

December 18, 2025

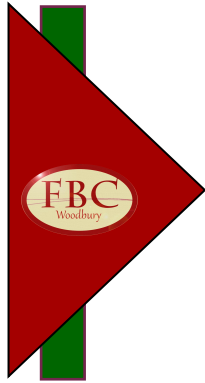
PASTOR'S *Pen*

By Brother Dean Anderson

According to Ed Yong, the total darkness in the deep ocean presents a problem for scientists who want to reach and study the creatures down there. Researchers can't see them unless they turn on the lights on the submersible, but that light is devastating to the creatures who have adapted to total darkness. Even moonlight can blind a deep-sea shrimp, and submersible headlights will do far worse. Some startled creatures try to attack the sub and others freeze or flee. Sonke Johnsen said that when the lights are turned on, what scientists see is "terror and blindness... how creatures behave when they think they're killed by some glowing god." Scientists have gone to great lengths and costs to overcome that problem, using forms of red light and blue LEDs that the creatures are comfortable with. When angels appear in the Bible, the first thing they have to tell everyone is "fear not!" Can you imagine the reaction if Jesus had simply appeared in all of His light and glory and holiness? Instead, He, "being in the form of God... made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men..." He submitted to limitation, pain, and suffering we'll never understand, and He did it to reach us, so that we might know Him. This Christmas, "veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate deity"!

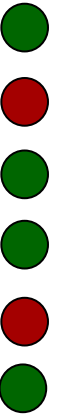
This Sunday morning the Children's Choir and the Adult Choir will lead us in worship. The Choir's Christmas Cantata is a cherished and wonderful part of the Christmas season, one that reminds us powerfully of what we really celebrate. In the evening service we'll consider the Wise Men, and think about what happens when you set out to find a king and end up in a stable. This Sunday, give Jesus the Christmas gift He really wants – worship.

Bro. Dean



REMINDERS FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 21st

- Deacon of the Week — J. Todd
- Offering: B. Haley Ushers: M. Smith, J. Todd
- 3T Nursery — B. Manning, T. Moore, K. McGee
- Children's Message — None
- Security — E. Bostedt, J. Todd, D. Jessup
- Awana — Birthday Party



CHURCH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

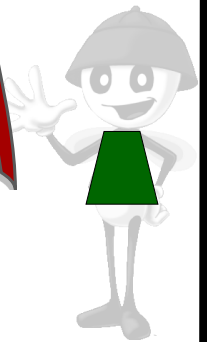
9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
5:30 Awana
5:30 Adult Discipleship
6:30 Worship

WEDNESDAY

6:00 Children's Missions
6:00 Youth Group
6:00 Prayer Meeting
7:00 Choir Rehearsal

AWANA

Happy Birthday
Jesus



LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

Only 1 More Sunday After Today

RECEIVED TO DATE

\$17,148

FBC GOAL

\$40,000

**Be praying About What God would
have you give this year.**



Latte Moon *Café*

***** TRY OUR WEEKLY DESSERT SPECIAL!**

THIS SUNDAY from 9:00–10:15 AM

House Specials

Noelle's Caramel Wonderland

Raspberry Choco Chip Frappe

Pumpkin Purée Latte

White Christmas

Frozen Hot Cocoa

Missionary Spotlight

Argentina: Mate

Argentina: Children's Milo

Thailand: Cha Tru Mue

German Milch Kaffee

Malaysian White Coffee

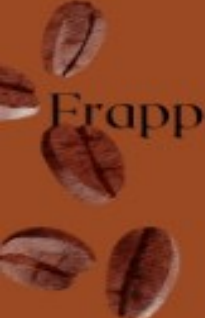
Drinks

Frappe, Hot Latte, Iced Latte, Cappuccino, Hot Cocoa
Coffee: Regular, Decaf, Iron Skillet

Flavors

Mocha, Vanilla, Peppermint, Coconut, Raspberry,
Salted Caramel, Pumpkin Spice,
Brown Sugar Cinnamon, English Toffee,
Sugar-Free Vanilla, Sugar-Free Caramel,

***** NO COST: ALL DONATIONS GO TO THE LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS OFFERING!**



CHRISTMAS

Carols

This Coming Sunday, Dec. 21st

“There’s a Song In the Air”

Candlelight Communion Service



**Come Join Us As
We Celebrate the
Birth of Our King**

Tuesday,
Dec. 23rd 6:00 pm



NO

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Enjoy Your Family

**If you have read through the entire Bible in 2025,
please call the office and let us know.**

PLANTING GOD'S WORD

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

2 Corinthians 9:15 "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"

IN OUR HEARTS

**2026 Tithing Envelopes Are In the Back Lobby
Please Call the Office If You Would Like Envelopes**

January 7th 5:00 pm

Come Join Us For Our

Wednesday
Night Dinner

Soup and Sandwiches

All Are Welcome

MISSION TRIP PLANNED FOR 2026

**GOOD
PEOPLE.
GREAT
THINGS.**

july 5-10

**LET
BRO. DEAN
KNOW IF
YOU ARE ON
BOARD!**

mission lab

FBC FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Canned green peas, Canned Spaghetti and Meatballs, Small Bags of Sugar, Toilet Paper

Your blessings help many.

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. Matthew 25:40



"The gift of eternal life? How am I gonna return that the day after Christmas?!"

