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# DECEMBER 2019

## OUR CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Chris Thompson, Senior Pastor  
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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,

Celebrate the joy of the Christmas season this year by sharing with your family, friends, and co-workers three opportunities to experience the true meaning of Christmas. The greatest gift you can share with others is the love of Christ and the good news of His birth to redeem mankind.

The South River Celebration choir presents ***The Fabric of Christmas*** on **Friday and Saturday evening, December 13 and 14 at 7:00 pm**. I encourage you to invite family and friends to worship with us on one of those two evenings. I am excited that our choir will be bringing the amazing story of our Savior's birth to light in a creative and powerful way. We will teach wonderful biblical truths about the Old Testament cloths that swaddled our Savior. We need your help inviting our community to attend. Don't miss this wonderful presentation.

I hope you and your family will be able to worship with us on Sunday evening, December 22 for our annual candlelight service. Invite your family to join us that evening as we prepare our hearts for Christmas day.

On behalf of my entire family, I want to say thank you for your abounding love and encouragement as we serve at South River. This past year has been a blessing in so many ways to us, our church family, and our community. We are privileged to belong to this great church family. May you all have a very blessed Christmas.

Blessings,  
Pastor Chris  
Colossians 1:3-6

## PRESCHOOL

### 1ST SUNDAY

8:15 AM Worship  
Michael & Stephanie Wilhelm  
Tiffany Layne  
Donna Loudermilt  
10:45 AM Worship  
April Thompson  
Melanie Townsell  
Amanda Johnson  
6:00 PM Worship  
Crickett Barnette  
Patsy Burnette

### 2ND SUNDAY

8:15 AM Worship  
Christie Kestler  
Erica Barnette  
Patsy Weston  
Crystal Barnes  
10:45 AM Worship  
Lori Weston  
Tammie Bowie  
Gerri Hamby  
Mary Morrison  
6:00 PM Worship  
Judy Callaway  
Celena Wilhelm

### 3RD SUNDAY

8:15 Worship  
Jason & Jenna Sherrill  
Adrienne Blackwelder  
Linda Bowes  
10:45 Worship  
Bonnie Hamilton  
Nicole Johnson  
Darlene Goforth  
Erica Miller  
6:00 PM Worship  
Greg & Debra Templeton

### 4TH SUNDAY

8:15 Worship  
Amber Allen  
Tamatha Stewart  
Clara Paige Beatty

### 4TH SUNDAY

10:45 Worship  
Tracey Gibson  
Leslie Helms  
Brian & Robin Stewart  
6:00 PM Worship  
Donna Williams  
Brenda Runkle

### 5TH SUNDAY

8:15 Worship  
Terry Aiken  
Sandra Ketchem  
10:45 Worship  
Karen & Kaitlyn Lyon  
Ellen Pope  
Avery Colvert  
6:00 PM Worship  
Bill & Vicki Caldwell

### 1ST WEDNESDAY

April Thompson  
Elizabeth Griffin

### 2ND WEDNESDAY

Heather Baldwin  
Donna Gallina

### 3RD WEDNESDAY

Lesley Colvert  
Tara Beatty

### 4TH WEDNESDAY

No service

## SECURITY

### DECEMBER 1ST

Team #4

### DECEMBER 8TH

Team #1

### DECEMBER 15TH

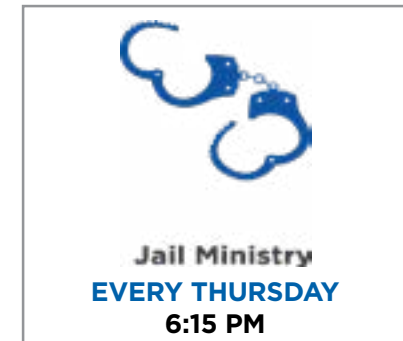
Team #2

### DECEMBER 22ND

Team #3

### DECEMBER 29TH

Team #4



## UPCOMING

### GRIEFSHARE CLASSES

**Classes will resume in February 2020**

**6:00 - 8:00 pm in Room 109**

**New classes will start in the spring.**

Contact Steve Jenkins (980) 263-4134 for more information



## WELCOME

### NEW MEMBERS - BY LETTER

Tanya Muncy	108 Hemmingway Ln	Statesville, NC 28625	704-818-6720
Levi Muncy	108 Hemmingway Ln	Statesville, NC 28625	704-818-6720

## 2019/2020 MINISTRY BUDGET

YTD BUDGET GOALS	\$206,591.19
YTD BUDGET RECEIPTS	\$196,829.63
<b>TOTAL GIVING TO DATE</b>	<b>\$196,829.63</b>

### Year End Giving

Charitable donations, including stocks, land, vehicles or other material goods, must be received in the church office on or before December 31, 2019.

