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OUR CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Chris Thompson, Senior Pastor
 Rev. Chris Pauley, Worship Pastor
 Rev. Scott Townsell, Pastor for Student Discipleship
 Rev. Stephen Hart, Pastor for Children's Discipleship
 Linda Cornett, Secretary
 Connie Dellinger, Financial Secretary

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 252-343-0537
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EACH SUNDAY

8:15 AM Morning Worship
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Morning Worship
 4:30 PM Worship Choir
 5:00 PM AWANA
 6:00 PM Evening Worship

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FROM THE PASTOR

South River Church Family,

I am excited to see my monthly calendar page flip over to the month of December. The celebration of Easter and Christmas are two incredible times of worship for the church. God has laid on my heart a series of messages that lead us up to the celebration of the incarnation on Christmas day. Join me each Sunday as we enjoy Christmas with the Apostle Paul.

December 3rd	The Miracle of the Message	Hebrews 1:1-4
December 10th	The Miracle of the Moment	Galatians 4:1-7
December 17th	The Miracle of the Mindset	Philippians 2:1-11
December 24th	The Miracle for Mankind	Titus 2:11-15

Don't forget South River will go out caroling again on **Wednesday, December 13th** as a church family. Bring your family, a plate of desserts, and warm clothes as we go out into Statesville singing about our great Savior. We will begin to gather at 6:30 pm and after caroling return to the church to enjoy the desserts, hot chocolate, and fellowship with the church family. Our destination that evening will be assigned areas to sing for our homebound members and surrounding neighborhoods.

With you, I am looking forward to our children leading us in worship on **Sunday evening, December 10th**. They will present *Jinglebell Beach*. This worship and drama production will challenge everyone to consider the real meaning of Christmas. I understand that the seats fill quickly so make your plans to be here early and to celebrate with our children.

The South River adult choir presents *A Christmas Homecoming* on **Sunday evening, December 17th**. I encourage you to invite family and friends to this worship event with a downhome feel. Pastor Pauley and the choir have been preparing for a great evening of praise and celebration of the Lord Jesus.

Join me on two special Sunday evenings in December for a special **Facebook Live** broadcast. On **Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve**, I will share a special word with our church family at 11:45 pm as we celebrate the birth of our Savior and a new year.

My family and I want to express our gratitude to you all for the love and joy you have shared with us this year. We are blessed to serve together with you and consider it a privilege to be a part of this great church family. We wish you all a very blessed Christmas.

Pastor Chris

PRESCHOOL

1ST SUNDAY

8:15 Worship
Michael & Stephanie
Wilhelm

Devin & Sarah Saunders
10:45 Worship
April Thompson
Carol Stewart

2ND SUNDAY

8:15 Worship
Christi Kestler
Erica Barnette
Patsy Weston
10:45 Worship
Robin Waugh
Lorie Weston
Alayna Hennessey

3RD SUNDAY

8:15 Worship
Jason & Jenna Sherrill
10:45 Worship
Patricia Marshall
Nicole Johnson
Ken & Kinnan Johnson

4TH SUNDAY

8:15 Worship
Josh & Brittany Johns
10:45 Worship
Amanda Johnson

5TH SUNDAY

8:15 Worship
Terry Aiken
Sandra Ketchem
10:45 Worship
Karen Warricks
Jacob & Liz Deal

1ST WEDNESDAY

April Thompson
Carol Stewart

2ND WEDNESDAY

Heather Baldwin
Margaret Haynes

3RD WEDNESDAY

Gerldine Hancock
Joyce Bradburn

4TH WEDNESDAY

Don & Janet Johnson

SECURITY

Deacon of the week
serves both services



SECURITY

DECEMBER 3

Ray Webber
Lane Pearman
10:45 Worship
Sonny Hedrick
Jody Mitchell
Carl Aiken
Lindell Sloniker

DECEMBER 10

8:15 Worship
Allen Stroud
Jimmy Williams
10:45 Worship
Gary Stewart
Rocky Martin
Dwayne Lippard
Andy Haynes

DECEMBER 17

8:15 Worship
Billie Haithcox
Brian Boan
10:45 Worship
Ken Johnson
Marty Waugh
Robert Snider

DECEMBER 24

8:15 Worship
Steve Gladden
Larry Morrison
10:45 Worship
Brian Speaks
Jeremi Beatty
Chris Hamilton

DECEMBER 31

8:15 Worship
Larry Johnson
Shane Barnette
10:45 Worship
Mike Drum
Michael Johnson
Josh Johns
David Johns

UPCOMING

PHILIPPINE MISSION TRIP

Trip Dates - February 15 through 24

There are still openings for this trip, so pray about whether the Lord is calling you to go. An interest meeting will be forthcoming.



