

September 20, 2020

9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE  
LIFE IS A TEST  
James 1:2-4

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.

An order of service will be posted on our web site.

6:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICE  
I'D LIKE TO BUY A MULLIGAN

Learning to Deal with Regrets  
Philippians 3:13

Join us in person or through the live stream on our church YouTube channel.

An order of service will be posted on our web site.

7:00 PM SEPTEMBER CONFERENCE

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

David Babson, 9-20 Jonathan Blanton, 9-21  
Walt Caldwell, 9-21 L D Cudd, 9-23  
Sam Cooper, 9-23 Brad Lanford, 9-24  
Wayne Waddell, 9-25



### Season of Prayer For MISSIONS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

These past several months have changed many things in our world. We have been through something that none of us had experienced and it has made our state and our world more open to spiritual matters. Therefore, it is now more important than ever that we help people in our state see and experience God's love. We can do that best "Together," just as our theme's scripture (and WMU's watchword) states. "For we are co-workers in God's service." 1 Cor. 3:9 People are looking for answers and we can help them find answers through God's grace, love and forgiveness. Prayerfully consider your gifts to the Janie Chapman Offering for Missions in South Carolina.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL DISCUSSION

In addition to the "in person" classes on Sunday mornings, we are recording a discussion of the Sunday School lesson that we post to our church YouTube channel at the end of each week. This week we will discuss Exodus 20:12 & 2 Samuel 15:7-14 in a lesson entitled "Honor Parents" – which is part of a wonderful unit of study "After God's Own Heart: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments."

### SUNDAY'S SERMONS

"Life is a Test" James 1:2-4

James tells us that trials & difficulties are a "test" of our faith. Let's look together at some of the ways life "tests" us. Our view of God is tested by hardships. Our trust in God is tested by temptations. Our dependence on God is tested by blessings. Our faithfulness to God is tested by persecutions. Our love for God is tested by whether or not we obey. Join us at 10:00 am this Sunday in person, by way of live stream or radio broadcast or later on the church YouTube channel.

"I'd Like to Buy a Mulligan" Philippians 3:13

Sometimes charity golf tournaments raise funds by selling "mulligans." If you don't like the shot you took – you can use a "mulligan" and do it over. Our lives are filled with regrets - words we wish we had not spoken & things we wish we had not done. Sunday we will look at powerful words of Scripture that help us to know how to handle the regrets we have in life. Join us in person or by way of live stream at 6:00 pm this Sunday or later on the church YouTube channel.

### Let Us Know If You Need THE NURSERY

We are offering nursery care during the worship services by advance reservation. This allows us to make sure we can have the correct number of rooms and volunteers to safely take care of the youngest family members of those worshiping with us during the pandemic. Contact us if you have a child that will need the nursery. This week's helpers are Christy Thompson & Olivia Thompson.

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

At a mid-point in the morning worship service children age 4 – grade 2 will be dismissed for Children's Church. We will observe the same social distancing practices that are used in Sunday School. This week's teachers are Vicky Clark & Emilee Thompson.

### SEPTEMBER CHURCH CONFERENCE

This Sunday, Sept. 20 \* After the Evening Service

If your group or committee would like to be included in the printed reports, please turn your information in before Wednesday, September 16.

### LIVE RADIO BROADCAST

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



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHURCH!

This week our church celebrates 233 years of proclaiming Christ in this community. Our oldest church record is dated September 16, 1787.

### WALKING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Each Wednesday \* 6:00 – 6:45 pm

Join us for a new study – *Walking Through the Bible*. Each week we will present an overview of a book of the Bible focusing on what that book teaches us about Jesus & our relationship with God & then study some specific verses from that book. On Sept. 16 we will study *Leviticus* & on Sept. 23 – *Numbers*. Please join us for this powerful study. We are spreading out in the Fellowship Hall practicing social distancing. We are posting each study on our church YouTube channel.

#### Numbers

The Book of Numbers continues the narrative story of God's people's journey to the Promised Land. If you think in terms of chronology and geography, the Book of Numbers can be broken down into sections...

