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SEPTEMBER 2020

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Dr. Chris Thompson, Senior Pastor
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Rev. Scott Townsell, Pastor for Student Discipleship
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Connie Dellinger, Financial Secretary

704-876-1520
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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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CURRENTS

September 2020

Harvest
of
FAITH
— CAMPAIGN —

INITIAL OFFERING SEPTEMBER 13

SOUTH RIVER
BAPTIST CHURCH

"Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase"
— PROVERBS 3:9

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear South River Family,

What an exciting time in the life of a church! We have stepped out in faith to see God bring a harvest of faith in our lives and in our community. On September 13 we will take our initial offering in the Harvest of Faith Campaign. This will be our first step in beginning to fulfill the vision God has placed upon our hearts. You have heard the vision and read the brochure, but now must pray in earnest for God to show you what your initial offering should be.

Begin praying now for God to pour out His blessings on our congregation that morning so that when we gather to celebrate His goodness in our lives, we will all faithfully give back in kind. We know in God's Word that He stirred the hearts of His people to give voluntarily and sacrificially to the work of building the Tabernacle and the Temple. So it is with His church and the future ministry areas on the vision plan. Implore God to stir our hearts to give cheerfully and willingly because of the great grace we have received in and through Jesus Christ.

I expect everyone to be here and to have their Bible in one hand and their offering in the other. We will celebrate our initial step of faith to see God do a great work.

Blessings,
Pastor Chris

Honor the LORD with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase
Proverbs 3:9

PRESCHOOL

1ST SUNDAY

8:15 AM Worship
Michael & Stephanie Wilhelm
Michael Layne
Donna Loudermilt
10:45 AM Worship
April Thompson
Melanie Townsell
Kayla Jones
6:00 PM Worship
No service

2ND SUNDAY

8:15 AM Worship
Erica Barnette
Patsy Weston
Anna Wright
10:45 AM Worship
Tammie Bowie
Lorene Wallace
Mary Morrison
Taylor Hedrick
6:00 PM Worship
Celena Wilhelm
Rebecca Thorpe
Alissa Coulombe

3RD SUNDAY

8:15 Worship
Jason & Jenna Sherrill
Mary Jo Frye
10:45 Worship
Bonnie Hamilton
Erica Miller
Lizzie Cook
6:00 PM Worship
Laura Campbell
Jean Isenhour

4TH SUNDAY

8:15 Worship
Tamatha Stewart
Clara Paige Beatty
Amelia Fox
10:45 Worship
Liz Deal
Andrea Thomas
6:00 PM Worship
Donna Williams
Sherrie Haithcox
Kim Mersfelder

1ST WEDNESDAY

April Thompson
Elizabeth Griffin

2ND WEDNESDAY

Heather Baldwin
Donna Gallina
Brenda Runkle

3RD WEDNESDAY

Lesley Colvert
Tara Beatty
Carol Stewart

4TH WEDNESDAY

Don & Janet Johnson
Karen Warricks

5TH WEDNESDAY

Peggy Koch
Amanda Meadows

SECURITY/GREETERS

SEPTEMBER 6TH

Security Team #4
Greeters - 8:15
Carol Sipes - FD
Martha McCoy - SP
10:45 - Mary Morrison - FD
Karli Townsell - SP

SEPTEMBER 13TH

Security Team #1
Greeters - 8:15
Bridget Merritt - FD
Christie Kestler - SP
10:45 - Kaitlyn Lyon - FD
Mary Kirkpatrick - SP

SEPTEMBER 20TH

Security Team #2
Greeters - 8:15
Vicki Miller - FD
Erica Miller - SP
10:45 - Karlyn Betts - FD
Faye Cook - SP

SEPTEMBER 27TH

Security Team #3
Greeters - 8:15
Brenda Runkle - FD
Bridget Merritt - SP
10:45 - Andrea Thomas - FD
Deborah Templeton - SP

UPCOMING

GRIEF SHARE CLASSES

Classes take place on Wednesdays @ 6 pm in Room 109. They run through November 11th.