PRAYER TIMES

Every Saturday @ 9:00 PM

Worship Center

Every Sunday @ 5:00 PM

Room 110

(Praying for church, city, county and nation)



CANCER COMPANIONS

Classes will be offered after the first of the year

Contact Ann Gettys (871-1750) for more information



GRIEF SHARE CLASSES

New sessions will begin February 21st

Contact Lee McClure (881-8187) or

Marguerite Rogers (603-493-4892) for more information



2017/2018 MINISTRY BUDGET

YTD BUDGET GOALS	\$224,386.24
YTD BUDGET RECEIPTS	\$190,591.94
YTD SPECIAL OFFERING	\$20,406.50
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE	\$210,998.44

Charitable donations, including stocks, land and vehicles, must be received in the church office on or before December 31, 2017.

RIPPLE KIDZ CHILDRENS MINISTRY

Christmas will be upon us before we know it and what better way to celebrate the birth of our Savior than singing His praise? Children are doing this in Ripple Kidz Ministries and are preparing to sing His praise in the upcoming Christmas Play on December 10th (@ 6 pm). Please show your support as the children worship our great Creator! This year's play is called "Jingle Bell Beach". Children will be singing and acting out a story that shows the true meaning of Christmas. Christmas is not being surrounded by winter festivities, but rather it is the proclamation of hope being born in the birth of Jesus Christ! I am excited and proud to see these children grow in wisdom and stature as did our Savior!

"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men." Luke 2:52 (NKJV)

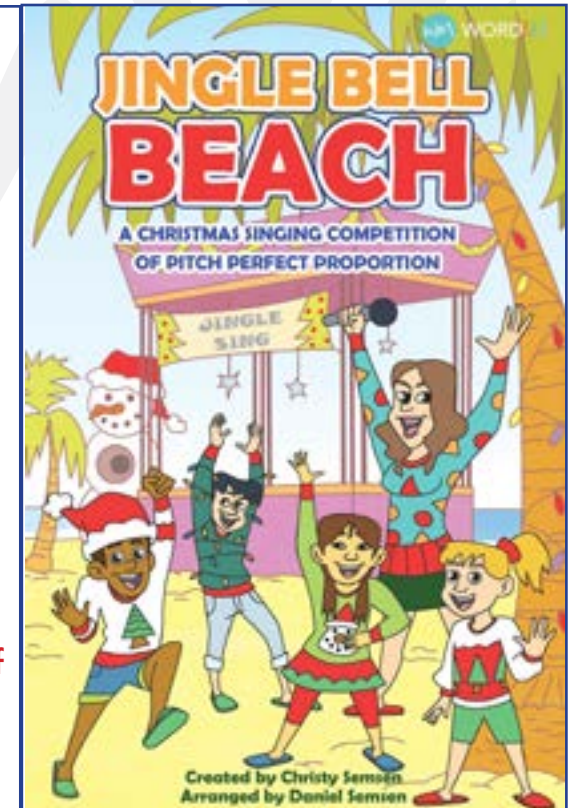
Pastor Stephen Hart, Children & Family Discipleship

Kid's Choir & Tiny BEATS
present a Christmas musical
for the whole church family
and community to enjoy

Sunday, December 10th
6:00 pm
South River Worship Center

followed by a finger food
fellowship in the
Family Life Center

**Don't miss this great night of
music, the Gospel story
and sweet fellowship**



DEEP AND WIDE STUDENT MINISTRY

Is HE worth the search?

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, **Saying, where is he that is born King of the Jews?** For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judea: for thus it is written by the prophet, and thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, art not the least among the princes of Judah: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.



How different would our lives be if we searched for Christ as hard as the Wise Men did?



Merry Christmas from Deep and Wide Student Ministries!!!

BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER

- | | | | |
|----|---|----|---|
| 2 | Emilee Lippard
Skyler McClure
Samantha Wall | 16 | Emily Lowman
Keith Love |
| 3 | Chris Whitley | 17 | Sarah Martin
Steve Warricks |
| 4 | Mary Jo Frye
Salem Grace Lyles | 18 | Noah Kennedy
Donna Loudermilt
Rita Wiles |
| 5 | Chad Camden
Toni Redmond
Robin Waugh | 19 | Hayden Roll |
| 6 | Ann Gettys
Sherwin Johnson
Haley Williams | 20 | Travis Campbell
Erica Miller |
| 7 | Aubrey Marshall | 22 | Trish Campbell
Dot Galliher
Timothy Heffner |
| 8 | Gavin Barnette
Caitlyn Nalley | 24 | Adrienne
Blackwelder
Olivia Cloar
Dwight Wallace |
| 10 | Eli Knudsen
Christine Tedder | 25 | Nathan Brown
Kelsey Church
Linda Niemann |
| 11 | Pressley Ann Beatty | 30 | Jayden Bowie
Connie Campbell
Caroline Cook
Adelyn Stewart
Robin Stewart |
| 12 | Steve Dixo | 31 | Ken Helms
Terrie Powell |
| 13 | Crystal Barnes | | |
| 14 | Beverly Carter | | |
| 15 | Lily Waters | | |

ANNIVERSARIES

DECEMBER

- | | |
|----|---|
| 1 | Kevin & Kimberly Souther |
| 2 | Chris & Bonnie Hamilton
Jeffrey & Rikki Ober |
| 8 | Rob & Kim Harrell |
| 13 | William & Candy Combs |
| 14 | David & Chrissy Holman |
| 18 | Wesley & April Rexrode |
| 19 | Albert & Mary Bowman |
| 23 | Don & Janet Johnson |
| 26 | Dominick & Karen Canan |
| 27 | Kevin & April Johnson
Greg & Deborah Templeton |

WELCOME DESK

DECEMBER 3RD

Brian & Robin Stewart

DECEMBER 10TH

Jody & Cathy Mitchell

DECEMBER 17TH

Ray & Jeannie Webber

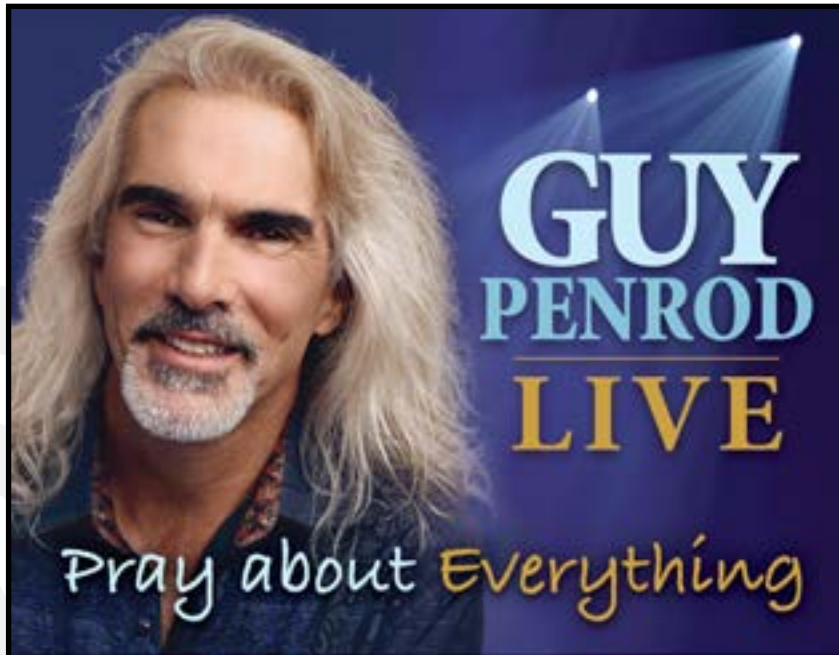
DECEMBER 24TH

David & Crystal Johns

DECEMBER 31ST

Brian & Sandra Boan

SPECIAL CONCERT



February 10, 2018

General seating at 6:15 pm

South River Baptist Church
 Tickets (704) 876-1520 / www.etickets.com
www.southernriverbaptist.com

Ticket Sales - \$15/first 400 tickets or December 31
 deadline - includes early seating, refreshments and a brief
 appearance before the show. Doors open at 5:30 pm.



