodruff Community Shoe Box Drop Off

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

9:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship Service - Live on Radio & YouTube  
6:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Service – First Pres.

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

7:00 am – 9:00 am Woodruff Community Shoe Box Drop Off  
11:00 am Ladies Bible Study – *Breathe*

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

No Wednesday Night Service or Activities

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

*THANKSGIVING!* (Church Office Closed)

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

(Church Office Closed)



## THANKSGIVING SCHEDULE

The church office will be closed Nov. 24-25. No services or activities will be held at the church on Wednesday night, Nov. 23.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL \* 9:00 AM**

*A Place to Grow and Belong*

### **MINISTRY PARTNERS**

**Nov 20** - Welcome Center: M & T Smith  
Nursery: R & L Forrester (am)  
Children's Worship: T Smith, J Jeter  
Outside Ushers: N Fortner, B Abercrombie

### **DEACON FAMILY MINISTRY**

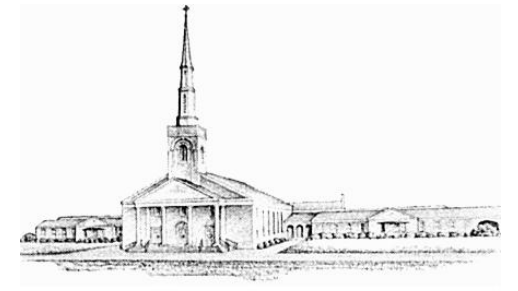
Our deacons are committed to being part of the ministry team along with our pastor & church staff. Contact them with prayer concerns, questions, & ministry opportunities as we seek to love & care for one another.

**A-Co**    **Nick Fortner** and **Mark Smith**  
**Cp-Ham**    **Terry Sumner** and **Perry McAbee**  
**Han-Lc**    **Milton Smith** and **Matt Lineberger**  
**Li-Or**    **James Talanges** and **Ken Vaughn**  
**Os-Ta**    **Terry Hauser** and **Jerald Craig**  
**Tb-Z**    **Chris Abercrombie** and **Patrick Elliott**

# 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**

**November 16, 2022**



### **Regular Office Hours:**

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

**Email:** [office@fbcwsc.org](mailto:office@fbcwsc.org)

**Web site:** [www.fbcwoodruff.org](http://www.fbcwoodruff.org)

**Telephone:** (864) 476-8171

**Address:** 801 Cross Anchor Road, Woodruff, SC 29388

**C. Andrew Shull, Pastor**

**Bryan C. Thompson, Associate Pastor for Youth**

**John C. Carroll, Minister of Music**

**Lisa C. Abercrombie, Ministry Coordinator**

**Carol R. Morgan, Secretary**

**Susan R. Cooper, Pianist**

**Tommie Jo McAbee, Site Manager**