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

WELCOME

BAPTISM

Lee Ann Avila	116 Mojo Ln.	Statesville, NC 28677	704-775-6766
Sydney Patterson	761 Randa Dr.	Statesville, NC 28677	704-881-3013

BY LETTER

John Waugh	204 Rosentom Dr.	Stony Point, NC 28678	704-682-0848
Dawn Waugh	204 Rosentom Dr.	Stony Point, NC 28678	704-682-9771

2019/2020 MINISTRY BUDGET

YTD BUDGET GOALS	\$842,256.39
YTD BUDGET RECEIPTS	\$874,474.82
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE	\$874,474.82

RIPPLE KIDZ MINISTRY

From Cursed to Holy Dirt

There are many symbols that stand out within the Bible. One of the most recent ones that I have taken notice of is the symbol of dirt, ground or land. Going through the entirety of the Bible we discover that ground has taken different meanings. In the beginning God created the land and He called it good. It was not long after that man sinned, and God cursed the ground with thorns and thistles (Genesis 3:17). Shortly after that Cain killed Abel, and God yet again cursed the ground because of Cain (Genesis 4:11). The final time that we see the ground being cursed for a man's sake would be the flood. But after the flood God made a promise to Noah. That promise was to never curse the ground because of man again (Genesis 8:21).

From that point forward we see God promise Abraham a holy land or holy ground (Genesis 12:1). After that Moses takes off his shoes and stands on holy ground before his God (Exodus 3:5). Naaman wants to carry around some holy ground from Israel so that he too can worship this redeeming God (2 Kings 5:17). It was not long after thinking through all these references of holy ground that I realized God is not just redeeming the land that we walk on, but the dirt that He breathed his own life into. Throughout the entire Old and New Testament, we now see God redeeming man. Redeeming His image. Redeeming the dirt that He breathed His life into. May we too look at the land that God has given us and give him praise and honor and redeem it for Him. May we always praise God that He can redeem even the dirt we walk on. There is no doubt that He can also redeem us.

Pastor Stephen Hart, Children & Parent Discipleship



DEEP & WIDE STUDENT MINISTRY

The Chosen Stone and His Chosen People

Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. Therefore, it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame." Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone," and "A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense."

They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.



The photo above is a cornerstone that had been rejected by a church in War, West Virginia. Not sure of the reason for the rejection but it reminded me of the way the world and church today is rejecting the Chief Cornerstone and building on a false foundations. May we as Christians never lose sight that we are a royal priesthood and we need Christ as our chief cornerstone!!!

Pastor Scott Townsell, Student and Parent Discipleship

BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER

- | | | | |
|----|---|----|--|
| 4 | Alena Dowdle
Charlene Thompson | 21 | Eric Davidson
Erin Nalley |
| 5 | Brittany Dixon
Aaron Johnson
Nicole Johnson
Brice Roll | 22 | Hunter Baldwin
Michael Johnson |
| 6 | Walter Cook
Claire Johns | 23 | Abigail Pauley |
| 7 | Steven Baldwin
Dylen Bevins
Janice Estes | 24 | Jessica Bennett
David Johns
Rick Johnson
Anthony Kotrch |
| 9 | Wayne Ashley
Cricket Barnette | 25 | Cindy Gibson
Peyton Johnson |
| 12 | Mary Kirkpatrick
Vanessa Hunter | 26 | Howard Hare
Mary Jane Ribelin |
| 14 | Roger Clement
Danny Griffin | 27 | Clara Beatty
Danny Williams |
| 16 | Mark Carter
Nate Saunders | 28 | Jeff Kennedy
Penny Lippard |
| 18 | Sabrina Cook | 29 | Tammy Pearman
Emery Sprinkle |
| 19 | Tara Beatty
Jim Brewer
Westin Fox
Kevin Johnson | | |

ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER

- | | |
|----|--|
| 2 | Gary & Erika Latham |
| 5 | Harold & Kathryn Harmon
Ron & Robin Lindsey
John & Shawna Wilson |
| 6 | Billie & Sherrie Haithcox |
| 8 | Todd & Chris Carter |
| 11 | Shane & Erica Barnette |
| 14 | Eric & Tammy Davidson |
| 15 | Timothy & Kimmie Mitchell |
| 17 | Brett & Andrea Thomas |
| 18 | Lynn & Linda Moose |
| 19 | Rick & Maggie Baumberger
Ken & Kinnan Johnson
Sandra & Raymond Ketchem |
| 22 | Dewayne & Penny Lippard |
| 24 | Melvin & Linda Bowes |
| 25 | Randy & Tamatha Stewart |
| 26 | Jeff & Crystal Kennedy |
| 27 | Brian & Sandra Boan |
| 28 | Johnny & Jean Isenhour |
| 29 | Louis & Ruth James |

OPPORTUNITIES

Pastor Chris Thompson



Sept. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4
9:30 AM Sundays
Room 109

Country Ham & Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, October 3rd 6:00 am - 11:00 am

Family Life Center

Proceeds support Toy Store Nov. 30 - Dec. 5 in War, WV



WORSHIP MINISTRY

RIVER WORSHIP CHOIR

6th AM	Break Every Chain	PM	No Service
13th AM	I Got Saved	PM	Every Praise
20th AM	The Church Triumphant	PM	Honored Exalted & Glorified
27th AM	Christ Our Hope in Life & Death	PM	Chain Breaker

SPECIAL MUSIC

Chipley Ford	6th AM	Praise Team	PM	No Service
	13th AM	Chris & Amanda Pauley	PM	Jimmy Williams
	20th AM	Tammy Pearman	PM	Wynston Lyles/Pastor Pauley
	27th AM	TBD	PM	Darlene Estes

WEDS

2nd Wilma Huffman 9th No Solo 16th Dan McGee 23rd No solo
30th Carolyn Sprinkle

SPECIAL MUSIC

Bristol Drive	6th AM	Harold Smith	13th AM	Darlene Estes	20th AM	Wynston Lyles
	27th AM	Carolina Brewster				

WEDS

2nd No solo 9th Wilma Huffman 16th Harold Smith 23rd Dan McGee
30th No solo



The Vacation May Be Over,
But AWANA Is Just Getting Started

September 13th

Register Today @ SouthRiverBaptist.com/AWANA

BRISTOL DRIVE



Jonathan Edwards once said that we are nothing more than a spider dangling over hell, and the only thing that prevents God from casting us there, because of our sin, is His infinite grace and mercy. But, here is where we find cause to rejoice. Our God is gracious and merciful! Knowing the justice of God, and that sinners will be punished, we proclaim the gospel. There is mercy, there is grace, and there is forgiveness found in Christ. As Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 4, now is the acceptable time, and today is the day of salvation. May we as the Church be emboldened by the Spirit to proclaim the good news of Christ, knowing both the justice and mercy of our God.

Pastor Wesley Rexrode,
Bristol Drive Campus

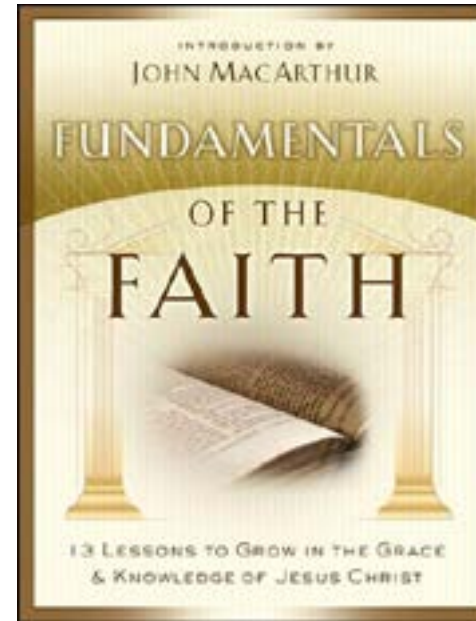
NEW MINISTRY



New enrollment deadline - Friday, September 11th

**We have 60 children enrolled!
We need volunteers in all areas,
but most urgently in Pre-K from 9:30 - 11:30 am.
We have a place for you who have 2 hrs to give
anytime from 11:00 am - 6:00 pm.**