DISCIPLESHIP



WORSHIP MINISTRY

RIVER WORSHIP CHOIR

3rd AM	A Holy Day	PM	How Many Kings
10th AM	King Jesus Is His Name	PM	Jingle Bell Beach
17th AM	From Bethlehem to Calvary	PM	Christmas Homecoming
24th AM	No Choir	PM	No Service
31st AM	Because He Lives (Amen)	PM	No Service

SPECIAL

3rd AM	Matt Estes	PM	Jimmy Williams
10th AM	Amanda Pauley	PM	Jingle Bell Beach
17th AM	Carol Davis	PM	Christmas Homecoming
24th AM	Don/Sherwin, Morgan Cook	PM	No Service
31st AM	Tammy Pearman	PM	No Service

WEDS

6th	Wilma Huffman	13th	No Service	20th	Dan McGee	27th	No Service
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MINISTRY OF MAINTENANCE

We are needing skilled carpenters and painters for a couple of projects we wish to complete. Please contact our Minister of Maintenance, Ken Johnson, on his cell: 704-682-0953 to find out how you can help.

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS - BY BAPTISM

Aaron Carter	123 Windy Hill Rd.	Statesville, NC 28625	704-280-373
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NEW MEMBERS - BY LETTER

Tony & Rhonda Cloer	123 Hicks Rd.	Statesville, NC 28625	704-902-0069
Abel & Avery Cloer	123 Hicks Rd.	Statesville, NC 28625	704-902-0069
Devin Saunders	123 Windy Hill Rd.	Statesville, NC 28625	704-280-3734
John & Shawna Wilson	808 Jacobus Ct.	Statesville, NC 28625	704-450-2342
Malachi Wilson	808 Jacobus Ct.	Statesville, NC 28625	704-450-2342

NEW MEMBERS - BY STATEMENT

Kieran & Alauna Wilson	808 Jacobus Ct.	Statesville, NC 28625	704-450-2342
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YOUNG AT HEART

Young At Heart Kick-off for 2018

See the plans for all
2018 YAH fellowships & events
Tuesday, January 16th 8:00 am



707 Sullivan Road - Statesville
Drawings for free gift certificates for those who attend

JULIET Club

Jesus Unites Ladies
In Eating Together

Tuesday, January 23rd 11:30 am

AMALFI'S PIZZA
& Italian Restaurant

1712 Old Wilkesboro Rd, Statesville

MISSION/OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Appalachian Coalfield Ministries Toy Store for Christ in War, WV December 4th - 9th, 2017