- **At Sinai** - The first section (1:1 - 10:10) begins as the people are camped at Mt. Sinai. They celebrate the first anniversary of the Passover, conduct a census, receive instructions & prepare to break camp.
- **Journey to the Promised Land** - The next section (10:11 – 14:45) takes place that same year as they journey to the edge of the Promised Land, send spies to explore it, and then refuse to trust God and enter the Promised Land.
- **Wilderness Wanderings** – For the next 40 years, they wander in the wilderness (15:1 - 19:22).
- **Final Journey to the Promised Land** – The last section of Numbers (20:1 - 36:13) gives us the account of the final year of their journey and sets the stage for Deuteronomy, which is Moses' final speech to the people.

The Book of Numbers alternates between the narrative story and the giving of laws and instructions. It illustrates God's care and patience with the people as well as the people's continual rebellion and the consequences their rebellion brings. It is the story of two generations and their choices concerning God's promise. Jesus will specifically mention the story in Numbers 21:4-9 to help Nicodemus understand that **God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.**

### MASKS ENCOURAGED

Please consider wearing a mask in the common areas of the church until you can observe social distancing once you are seated. There is a basket of individually packaged masks by the entrance of each sanctuary door.

### ONLINE GIVING

Secure online giving is easy and convenient through our church web site [www.fbcwoodruff.org](http://www.fbcwoodruff.org) but if you need assistance, Carol Morgan, our Church Secretary, is able to help. Feel free to give her a call, 476-8171.

### FAMILY WHEELS & WORSHIP (BIKE) NIGHT

This Friday, Sept. 18 \* 6:00- 7:30 pm  
FBC Back Parking Lot

Come join us as we have fun riding our wheeled toys. Please bring your wheeled toys, lawn chairs & helmets. We plan to have food, fun and worship. Sign up in the office if you plan to join us.

### GIFTS TO THE GLORY OF GOD!

#### Over & Above Fund

In Memory of Frances Garrett  
Charles Hembree  
Curtis & Nancy Walker  
Bob & Gail Hix  
Audrey Bettis

In Memory of Betty Jo Simpkins  
Charles Hembree  
Bob & Gail Hix  
Tommy & Lynne Morgan

In Memory of Jean Craig  
Charles Hembree  
Bob & Gail Hix

In Memory of Christine Gates  
Gary & Jan Schmatt  
Bob & Gail Hix

In Memory of John Alton Skinner  
Liz Mason  
Curtis & Nancy Walker  
Bob & Gail Hix

In Memory of Mike Bell  
In Memory of LuAnn Fowler  
In Memory of Jack Stribling  
Bob & Gail Hix

In Memory of Arthur Wood  
Priscilla Miller

In Memory of Kenneth Smith  
Bob & Gail Hix

#### Work of The Church

In Memory of Frances Garrett  
In Memory of Christine Gates  
In Memory of Jack Stribling  
In Memory of John Alton Skinner  
In Memory of Mike Bell  
Walter & Linda Garrett

### FINANCIAL REPORT

| BUDGET   | Sept 13     | 2020          |
|--|-------------|---------------|
| Needs  | \$ 8,821.10 | \$326,380.70  |
| Offering   | \$ 9,432.16 | \$319,385.75  |
| Over/(Under)   | \$ 611.06   | (\$ 6,994.95) |
| <b>Additional Offerings Given for Special Accounts</b> |             |               |
| Over & Above   | \$          | 965.00        |
| Capital Needs  | \$          | 525.00        |
| Janie Chapman  | \$          | 150.00        |
| Use of Church  | \$          | 1,300.00      |
| Theology Class   | \$          | 106.00        |

## DAY BY DAY

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

6:00 pm Walking Through The Bible – Fellowship Hall;  
Children’s Choir Rehearsal; Youth Lighthouse

6:45 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

6:00 pm Family Wheels & Worship (Bike) Night

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

10:00 am Ladies Painting Class

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship Service – Live on Radio and YouTube

6:00 pm Worship Service – Live on YouTube

7:00 pm Church Conference

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

6:00 pm Walking Through The Bible – Fellowship Hall;  
Children’s Choir Rehearsal; Youth Lighthouse

6:45 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

## JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!

*A Place to Grow and Belong!*

**Each Sunday \* 9:00 am**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

Join us each Sunday morning at 9:00 am. Please stay home if you feel sick, have any symptoms or have any family members with symptoms. We are striving to keep everyone safe! Parents please bring your child to the Children’s Church outside door. Someone will take them to wash their hands and take them to their seat in their classroom. Please do not allow your child to bring any items from home. Please stress the importance of staying in your space to your child. Please plan to pick your child up from class when it concludes at 9:45 am.