BIBLE STUDIES

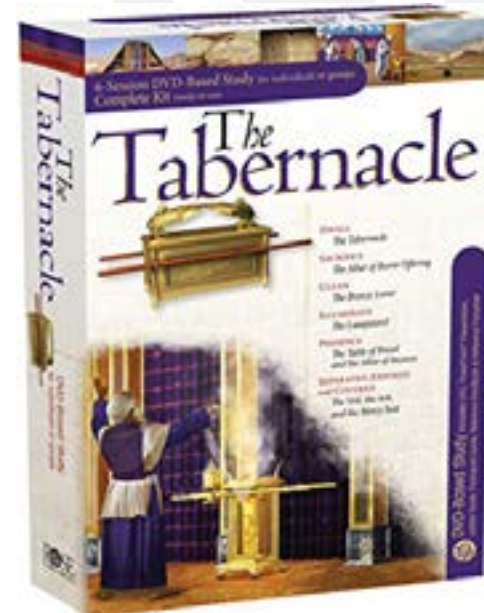


**Adult Bible Study
for new believers or
refresher for the faithful**

**Wednesdays 7:00 pm
Room FLC #2
Starting September 16th**

**Led by Ed Runkle
Books are free**

**Sign up in the Ministry Hall
or contact Ed Runkle**



Women's Bible Study

**Wednesdays 7:00 pm
Room FLC #4**

**Starting September 16th and
ending October 28th**

**Led by Christie Kestler
Cost for book - \$8 each**

**Sign up in the Ministry Hall
or contact Janet Johnson**

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

Sept Study
Answers In Genesis
Sundays - 9:30 am



YOUNG AT HEART



Young At Heart Ministry Team
Starting
Wednesday, September 9th 10 AM

Ministering/singing to
Homebound and Stay-at-home Members

We need your help to minister to those who are alone and apart from our church family.
See Pastor Pauley or sign up in the Ministry Hall to help.
We will meet at the church and carpool to homes.

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY



Message Series

with Pastor Chris

Wednesdays
@ 7:00 pm

FLOCK
For Love of Children at Risk

1 Corinthians 10:31. ... whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

We are so thankful for God's faithfulness to us as we continue to serve our neighbors in need. We are still actively delivering physical items, large and small, to local families of children at risk. We are also connecting with single parents on a deeper level as they seek help in learning how to develop and grow in Christ and be a good provider and support for their children.

One of our Flock leaders had this to say:

"I would like to give a big thank you for all the donated items people are bringing in and calling about to be picked up. It's always amazing to see how God supplies the resources we need to minister to people in our community."

Thank you, South River! God is working through you!

2020

september

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			6:00 pm Grief Share 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Student Worship			
		1	2	3	4	5
Bible Read Wk37 No PM Service 6	Church Office Closed Labor Day 7	8	10:00 am YAH MInistry 6:00 pm Grief Share 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Student Worship 9	10	9:00 am Ladies Bible Study (109) 11	12
Bible Read Wk 38 9:30 am River Walk (109) 5:00pm AWANA begins 13	10:00 am Pack Food Bags 14	15	6:00 pm Grief Share Ripple Kidz Council 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Student Worship Bible Studies (FLC #2 & 4) 8:00 pm Stewardship Mtg 16	17	9:00 am Ladies Bible Study (109) 6:30 pm Fabric of Christmas Kick-off (Choir Room) 18	19
Bible Read Wk 39 9:30 am River Walk (109) 5:00 pm AWANA 20	10:00 am Pack Food Bags 21	22	6:00 pm Grief Share 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Student Worship Bible Studies (FLC #2 & 4) 23	24	9:00 am Ladies Bible Study (109) 25	26
Bible Read Wk 40 9:30 am River Walk (109) 5:00 pm AWANA 27	10:00 am Pack Food Bags 28	29	6:00 pm Grief Share Student Ministry Council 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Student Worship Bible Studies (FLC #2 & 4) 30			