Contact Gene Dellinger @ 704-876-6631 for more information



Mark Your Calendars



December 6th Christmas Caroling Outreach 6:00 pm

December 10th Jingle Bell Beach Children's Musical 6:00 pm

December 17th Christmas Homecoming 6:00 pm

December 24th 9:30 Sunday School; 10:45 Worship/No PM

December 31st 9:30 Sunday School; 10:45 Worship/No PM



Philippine Mission
Chili Fund Raiser
after AM Services on
Sunday, December 17th

Corn dogs for kids and take out for those
attending early service

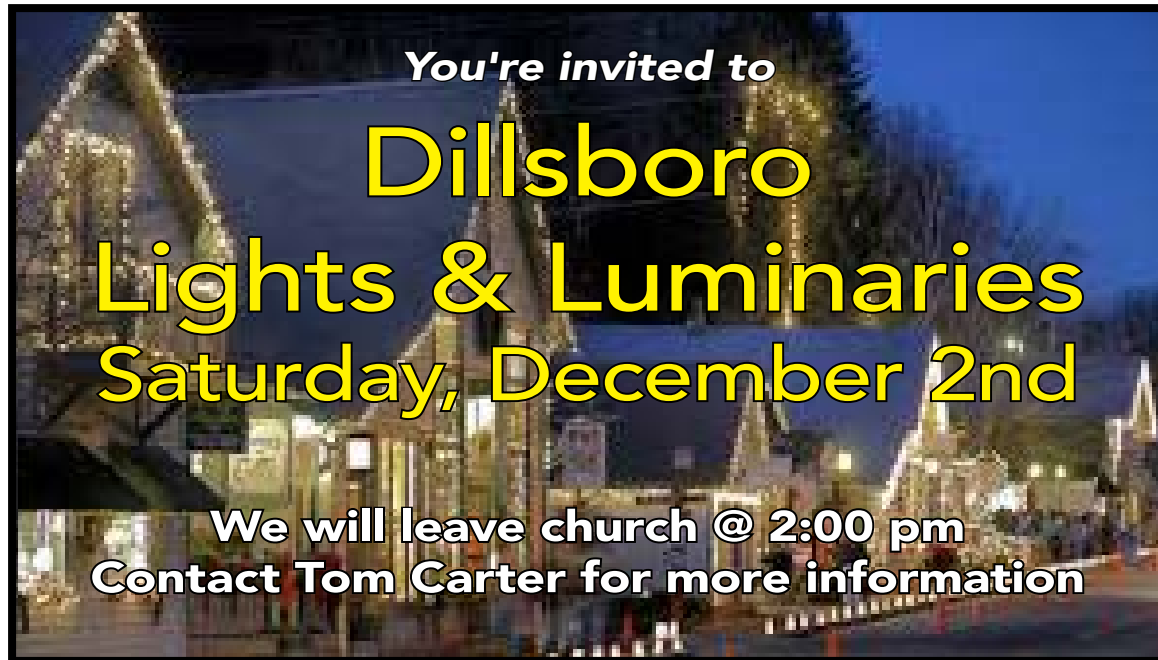
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

You're invited to

Dillsboro Lights & Luminaries

Saturday, December 2nd

We will leave church @ 2:00 pm
Contact Tom Carter for more information



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Sweets & Treats Fellowship

Friday, December 1st
6:00 - 8:00 pm
Family Life Center



Please bring your favorite sweet treats or appetizers for this time of fellowship.
Contact Vickie Caldwell @ 704-880-8100 for more information.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

Online Giving Starts Here!

Just scan this QR code with your smart phone!



Don't have a QR Reader app? We recommend using Quick Scan for iPhone and Android it's a FREE download from the App Store or Google Play.

Year- End Giving

Charitable donations, including stocks, land and vehicles, must be received in the church office on or before December 31, 2017.



Once again this year, in the spirit of giving, we will be providing an empty Food Pantry bag for you to fill for our ministry. The bags will be located on a display table, along with suggested items. We will start collecting on Sunday, December 3rd and conclude on Sunday, December 31st. Thank you in advance for supporting this important ministry in our community.

2017

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					6:00 pm Ladies' Ministry (Sweets & Treats)	2:00 pm YAM To Dillsboro Youth - Progressive Dinner
					1	2
Bible Read Wk 49 Food Pantry Collection begins Guy Penrod Concert Ticket Sales	Toy Store for Christ - War, WV - 9th 6:30 pm Ladies Prayer Group	3:00 pm Food Pantry 6:00 pm Surge	10:30 am YAH to Brian Center 7:00 pm Wednesday Activities 7:00 pm Ladies' Bible Study	6:15 pm Jail Ministry		
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Bible Read Wk 50 6:00 pm Jingle Bell Beach Musical Finger Food Fellowship follows		6:00 pm Surge 6:30 pm Cancer Companions	6:30 pm Caroling Outreach	6:15 pm Jail Ministry 7:00 pm Brookdale Bible Study		9:00 - 11:30 am Christmas Homecoming Dress Rehearsal
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Bible Read Wk 51 6:00 pm Christmas Homecoming		3:00 pm Food Pantry 6:00 pm Surge	7:00 pm Wednesday Activities	6:15 pm Jail Ministry		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Bible Read Wk 52 9:30 SS, 10:45 Worship; Lord's Supper No PM Activities 11:45 pm Facebook Live Message from Pastor	CHRISTMAS DAY Church Office Closed - 26th		Youth - Snowbird - 29th No Wednesday Activities	6:15 pm Jail Ministry		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Bible Read Wk 1 9:30 SS, 10:45 Worship No PM Activities 11:45 pm Facebook Live Message from Pastor						
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