

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4** 9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

THE SONG OF MARY Luke 1:26-56 Guest Musicians: Woodruff High School Girls Ensemble

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 church web site.

> 6:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICE THE CHOSEN - CHRISTMAS SPECIAL Fellowship Hall

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We express our love and prayerful support to Leola Richardson in the death of her sister & Susan Cooper and family in the death of her aunt, Maxine Sellers.

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Tanva Jacobi. 12-05 Bobby Scott III, 12-06 Harold Brock, 12-08

Bobbie Cudd, 12-06 Randa Powell, 12-06 Ari Lanford, 12-8

## WHS GIRLS ENSEMBLE

The Woodruff High School Girls Ensemble will be our guests, leading in worship, this Sunday morning. They are under the direction of Carla Bobo.

## 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.



THE CHOSEN CHRISTMAS SPECIAL This 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.

#### SENIOR ADULT **CHRISTMAS GATHERING!** Tuesday, December 13 \* 11:30 am

Everyone is invited to join us for lunch (turkey & dressing, gray, cranberry sauce, green beans, mac & cheese, rolls & desserts) catered by Vicky Clark, a time of fellowship & Christmas games. So that we will know how many to prepare for please sign up in the office (\$7 per person) by Friday, Dec 9.

## **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.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL \* 9:00 AM

A Place to Grow and Belong Join us this Sunday for Bible Study! There is a small group for everybody. Contact the church office if you need help knowing which class would best meet your needs.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

- Nov. 30, Dec. 7 Regular Schedule
  - Dec. 14 Family Christmas Party w/ Santa, Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
  - Dec. 21 Church-Wide Caroling
  - Dec. 28 Church Bible Study (only)
  - Jan. 4 Church Bible Study,

Youth Lighthouse, Missions & Music (No Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal)

Jan. 11 – Regular Schedule



#### FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY w/ SANTA! Wednesday, December 14 \*5:30pm

Everyone is invited to join us for a fun family evening of activities as we celebrate

the Christmas season. We will have supper, share how God Keeps His Promises, have crafts and activities and Santa will be joining us for pictures. It will be a fun evening you will not want to miss! Please sign up in the office if you plan to join us.

#### **BRAND NEW HALLELUJAH!**

A Christmas Worship Experience Presented by the Sanctuary Choir Sunday, December 18 \* 10:00 am

Join us and invite your family and friends as we take part in this wonderful Christmas celebration. Although more than two thousand years have passed since the anthem of praise first resounded over the Judean hillside, the song has only begun. For every seeker who comes to know the Savior, a new voice is added... A new chorus is lifted. It's the song of a soul set free that cannot and will not be silenced. It's a brand-new Hallelujah!

## 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.

#### **CHURCH-WIDE CAROLING** Wednesday, December 21 \* 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 your house.



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

## CHRISTMAS DAY

Worship and Celebration \* 10:00 am We will meet together as a family of faith for a wonderful time of worship, praise, & dedication. Regular activities, including Sunday School and the Evening Service, will not be held.

> **NEW YEAR'S DAY SCHEDULE** Sunday School \* 9:00 am Worship Service \* 10:00 am

## LOTTIE MOON **CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

Your Generosity - Transformed Lives 3,650 missionaries were supported; Last year... 592,408 people heard the gospel presented; 22.744 new churches were launched: 176.795 new believers: 107,701 baptisms; 93 new people groups and places engaged; 182,112 people received leadership training. 100% of your gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering enable gospel transformation among unreached people.

Please prayerfully consider your gift. **ADVENT WREATH** 

# This year we are inviting families that have 3 or 4

generations in the church to come and help us light the Advent candles. If your family would like to participate, please see our pastor.

## THE SONGS OF CHRISTMAS

Music has been a big part of Christmas celebrations from the very beginning. Join us on Sunday mornings of the Advent season as we join in the Songs of Christmas.

December 4 – The Song of Mary **December 11 – The Song of the Angels** December 25 – The Song of Simeon

## **CHURCH BIBLE STUDY**

Wednesdays, November 30 & December 7 \* 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.

## **BACKPACK MISSION TRIP**

Our network is planning a trip to Jenkins, Kentucky Dec. 11-13 to distribute backpacks to children in this flood damaged region. Contact Tracy McAbee 582-8330 if you would like to be part of the mission team. Pray for the team's safety as they share Christmas blessings.

