



**PREPARING FOR SUNDAY!**

**Sunday School \* 9:45 am**  
DO WE NEED TO DEFEND OUR FAITH?  
Jude 1-4, 20-25

**Worship Service \* 11:00 am**  
LET EVERY HEART PREPARE HIM ROOM  
Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1

**Polar Express Adventure \* 5:00 pm**  
Fellowship Hall

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Ann Henson, 12-01      Dawson Skinner, 12-01  
Gary Schmatt, 12-03      Tanya Jacobi, 12-05  
Bobbie Cudd, 12-06      Bobby Scott III, 12-06  
Paul Lanford, 12-06      Randa Powell, 12-06

**OPERATION: CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX REPORT**

Thanks to everyone who was involved in providing Christmas gifts for needy children. We served as a relay station for the Woodruff Community and collected 990 boxes. Pray that God will use all of these efforts in a mighty way.



**THANKSGIVING MEAL**  
This Wednesday, November 27  
11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Come and enjoy turkey, dressing and all the trimmings. We will host this meal for our church family and for anyone in the community who would like to join us. Help us spread the word.

**PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY**

Wednesdays - Dec. 4, 11, & 18  
Join us on Wednesday nights for our Church Family Prayer Time at 6:00 pm and then at 6:30 pm for a verse by verse study of the Gospel of Mark.

**Interest Meeting**  
**SANCTUARY CARPET & PEWS**  
Wednesday, December 18 \* 7:30 pm

Join us for an open meeting led by our Property Committee to look at some color combinations as we prepare to replace the sanctuary carpet & pew covers.



**ADVENT 2019**

This year marks the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beloved carol, "Joy to the World!" Join us as we joyfully celebrate God's love given through Jesus Christ.

- Dec. 1** – LET EVERY HEART PREPARE HIM ROOM  
Evening – Polar Express Adventure
- Dec. 8** – REPEAT THE SOUNDING JOY  
Guest Musicians: Woodruff High School Girls Ensemble  
Evening – International Missions Night & International Covered Dish Fellowship
- Dec. 15** – SONG OF JOY presented by the Adult Choir  
Afternoon – Woodruff Christmas Parade (Children's Float)  
Evening – Moravian Love Feast (Drop In)
- Dec. 22** – NO MORE LET SINS & SORROWS GROW  
Evening – Youth Led Christmas Service
- Dec. 24** – AND WONDERS OF HIS LOVE  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service
- Dec. 29** – HE RULES THE WORLD WITH TRUTH AND GRACE (Student Day at Christmas)  
Evening – Festival of Lights



**POLAR EXPRESS ADVENTURE**  
This Sunday, December 1  
5:00 pm

All Aboard! Everyone is invited to join us for the Polar Express adventure on Sunday evening, Dec. 1. Bring your favorite Christmas desserts, your family and friends and join us at 5:00 pm. We will have special activities for the kids, share snacks, watch the Polar Express and have a special guest visitor. Hope you will join us!

**GOLDEN AGE FELLOWSHIP**

This Wednesday, December 4 \* 11:45 am  
Our program guest will be **Sal Barone**  
Minister of Pastoral Ministries and Senior Adults,  
First Baptist Church, Spartanburg.  
Hosts: **Ken & Lynn Vaughn,**  
**Curtis & Nancy Walker** Devotional: **Brenda Hayes**

**CHRISTMAS CARD POST OFFICE**

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

**LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

John saw a powerful vision of Heaven... **"I saw a great multitude from every nation and all tribes and peoples and languages standing before the throne." Revelation 7:9** We have the incredible opportunity through our prayers, gifts, and lives to be part of what God is doing as He draws people from every nation to Himself. Last year your gifts made it possible for 3,692 missionaries to baptize 52,586 new believers, plant 13,898 new churches and train 18,428 pastors. **December 1 - 8** our church will join thousands of churches to pray for missionaries working to make disciples. **Prayer guides** will be included with this Sunday's bulletin that feature testimonies and prayer requests. Please use them next week during your **daily quiet time** and prayerfully consider your gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

**INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS NIGHT & COVERED DISH SUPPER**

**Sunday, December 8 \* 6:00 pm \* Fellowship Hall**  
Join us for a wonderful time of food and fellowship as we celebrate what God is doing across the world. **Please bring your favorite "international dish" to share.** This year's theme is developed from the powerful vision in Revelation 7:9 **"I saw a great multitude from every nation and all tribes..."**

**SONG OF JOY**

*Celebrate God's Gift of Salvation this Christmas!*  
**Presented by the Adult Choir**  
**Sunday, December 15 \* 11:00 am**

Christmas is a time for gratitude, a time for celebration and expectation! It is a time for music! Songs of the season are everywhere around us, reminding us of the birth of the Savior, the anticipated coming of the Christ Child, the advent of the Messiah, and the joy that is ours as believers. Because of what Jesus has done for us, we not only hear the music, we live the songs of joy!

**WOODRUFF CHRISTMAS PARADE**

**Sunday, December 15 \* 3:00 pm**  
Our children's choir will be playing bells in the Woodruff Christmas Parade. We give thanks for our children and their dedicated leaders.

**MORAVIAN LOVE FEAST DROP IN**

**Sunday, December 15 \* 5:00 – 6:30 pm**  
Join us for Moravian cookies, hot beverages and a time of devotion (held at 5:10, 5:40 & 6:10 pm) as we celebrate the love God has for us and the love we have for each other.

**STOP BY FOR COFFEE**  
Before Sunday School at the Welcome Center

**YOUTH LED CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

**Sunday, December 22 \* 6:00 pm**  
Join with us for this special service of worship.



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

**STUDENT DAY AT CHRISTMAS**

**Sunday Morning, December 29 \* 11:00 am**  
Our college and graduate students are invited to help lead our worship service. Please call the church office if you would like to participate.

**SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER**

**Each Sunday \* 9:00 am \* Choir Room**  
Join us as we come together to lift the concerns of our hearts to God's throne of mercy and grace.

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY**

**A Woman's Heart – Author Beth Moore**  
Tuesdays, 10:00 am – Prayer Meeting Room

**LADIES FIRST THURSDAY**

**Thursday, December 5 \* 12:00 noon**  
Join our Titus 2 Ladies Prayer ministry group for prayer time and lunch at Demeter's. Invite a friend.

**ONLINE GIVING**

Secure online giving is available on our church website: [www.fbcwoodruff.org](http://www.fbcwoodruff.org)

**GIFTS TO THE GLORY OF GOD!**

*Lottie Moon Christmas Offering*  
*In Memory of Lucille McMahan*  
**Terry & Tammy Sumner**

<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>Nov 24</u>	<u>Nov 24</u>	<u>2019</u>
Nursery	3		
Children	7		
Youth	9		
Adults	63		
Total Attendance	82		
<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>Nov 24</b>		<b>2019</b>
Needs	\$ 8,838.91		\$415,428.77
Offering	\$ 9,352.80		\$397,245.71
Over/(Under)	\$ 513.89		(\$ 18,183.06)
<b>Additional Offerings Given for Special Accounts</b>			
Over & Above	\$	130.00	
Lottie Moon	\$	125.00	
Wednesday Night Supper	\$	115.00	
Christmas Poinsettias	\$	101.50	
Senior Retreat	\$	80.00	
Beth Moore Bible Study	\$	20.00	
Thanksgiving Meal	\$	40.00	
Youth Winter Retreat	\$	175.00	
Thanksgiving Community Offering	\$	144.00	

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

5:00 – 5:45 pm \* Cost: \$3.00

This Wednesday, November 27

No services or activities will be held at the church on Wednesday night, November 27.

Next Wednesday, December 4

Loaded Baked Potatoes, Side Salad,  
Dessert, Drink

Please turn in a Reservation card or call (476-8171) or email us (office@fbcwsc.org) by **Monday morning, December 2** so that we will know how much food to prepare.