## COMING IN JANUARY

### Pastor Chris Thompson



**Come learn more about South River**  
**New classes held**  
**January 5th, 12th,**  
**19th and 26th**  
**Sundays 9:30 am in Room 109**

## Don't Bother Me *by Greg Stier*

**Don't bother me** with souls to save I have my own agenda. There's school to do, sports to play, and important stuff to attend to.

**Don't bother me** with my friend at work, he's got his own religion and I don't have time to change his mind he'll make his own decision.

**Don't bother me** with that little girl, the girl playing in the street. She's much too young to understand that Savior she could meet!

**Don't bother me** with the sounds I hear, the sounds of people shrieking! Although I wonder who they are? Who are these victims screaming?

**Don't bother me** with who they are, I really don't want the blame! Cause it's my friend at work and that little girl who from Hell screams out my name.

**Don't bother me! Allow God to use you everyday to share the Gospel. With the seasons approaching fast, use this time of year to also share with family and friends. GO GOSPELIZE! 1 Peter 3:15**



## DECEMBER

- |                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| 2 Emilee Lippard  | 17 Barry Heffner   |
| Skyler McClure    | 18 Sandra Ketchem  |
| Samantha Wall     | Kayla Wallace      |
| 3 Chris Whitley   | 19 Christie Hance  |
| 4 Mary Jo Frye    | Cassie Killian     |
| Salem Grace Lyles | Amanda Pauley      |
| Sheri Pope        | Olivia Townsell    |
| 5 Chad Camden     | 20 Kayla Jones     |
| Katrina Finney    | Chris Pauley       |
| Adaline Hance     | 21 Rob Wright      |
| 6 Ann Gettys      | 22 Emery Gallina   |
| Sherwin Johnson   | 24 Sarah Saunders  |
| Haley Williams    | Cody Stewart       |
| 8 Gavin Barnette  | 28 Shannon Hedrick |
| Caitlyn Nalley    |                    |
| 10 Eli Knudsen    |                    |
| Christine Tedder  |                    |
| 12 Steve Dixon    |                    |
| 13 Crystal Barnes |                    |
| Brenda Clement    |                    |
| 14 Beverly Carter |                    |
| Luther Cousins    |                    |
| 15 Larry Campbell |                    |
| 16 Hinton Coley   |                    |
| Steven Pope       |                    |
| Malachi Wilson    |                    |

## DECEMBER

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

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT



Adventure › Character › Leadership

### Trail Life Information Meeting

South River will be a host site for the alternative to Boy Scouts called Trail Life. Join us on December 8th at 5:00 pm in Room 109 for information on this Christ-centered, boy-focused mentoring program.



*Candlelight Service*  
*Sunday, December 22nd*  
*6:00 pm*

*God is light and in Him*  
*there is no darkness*

## WORSHIP MINISTRY

### RIVER WORSHIP CHOIR

1st AM	King Jesus Is His Name	PM	No choir
8th AM	Christ Is Come	PM	On This Night
15th AM	Shepherd, Savior, King	PM	No choir
22nd AM	Simeon's Song	PM	No choir
29th AM	Mountain Mover	PM	Bound For Glory

### SPECIAL MUSIC

Chipley Ford	1st AM	Amanda Pauley	PM	Jimmy Williams
	8th AM	Tammy Pearman	PM	Pastor Pauley
	15th AM	Sherwin Johnson	PM	Carol Davis
	22nd AM	Abigail Pauley	PM	Selected Soloists
	29th AM	Don Johnson	PM	SRB Quartet

WEDS 4th No soloist 11th Carolyn Sprinkle 18th Dan McGee 25th No service

### SPECIAL MUSIC

Bristol Drive	1st AM	Rachel Davidson	8th AM	Emma Shelton
	15th AM	Randy McQueen	22nd AM	Carol Davis
	29th AM	Harold Smith		

WEDS 4th Carolyn Sprinkle 11th No soloist 18th Harold Smith 25th No service

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION



South River expresses appreciation for Mrs. Linda Cornett on the 20th anniversary of her faithful service as our church secretary. Let her know what a blessing she has been serving on our church support staff.

## BRISTOL DRIVE



As we move from Thanksgiving to Christmas, we are reminded that our thankfulness should not end, but grow. God has proven Himself faithful once again, and has blessed us abundantly, loading us down with physical blessings. We rejoice even more that He has given us every spiritual blessing in Christ, and He comes to make His blessings flow as far as the curse is found! At SRBC Bristol Drive, we are thankful for the prayer and support you have given us as we work to share the good news of the Gospel to those who have never heard it.

Pastor Wesley Rexrode,  
Bristol Drive Campus

## FOOD PANTRY



### Fifth Sunday Collection Bags WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We need your help to provide food  
to those in need during the Christmas season.