## **USHERS**

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

## 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.

## **DECORATING COMMITTEE**

Great appreciation is expressed to our Decorating Committee for their work preparing the sanctuary for the Christmas season.

| FINANCIAL REPORT                                |               |              |           |
|---|---------------|--------------|-----------|
|   | <u>Nov 27</u> | <u>2022</u>  |           |
| Budget Needs                                    | \$ 8,962.37   | \$4          | 30,193.76 |
| Budget Offering                                 | \$ 12,432.50  | \$425,817.23 |           |
| Over/(Under) Budget                             | \$ 3,470.13   | (\$          | 4,376.53) |
| Additional Offerings Given for Special Accounts |               |              |           |
| Stewardship Fund                                |               | \$           | 13.25     |
| Christmas Poinsettias                           |               | \$           | 40.00     |
| Use of Church                                   |               | \$           | 50.00     |
| Sr Adult Gathering                              |               | \$           | 68.00     |

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

#### Work of the Church Fund

In Memory of Jack Bernard In Memory of Jimmy Godfrey In Memory of Ken Morrison In Memory of Bill Westmoreland In Memory of Jimmy Fortner In Memory of Evelyn Bryson In Memory of Ron Majeska In Memory of Martha Jean Lanford In Memory of JoAnne Vestmoreland In Memory of JoAnne Westmoreland In Honor of Andrew Shull In Honor of Carol Morgan Kent & Tommie Jo McAbee

#### **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 each gift for His service. **Please contact us if you haven't been receiving envelope packets but would like to start.** 

## CHRISTIAN LEARNING CENTER

An Afterschool Ministry (4 K – Grade 5) Consider designating a special gift to the church that can be used to support the ministry of the Christian Learning Center. Thank you for your support of this incredible ministry.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOKS

The Sunday School quarterlies for December, January and February have arrived. Pick them up at church or call us to have them delivered to your house.

#### SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSALS

The choir is preparing an incredible worship experience – *Brand New Hallelujah!* 

Wednesday, November 30 \* 7:00 pm Sunday, December 4 \* 4:00 pm Wednesday, December 7 \* 7:00 pm Saturday, December 10 \* 10:00 am Sunday, December 11 \* 4:00 pm Wednesday, December 14 \* 7:00 pm Saturday, December 17 \* 10:00 am



DAY BY DAY <u>WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30</u> 5:45 pm Missions & Music; Youth Lighthouse 6:00 pm Church Bible Study – Live on YouTube 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal <u>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1</u>

# 7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study – *Breathe* **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4**

9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service – Live on Radio & YouTube 4:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 4:00 pm Deacon's Meeting 6:00 pm The Chosen Christmas Special **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7** 5:45 pm Missions & Music; Youth Lighthouse 6:00 pm Church Bible Study – Live on YouTube 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10** 10:00 am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

> LIVE RADIO BROADCAST Each Sunday \* 10:00 am Woodruff Radio WQUL 101.7 FM 1510 AM

## WINTER YOUTH RETREAT

Strength to Stand, Dec. 28-30 \* Pigeon Forge

#### MINISTRY PARTNERS

Dec 4 - Welcome Center: T & T Sumner Nursery: C Thompson, A Junge (am) C & O Thompson (pm) Children's Worship: L Forrester, O Thompson Outside Ushers: M Smith, J Ketterman

## YOUTUBE CHANNEL

A library of sermons, music, studies & podcasts are available. Visit our website www.fbcwoodruff.org for a link to this channel or search "First Baptist Woodruff" on YouTube. We give thanks for all who have been involved in recording, editing, & making this possible.

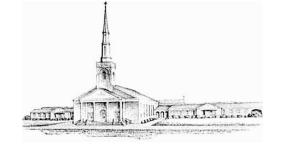
## DEACON FAMILY MINISTRY

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-CoNick Fortner and Mark SmithCp-HamTerry Sumner and Perry McAbeeHan-LcMilton Smith and Matt LinebergerLi-OrJames Talanges and Ken VaughnOs-TaTerry Hauser and Jerald CraigTb-ZChris Abercrombie and Patrick Elliott

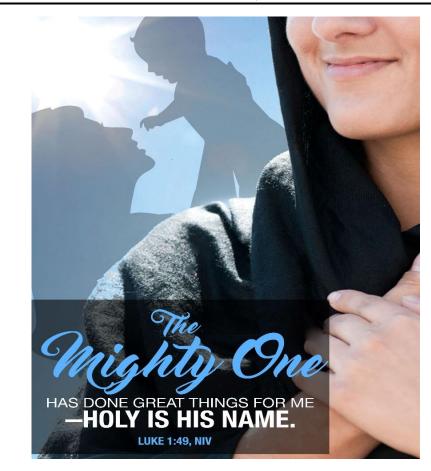
# THE ENCOURAGER

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



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## First Baptist Church \* Woodruff, South Carolina November 30, 2022



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