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# DECEMBER 2020

## OUR CHURCH STAFF

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## EACH SUNDAY

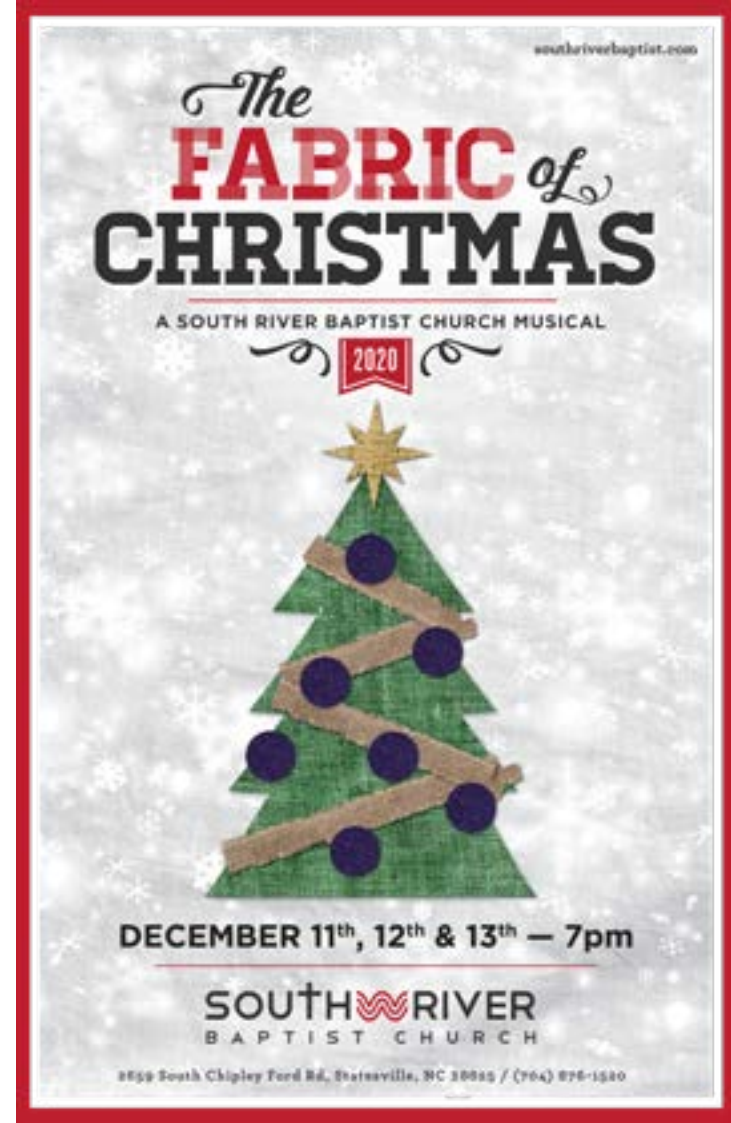
8:15 AM	Morning Worship
9:30 AM	Sunday School
10:45 AM	Morning Worship
4:30 PM	Worship Choir
5:00 PM	AWANA
6:00 PM	Evening Worship

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## FROM THE PASTOR

South River Church Family,

It is that time of year when we share gifts with those we love and are close to.

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

The first is on December 11, 12, and 13 when the South River Celebration Choir presents The Fabric of Christmas. Plan now to invite family and friends to worship with us on one of these three evenings. Our choir will be bringing the amazing story of our Savior's birth to light in a creative and powerful way. Many need to reweave the scarlet chord of Jesus Christ back into the fabric of their holiday celebrations. This drama presentation teaches wonderful biblical truths about the Old Testament cloths that swaddled our Savior. We need your help inviting our community. Do not miss this wonderful presentation!

Our annual Christmas candlelight service will be Sunday evening, December 20. Illumine someone's life by inviting them to join you that evening as we prepare our hearts for Christmas by celebrating the light of Christ.