## WHO WAS LOTTIE MOON?

**December 12, 1840 – December 24, 1912**

Charlotte Diggs Moon served as a missionary in China. At first, the people distrusted her, calling her names like “devil woman.” Lottie responded by baking cookies. Soon she was known affectionately as the “cookie lady.”

She fought many battles on behalf of the Chinese. She was a leader in the effort to ban the foot binding of young girls and was an advocate for allowing them to receive an education. Her pleas for support inspired the formation of the Woman’s Missionary Union and the offering that bears her name.

In her greatest act of empathy, she gave away her own food to the starving during a major famine. Malnourished and fatigued, she died on Christmas Eve aboard the ship that was to bring her home.

We give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering as an act of love so that a lost world may hear the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## WOODRUFF HIGH SCHOOL COURSE

We are teaching two classes of Woodruff High Seniors at the church during each school day (16 students in one class and 17 students in the other) - Biblical Worldview and Apologetics. Please continue to pray as we seek to equip students through this incredible opportunity.

## GOOD NEWS CLUB

**Tuesdays \* 2:45-4:00 pm \* Woodruff Elementary**

Let us know if you can come & help us share the good news of Jesus Christ with the children of our community.

## A PLACE TO GROW AND BELONG!

Join us this Sunday for Bible Study!  
There is a small group for everybody!

## OVER AND ABOVE PROJECT

**\$82,358.97** has been contributed! We give thanks and look forward to these projects being accomplished!



## DAY BY DAY

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27 – Mark 4

8:30 am Thanksgiving Meal Preparations  
11:30 am Thanksgiving Meal

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 – Mark 5

*THANKSGIVING!*

(Church Office Closed)

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29 – Mark 6

(Church Office Closed)

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 – Mark 7

9:00 am Sunday Morning Prayer  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service  
5:00 pm Polar Express Adventure

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 2 – Mark 8

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 – Mark 9

10:00 am Ladies Bible Study

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4 – Mark 10

11:45 pm Golden Age Fellowship  
5:00 pm Wednesday Night Supper  
5:45 pm Preschool & Children’s Choirs, Youth Lighthouse  
6:00 pm Church Family Prayer Time  
6:30 pm Wednesday Night Bible Study, Mission Groups,  
Adult Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5 – Mark 11

12:00 pm Ladies First Thursday Lunch – Demeter’s

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 – Mark 12

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

10:00 am Adult Choir Rehearsal

## THANKSGIVING SCHEDULE

The church office will be closed Nov. 28-29. The Community Meal will be from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm on Wednesday, November 27. No services or activities will be held at the church on Wednesday night, November 27.

## YOUR OFFERINGS

A portion of each dollar you place in the offering plate goes to help provide a meal the day of the funeral for the families of our church members. With your offerings, our funeral meal committee provides the meat, rolls and tea. Our membership is organized into rotating teams with group leaders that provide the vegetables and desserts. We give thanks for this important expression of love. If you are not part of one of our teams, please contact the church office.

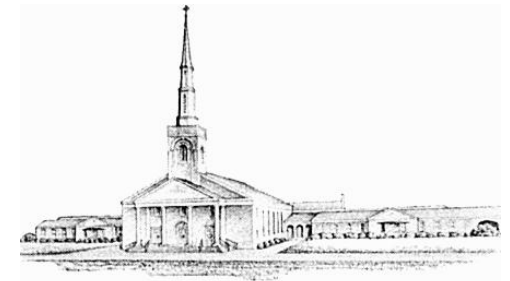
## SHARING THE MINISTRY – DEC 1

Counting: **Bob H, R & A Henson** Notes: **Bob H**  
Nursery: **James & Carol Anne T** B Pressure: **S Culbreath**  
W Center: **B & C Fortner** C Worship: **Vicky C, Grace C**  
Ushers: **Milton S, Bill S (c), Lenn C, Don S (f) Randy R (p)**  
**Duane B (c) J Ketterman, Wayne W, Bobby A (outside)**

# 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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**First Baptist Church \* Woodruff, South Carolina**

**November 27, 2019**



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