Please pick up a bag at our table and pack it with the following items:

Canned vegetables, canned fruit, cereal, grits/oatmeal, beef stew,  
canned chicken, soups, peanut butter, ravioli, applesauce, spaghetti  
sauce, spaghetti noodles

THANK YOU!

## RIPPLE KIDS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Ripple Kidz Ministries' goal is to apply the Bible into the lives of parents and children so that they are able to make ripples in daily life.

The Ripple Effect

Worship- We teach that Worship is a lifestyle that is made possible as people come into a right relationship with God through Jesus Christ

Word- We teach and apply the word to better equip authentic disciples. We also desire to cultivate a hunger for disciples to wade out deeper into the Word for themselves

Witness- We educate disciples so that they can make ripples in their communities with the Word of God.

JANUARY 1st at 7 PM we will be starting a NEW Wednesday Night Program based on the above principles. Students can expect to take a PLUNGE into an In-depth Bible Study. The PLUNGE will be followed by a time of creating RIPPLES through small group discussions and prayer. We will finish every night with what will be called the GULLY WASHER. This will be a time in which we apply the weekly lesson through different hands-on modes such as worship, games, crafts, and fun challenges.

Pastor Stephen A. Hart

Family and Children's Discipleship



## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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Col. 1:27

"To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of His mystery among the Gentiles Christ in you, the hope of glory,"



### YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

December Study -  
"Identity" by Eric Geiger  
Sundays - 9:30 am Room B3  
Join us for breakfast/prayer/Bible study



*Dillsboro Lights and  
Luminaries Festival  
Saturday, December 7th*



### Christmas Party

Friday, December 20th  
6:30 pm Family Life Center



## DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY



### Challenges For the Church

1 CORINTHIANS  
LIFE IN CHRIST. TOGETHER

Message Series

with Pastor Chris

Sundays @ 6:00 pm

**FLOCK**  
For Love of Children at Risk

Matthew 5:3-7 (ESV)

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

5 "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

Let us be in prayer during the Christmas season for the families who are hungry for their next meal and for God, who need a blanket or heater to stay warm, who mourn for their children who are separated from them and the children who long to be with their parent(s), and pray that God would be merciful and reunite the families where possible. We, at the Flock, are asking God to show us how we can pray for them, how we can be an encouragement, and how we can give them a hand up to improve their living situation.

We always appreciate any monetary or physical donations to help families have a safe environment for their children. Have a blessed Christmas!



# 2019

# december

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Bible Reading 49 Toy Store for Christ-War thru 7th 9:30 am River Walk Class 1:00 pm FOC Drama (FLC) 5:00 pm AWANA <b>1</b>	FLC Set-up for Fabric of Christmas thru 7th 2:00 pm Good News Club (Central) <b>2</b>	3:00 pm Food Pantry 5:00 pm Central Food Packs <b>3</b>	7:00 pm Wednesday Activities Women's Bible Study <b>4</b>			Youth Progressive Dinner YAM Trip to Dillsboro <b>7</b>
Bible Read Wk 50 3:00 pm FOC Drama (FLC) 4:00 pm Deacon's Mtg <b>8</b>	2:00 pm Good News Club (Central) 6:30 pm FOC Tech Rehearsal (FLC) <b>9</b>	3:00 pm Central Food Packs 6:30 pm FOC Dress Rehearsal (FLC) <b>10</b>	10:30 am YAH Ministry Choir (Autumn Care) 7:00 pm Wednesday Activities 6:30 pm FOC Dress Rehearsal (FLC) <b>11</b>	6:15 pm Jail Ministry 6:30 pm FOC Dress Rehearsal (FLC) 7:00 pm Brookdale Bible Study <b>12</b>	Fabric of Christmas Musical 7:00 pm Family Life Center <b>13</b>	Fabric of Christmas Musical 7:00 pm Family Life Center <b>14</b>
Bible Read Wk 51 <b>15</b>	2:00 pm Good News Club (Central) <b>16</b>	3:00 pm Food Pantry 5:00 pm Central Food Packs 6:00 pm ACAP <b>17</b>	6:00 pm Ripple Kidz Council (Rm 110) 7:00 pm Wednesday Activities 8:00 pm Stewardship Mtg <b>18</b>	6:15 pm Jail Ministry <b>19</b>	6:30 pm YAM Christmas Party (FLC) <b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
Bible Read Wk 52 Lord's Supper Service - AM 6:00 pm Candlelight Service <b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	Church Office Closed <b>24</b>	Christmas Day - Church Office Closed <b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
Bible Read Wk 1 <b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	5:00 pm Central Food Packs <b>31</b>				