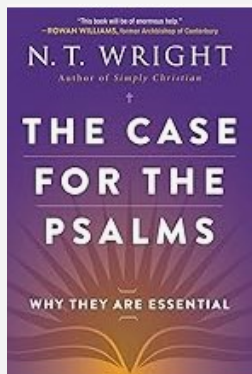


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<https://warrior180.org/>



**For Information
Contact
Morgan Bostedt**



Church Library Resource of the Week

The Case for the Psalms by N.T. Wright

“Wright urges communities to revive the practice of praying, singing, living and ‘breathing’ psalms in everyday life.”

**HarperOne
Harper Collins Publishers**

Reading Through The Bible

DECEMBER 2025

- 19. OT - Jonah 1, 2, 3, 4; NT - Rev 10
- 20. OT - Micah 1, 2, 3; NT - Rev 11
- 21. OT - Micah 4, 5; NT - Rev 12
- 22. OT - Micah 6, 7; NT - Rev 13
- 23. OT - Nahum 1, 2, 3; NT - Rev 14
- 24. OT - Hab 1, 2, 3; NT - Rev 15
- 25. OT - Zeph 1, 2, 3; NT

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

SUNDAY EVENINGS

at 5:30 pm

Joy to the world

NORMAL CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Closed: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Morning worship broadcast on WBRY, AM 1540 & FM 107.1; morning and evening worship and Prayer Meeting all streamed live on Facebook and YouTube (FBC Woodbury), and on the church website (fbcwoodbury.org).

Christmas party



Sunday School

FBC Christmas Fellowship



Prayer Guide

Please help us keep the Prayer Guide updated – send anyone you would like to add, and notify us of anyone who can be removed. Thank you!

Church Family

Melissa Burnett	Ashlyn Hare
Patrick, Karie Cecil	Randall Holt
Bobby Davenport	Richie Hunter
Mark, Lesa Davis	Andy McCrary
Dot Elrod	David Odom
Darrell & Lou Goins	Benton Parker
Cecil Gregory	MaryWells Smith
	Bobby Zumbro

Friends and Family—submitted by the person listed

Ethan Allen (Danny Jones)	Bob Jones (Douglas Jennings)
Sharon Armstrong (Glenda Hunter)	Brian Jones (Douglas Jennings)
Wade, Cindy Blackwell (Cindy Anderson)	Tammy Jordan (Lydia Womack)
Gary Blanton (Lydia Womack)	Anna Kaiser (Tammy Wies)
Les Bush (Tony Burnett)	Emily Kidd (Cindy Anderson)
Nick Caudle (Melissa Froome)	Polly Klecan (Katie McGee)
Bill Choate (Douglas Jennings)	Brenda Liford (Marilyn Ault)
Family of Carl Christensen (R. Byers)	Susie Morris (Lydia Womack)
Adam Cothron (Jason McGee)	Mike Nichols (Douglas Jennings)
Bruce Daniel (Brandie Maynard)	Andy, Judy Norman (Amy Matthews)
Pat Dayton (Bob Davenport)	Amanda Parks (Cynthia Brewer)
Tammy Douglas (Lela Woodin)	Terry Patterson (Jason McGee)
Nick Dutton (Judy Holt)	Brad Schwartz (Carolyn Schwartz)
Chris Ellis (Darren Jessup)	Josh Simmons (Michael Odom)
Bree Evans (Andy McCrary)	Andy Smith (Douglas Jennings)
Katie Ferrell (Stacie Francis)	Bro. W.D. Thomason (Dean Anderson)
Leon Foster (Michael Odom)	Becky Tilford (Melissa Froome)
Jim Gage (Jeff Woodin)	Angela Welch (Morgan Bostedt)
Randy Galloway (Brandie Maynard)	Quinton Whitlock (Darren Jessup)
Analynn Garrett (Jeannette Todd)	Steven Yates (Michael Parks)
Shannon Grabowski (Jamie Anderson)	
Anna Haley (MaryWells Smith)	
Ryan, Jessica Hellman (Morgan Bostedt)	
Edward Holcomb (Lela Woodin)	

Nursing Homes/Assisted Living:

Mamie Powers, Barbara Melton, Mamie Vance, Don Stevenson, Drunell Higgins

Homebound:

Martha Burke, Eleanor Bell, Dean Francis, Jinx Wilkinson, Betty Wilder, Carlene Tomlinson

Missionaries:

Buck/Annie Barton, Phil/Laura Metcalf, Al/Margaret Patterson, Angela Dawson, Gavin/Laura Pinkston, Chris/Rebecca Abner, Casey/Amy Jones, Olivia Schultz

Church Staff:

Dean Anderson, Rhett Brewer, Randal & Ellie Byers, Eric Bostedt, Tammy Wies

Military:

Chris Gillis, Stephon Harris, Steven Pirtle, Justin Wax, Taylor Woodworth, Dakota Beasley, Kevin Walkup, Robert Bucher, Jessica Manning

College Students:

Cathan Cecil, Addison Todd, Jacob Sledge, Emma Crabtree, Sarah Bostedt, Etta Gaines, Thomas McGee, Alana Stansbury, Parker Matthews

Active Deacons:

Matt Cowan, Jeff Todd (Beth), Danny Jones, Darren Jessup, Tony Burnett, Michael Odom, Jeff Woodin, Eric Bostedt, Bob Wies

Church Matters:

Lottie Moon Offering, Nunez Church in Buenos Aires; WMU; Student Ministry; the lost; Bruce Marchiano & Gospel of John film; IMB Missionaries; Nation & Leaders; Israel; Gideons

**“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”**