I want to express my joy and gratitude for your love and encouragement for me and my family as we serve at South River. Despite the challenges of the Covid virus, 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

## 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**  
Patsy Burnette  
Crocket Barnette  
Marie Chrastina

### 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

No service

### 5TH WEDNESDAY

No service

## SECURITY/GREETERS

### DECEMBER 6TH

Security Team #1  
Greeters - 8:00  
Carol Sipes - FD  
Martha McCoy - SP  
10:30 - Karli Townsell - FD  
Bridgett Merritt - SP

### DECEMBER 13TH

Security Team #2  
Greeters - 8:00  
Christie Kestler - FD  
Dawn Waugh - SP  
10:30 - Mary Kirkpatrick - FD  
Kaitlyn Lyon - SP

### DECEMBER 20TH

Security Team #3  
Greeters - 8:00  
Bridget Merritt - FD  
Erica Miller - SP  
10:30 - Faye Cook - FD  
Mary Morrison - SP

### DECEMBER 27TH

Security Team #4  
Greeters - 8:00  
Brenda Runkle - FD  
Karlyn Betts - SP  
10:30 - Deborah Templeton - FD  
Andrea Thomas - SP

## WELCOME

### BAPTISM

Blake Dishmond	132 Antler Dr.	Statesville, NC 28625	704-929-6654
Gabriel Dishmond	133 Little John Rd.	Statesville, NC 28625	980-223-2290
Patricia Gordon	108 Woodbrooke Ln.	Statesville, NC 28677	704-928-7478
Bentley Poole	1282 4th Creek Landing Dr.	Statesville, NC 28625	828-612-4486
Lydia Thorpe	204 Rosentom Dr.	Stony Point, NC 28678	704-682-0848
Abigail Waugh			
Emmett Wilhelm			
Julie Wilhelm	4961 Wilkesboro Hwy.	Statesville, NC 28625	704-437-0842

### BY LETTER

Jon & Erin Bowman	157 Stone Creek Dr.	Statesville, NC 28625	J - 704-918-9937 E - 828-390-6286 A - 704-928-5638
Andrew & Mary Clendenin	2825 W. Memorial Hwy.	Union Grove, NC 28689	M - 704-838-2281
Philip Clendenin	129 Bradford Ln.	Statesville, NC 28625	704-929-6018
Anna-Lisa Goodman	133 Little John Rd.	Statesville, NC 28625	980-223-2290
Larry Gordon	1274 Cumberland Drive	Conover, NC 28613	317-363-1587
Josh & Michelle Kilcoyne	114 Grassy Knob Rd.	Union Grove, NC 28689	704-592-2566
Marcell Souther	PO Box 133	Hiddenite, NC 28636	704-500-9877
Michael Williams			

### BY STATEMENT

Brandon & Chrissy Dishmond	132 Antler Dr.	Statesville, NC 28625	B - 704-929-6690
Tyler Goodman	129 Bradford Ln.	Statesville, NC 28625	C - 704-929-6654 704-929-6018
Scott & Kayce Jenkins	161 Old School Dr.	Harmony, NC 28634	S - 704-883-4022
			K - 704-928-6002
Marilyn Lusk	965 Valiant Dr.	Statesville, NC 28677	704-883-6857
Misty Williams	PO Box 133	Hiddenite, NC 28636	704-500-9877

## 2020/2021 MINISTRY BUDGET

YTD BUDGET GOALS	\$218,316.41
YTD BUDGET RECEIPTS	\$226,174.02
<b>TOTAL GIVING TO DATE</b>	<b>\$226,174.02</b>

## RIPPLE KIDZ 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 6th 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 on the Book of Acts. 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

Pastor of Parent and Child Discipleship



## DEEP & WIDE STUDENT MINISTRY

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, **they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.** And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the **shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God** for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.



Let us make known abroad the Good News of Jesus Christ this Christmas Season!