## FBC FAMILY NIGHT

**At Stewart Farms**

**Sunday, October 4 \* 4:00 – 7:00 pm**

**Evening Service at 5:30 pm around the campfire  
6472 Hwy 92, Enoree SC 29335**

Join us for wagon rides, pumpkins, a small corn maze, snacks and a worship service around the campfire! The cost is \$5/person if you want to participate in the fall activities (includes a pie pumpkin, wagon ride, small corn maze, farm animals and bee exhibit), but there is no cost to eat, watch the fun, and enjoy the fire and fellowship! The larger corn maze will be an additional \$5. We will have an evening worship service at Picnic area 1 with s’more’s and drinks around 5:30 pm so bring your lawn chair. Please sign up in the office if you plan to join us so we can plan for the snacks. Everyone is invited!

## LET US KNOW IF YOU NEED HELP!

Please contact us if you need help picking up groceries or pharmacy items during these difficult times. Contact our pastor, church staff or deacons if you discover ways our church can be a channel of God’s love and care.

## DEACON FAMILY MINISTRY

The deacons of our church are committed to being part of the ministry team along with our pastor and church staff. Please feel free to contact them about prayer concerns, questions, and ministry opportunities. Let’s work together to help and encourage each person connected to our church to use their gifts in ministry & to be at their best for Christ.

**A–Co** Buddy Few and John Ward  
**Cp–G** Jason Ketterman and Tommy Morgan  
**H–Lc** Patrick Elliott and Ken Vaughn  
**Ld–Q** Milton Smith and Terry Sumner  
**R–S** Ted Culbreath and Terry Hauser  
**T–Z** Sam Cooper and Susan Cooper

## OVER AND ABOVE PROJECT

**\$89,940.94** has been contributed!

## REACHING OUR NEIGHBORS

**Sunday, Sept. 27 \* 7:00 pm \* Fellowship Hall**

We are making plans to distribute goodies and information about our church at a block party in one of the new housing developments. Plan to help by signing up to be on one of the following teams: set up, clean up, inflatables, connect, food, craft, safety, media, creative, and prayer. Please sign up for a team in the church office and let us know if you plan to join us for the planning meeting on Sunday, Sept. 27. We need you!

## MINISTRY PROPOSALS

The Stewardship Committee is in the process of putting together a proposed church budget for 2021. Contact the church office if you would like a Ministry Proposal form. Ministry Proposals are **due this Sunday, September 20.**

## YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Worship services, music, sermons and Bible studies are available on our church YouTube channel. Visit our website [www.fbcwoodruff.org](http://www.fbcwoodruff.org) for a link or search for “First Baptist Woodruff” on YouTube. Our Sunday morning and evening services can be viewed “live.”

## BACKPACKS FOR APPALACHIA

Our mission groups are collecting items to fill backpacks for children and youth in Appalachia. Contact the church office for a list of the items needed.

## COLLEGE ADDRESSES

Each college student will be listed on our weekly prayer sheet on a rotating basis. Please call us or email us with contact information for the new school year.

## THANK YOU!

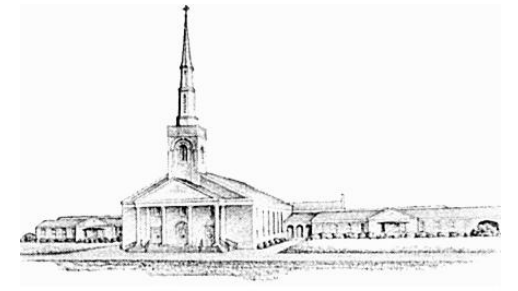
Thank you for opening your doors for the Schumpert & Bolden Wedding on Sept. 12, 2020. May God continue to bless the First Baptist Church Family.

Love, **Patience Elise Schumpert & Family**

# 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**

**September 16, 2020**

**“Consider it pure  
JOY... whenever you  
face TRIALS of many  
kinds, because you  
know that the  
TESTING of your  
FAITH produces  
PERSEVERANCE...”  
James 1:2-3**



**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**  
**Kay M. Young, Pianist**  
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