Pastor Scott Townsell

Pastor of Parent & Student Discipleship

## BIRTHDAYS

### DECEMBER

- |    |   |    |  |
|----|---|----|--|
| 1  | John Waugh  | 14 | Beverly Carter   |
| 2  | Emilee Lippard<br>Skyler McClure<br>Samantha Wall                 | 15 | Larry Campbell   |
| 4  | Mary Jo Frye<br>Salem Grace Lyles<br>Sheri Pope                   | 16 | Hinton Coley<br>Steven Pope<br>Malachi Wilson  |
| 5  | Katrina Finney<br>Adaline Hance                                   | 17 | Barry Heffner<br>Abigail Kilcoyne  |
| 6  | Ann Gettys<br>Sherwin Johnson<br>Seth Ledford<br>Haley Williams   | 18 | Sandra Ketchem<br>Kayla Wallace  |
| 8  | Gavin Barnette<br>Blake Dishmond<br>Caitlyn Nalley<br>Mary Zittle | 19 | Christie Hance<br>Isaiah Jenkins<br>Cassie Killian<br>Amanda Pauley<br>Olivia Townsell |
| 9  | Matthew Johnson   | 20 | Amelia Fox<br>Kayla Jones<br>Chris Pauley<br>Aubree Poole                              |
| 10 | Joel Kilcoyne<br>Eli Pope<br>Christine Tedder                     | 21 | Rob Wright   |
| 12 | Steve Dixon<br>Alexander Maffucci                                 | 22 | Emery Gallina  |
| 13 | Christina Anderson<br>Crystal Barnes<br>Brenda Clement            | 24 | Phil Ingram<br>Sarah Saunders<br>Cody Stewart  |
|    |   | 25 | Kinnan Johnson   |
|    |   | 28 | Shannon Hedrick  |
|    |   | 31 | Bryce Goodman<br>Rhonda Keever   |

## ANNIVERSARIES

### 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 Johnson                               |
| 27 | Kevin & April Johnson<br>Greg & Deborah Templeton |

## NEW ARRIVALS



Aubrey Victoria Maffucci  
Born 11/13/2020  
Weight 7 lbs. 9 oz  
Length 19 3/4 inches  
Proud Parents:  
Alex & Makayla Maffucci



Averie Kate McGahan  
Born 11/16/2020  
Weight 7 pounds 15 oz  
Length 21 1/4 inches  
Proud Parents:  
Bryan & Jordan McGahan

## WORSHIP MINISTRY

### RIVER WORSHIP CHOIR

6th AM Shepherd Savior King  
13th AM King Forever  
20th AM Fabric of Christmas  
27th AM Make Your Praise Glorious

PM No Choir  
PM Fabric of Christmas Presentation  
PM Candlelight Service (no choir)  
PM No Service

### SPECIAL MUSIC

#### Chipley Ford

6th AM Pastor Pauley  
13th AM Amanda Pauley  
20th AM TBD  
27th AM TBD

PM Darlene Estes  
PM Fabric of Christmas Presentation  
PM TBD Candlelight Service  
PM No Service

### WEDS

2nd Wilma Huffman 9th No Solo 16th Carolyn Sprinkle 23rd & 30th No services

### SPECIAL MUSIC

#### Bristol Drive

6th AM Harold Smith 13th AM TBD 20th AM Wynston Lyles  
27th AM Carolina Brewster

### WEDS

2nd No solo 9th Wilma Huffman 16th Harold Smith 23rd & 30th No services

## YOUNG AT HEART

**Young At Heart Trip  
Tanglewood Christmas Lights**

**That was scheduled for  
Friday, December 4th**

**We regret this trip had to be  
CANCELLED for this year.**

**Have a great Christmas!**

## BRISTOL DRIVE



In the song "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" there is a line that is sung, "born a child, and yet a King". Though a simple lyric, the meaning is profound. Though He came as the son of a carpenter, He was also the one to whom the Father had promised to give the nations as an inheritance. He was David's True Son, who would sit upon the throne, whose Kingdom will not end, and through whom all the world will be blessed. Though born in a manger, He would ascend the throne. This Christmas may we worship the One who rules, reigns, and reconciles the world to Himself.

Pastor Wesley Rexrode,  
Bristol Drive Campus

## NEW MINISTRY

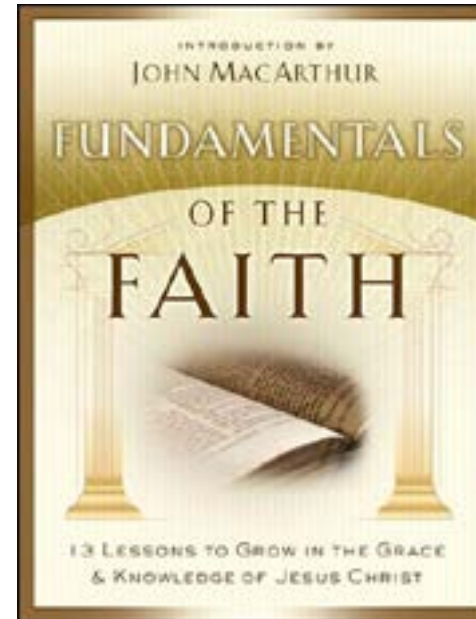


**We have 58 children enrolled!**

**We need Shepherd assistants from 7:30-11:30 am M-F, Monitors for HUB 7:30 am - 2:30 pm 4 days, Lunch monitors 11:00 am - 12:30 pm Wed - Fri, Math, Reading & Language Tutors 8:30 - 11:30 am or 12:30 - 2:00 pm, PE Game Monitors 12:30 - 2:00 pm Mon - Thurs.**

**Vacuuming/bathroom cleaning Wed or Thurs starting 2:30 pm  
If you have a few hours each week, we have a place for you to serve.**

## BIBLE STUDIES



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

**Wednesdays 7:00 pm  
FLC #2**

**Led by Ed Runkle  
Books are free**

**Contact Ed Runkle or  
show up for the class**



**Women's Bible Study in HEBREWS  
Fridays 9:00 am Room FLC #2  
Thru Dec. 4th; Resumes Jan. 29th - Mar. 12th  
Led by Bonnie Hamilton  
Contact Bonnie Hamilton if you would like to start attending**

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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**Bible Study**  
**Thursdays - 7:30 pm**  
**Family Life Center Gym**

Led by Elijah Pope

### YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

December Study  
Answers In Genesis  
Sundays - 9:30 am



## DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY



Message Series

with Pastor Chris

Wednesdays  
@ 7:00 pm

## 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, 2020. Thanks for your faithfulness in supporting the ministries of South River Baptist Church.



## Mark Your Calendars

Awana Starts back - Sunday, January 10th 5:00 pm  
Student Tubing Event - Monday, January 18th All Day  
Quarterly Church Business Meeting - Sunday, January 31st 6:00 pm



# 2020

# december

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Student Worship Bible Study (FLC #2)		9:00 am Ladies Bible Study (FLC #2) NO YAH Trip	4:00 pm Youth Progressive Dinner
		1	2	3	4	5
Bible Read Wk 50	10:00 am Pack Food Bags 6:30 pm FOC Drama rehearsal	6:30 pm FOC Dress Rehearsal	6:30 pm FOC Dress Rehearsal 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Student Worship Bible Study (FLC #2)	6:30 pm FOC Dress Rehearsal	7:00 pm Fabric of Christmas Presentation	7:00 pm Fabric of Christmas Presentation
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Bible Read Wk 51 7:00 pm Fabric of Christmas Presentation	10:00 am Pack Food Bags		6:00 pm Ripple Kidz Council 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Student Worship Bible Study (FLC #2) 8:00 pm Stewardship Mtg			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Bible Read Wk 52 Lord's Supper - AM 6:00 pm Candlelight Service	10:00 am Pack Food Bags		No Activities	Church Office Closed thru 25th		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Bible Read Wk 1 No PM Worship	10:00 am Pack Food Bags		No Activities			
27	28	29	30	31		