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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

Dear South River Church Family,

Many are saying praise the Lord 2020 is behind us. Despite all we have been through in the past year, I am rejoicing in God's goodness and faithfulness in all that He has enabled us to accomplish. Ministry did not cease but grew incredibly as God opened doors for the River to flood in with His goodness and grace.

Consider the following ministry victories over the past year:

- Launched the Harvest of Faith Campaign and 20 year church vision
- Welcomed 92 new members to South River
- Witnessed 33 baptisms in 2020
- Launch of Headwaters Educational Enrichment ministering to over 75 different children weekly
- Fed over 150 kids every week with Weekend Food Bags throughout Iredell County
- Enrolled over 400 in Vacation Bible School
- Hosted over 108 different children attending our evangelistic Ripple Kids Summer Camps
- Hosted one of only 2 in person Good News Clubs in Iredell County
- Distributed 500 food boxes every week for 4 months to our community
- Delivered over 3,000 individual meals to companies, teachers, law enforcement personnel, farmers, and shared messages of hope and encouragement.
- Made over 100 FLOCK deliveries to families in desperate situations.
- Sustained our church replant at Bristol Drive and revitalization of Calvary Baptist in War, WV
- Remained open to provide essential spiritual care and nourishment to the lives and souls of our church family and community.

Simply amazing! I believe 2021 is going to be another year full of opportunities to minister to our community, to grow in our faith, and to witness God do amazing things. This is not the time for the church to check out or capitulate to the shut down mentality. We are essential to bring hope to those in despair. Pray for God to enable South River to continue to do just that in 2021.

Blessings,
Pastor Chris

PRESCHOOL

1ST SUNDAY

8:15 AM Worship
Melanie Townsell
Clara Paige Beatty
Mary Keever
10:45 AM Worship
April Thompson
Kayla Jones
Ellen Pope
6:00 PM Worship
Patsy Burnette
Cricket Barnette
Beth Fox

2ND SUNDAY

8:15 AM Worship
Erica Barnette
Patsy Weston
Vicki Miller
10:45 AM Worship
Bonnie Hamilton
Sandra Wallace
Mia Mendoza
6:00 PM Worship
Celena Wilhelm
Alissa Coulombe

3RD SUNDAY

8:15 Worship
Jason & Jenna Sherrill
Mary Jo Frye
Clara Paige Beatty
10:45 Worship
Bonnie Hamilton
Erica Miller
Kaitlyn Lyon
6:00 PM Worship
Laura Campbell
Bonnie Hamilton
Bonnie Williams

4TH SUNDAY

8:15 Worship
Tamatha Stewart
Addison Carter
Amelia Fox
Emily Johnson
10:45 Worship
Liz Deal
Andrea Thomas
Emilee Lippard
6:00 PM Worship
Donna Williams
Sherrie Haithcox
Kim Mersfelder

5TH SUNDAY

8:15 Worship
Terry Aiken
Sandra Ketchem
10:45 Worship
Karen & Kaitlyn Lyon
Avery Colvert
6:00 PM Worship
Heather Jenkins
Allaine McGee

1ST WEDNESDAY

April Thompson
Elizabeth Griffin
Sherwin Johnson

2ND WEDNESDAY

Heather Baldwin
Brenda Runkle
Marie Chrastina
Summer Poole

3RD WEDNESDAY

Lesley Colvert
Tara Beatty
Pat Johnson

4TH WEDNESDAY

Karen Warricks
Don & Janet Johnson

SECURITY/GREETERS

JANUARY 3RD

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

JANUARY 10TH

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

JANUARY 17TH

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

JANUARY 24TH

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

JANUARY 31ST

Security Team #5
Greeters - 8:00
Brenda Runkle - FD
Karlyn Betts - SP
10:30 - Deborah Templeton - FD
Andrea Thomas - SP

WELCOME

GRIEF SHARE
New weekly classes will start in February 2021



LOSS OF SPOUSE SEMINAR
Sunday, January 31st 3:00 - 5:00 pm Room 109
This is a two hour event designed as both outreach and in-reach to give care and practical teaching on dealing with the tremendous loss of a spouse. Please join the effort to invite all you know who need help in this area.

BAPTISM Joel Kilcoyne Abigail Kilcoyne	1274 Cumberland Drive	Conover, NC 28613	317-363-1587
BY LETTER Rhea Lamb Eddie & Cindy Melendez Kalyn Melendez Chuck & Leslie Nantz (Bristol Drive)	130 King Home Ln. 92 Shotwell Patterson Lane 140 Dobbs Dr.	Statesville, NC 28625 Stony Point, NC 28678 Statesville, NC 28625	704-880-4024 828-461-7311 C - 704-929-2031 L - 704-929-9566

2020/2021 MINISTRY BUDGET

YTD BUDGET GOALS	\$285,490.69
YTD BUDGET RECEIPTS	\$298,398.65
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE	\$298,398.65

RIPPLE KIDZ MINISTRY

Uncharted territories could only begin to describe what the Apostles were embarking on when Jesus ascended into Heaven. The moment of possibly feeling lost was quickly swept away when greeted by two heavenly hosts who reminded them of their calling. The Apostles had walked with Jesus for 3+ Years, but now they would be guided through a dark world with a flame that sat upon each of them. Now the Holy Spirit would be an indwelling presence that would guide them through the missions that they were given. The same Spirit that rested in the early church is still just as powerful. Kids will be journeying through the book of Acts and discovering what a people on fire for God can do when they live according to God's will!

Pastor Stephen A. Hart
Pastor of Parent and Child Discipleship
South River Baptist Church



DEEP & WIDE STUDENT MINISTRY

Wow! What an amazing year we have had at South River Baptist Church! We have had the opportunity to see our baptismal waters stirring almost every week this past year and witness God bringing so many new faces to our family as well. I am 45 and have never witnessed that many baptisms in 10 months. This past year we had door after door opened for so many new ministries and opportunities to share the Gospel. Basically, you could say 2020 has been a **WOWZER** of a year and we should be thanking God daily for his many provisions and blessings! But now it is 2021 and we need to press on. First, may each day be a day that we are longing for the return of our Savior - **2 Tim 4:8!** Each day should also be filled with getting to **Know Your W's**. We should Worship Him daily, be in His Word daily, and be a Witness wherever He leads us. Cannot wait to see what God has in store for South River Baptist Church this coming year!



Pastor Scott Townsell,
Pastor of Parent & Student Discipleship



BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY

- | | | | |
|----|--|----|---|
| 1 | Scotty Greene
Mason Murdock | 15 | Carolina Brewster
Gene McCoy
Shonna Smith |
| 2 | Bud Redmond | 16 | Harold Christy
Ovanell Corriher
Levi Muncy |
| 3 | Lorene Wallace
Kieran Wilson | 18 | Margaret Galliher |
| 4 | Phillip Clendenin
Casey Hilderbrand
Gabe Sherrill | 20 | Jacob Deal
Donna Gallina |
| 6 | Larry Gordon
Crystal Johns
Ty Templeton | 22 | Addison Carter
Kaitlyn Holman |
| 7 | Tyler Bowie
Tony Cloer
Elizabeth Deal
Isaiah Thompson | 23 | Avery Cloer
Connie Cook
Elizabeth Griffin |
| 8 | Sherry Combs
Melanie Townsell | 25 | Holly Deal
Evan Shelton
Bryan Shoemaker |
| 9 | Lucy Stroud | 26 | Susan Boyd
Ray Webber |
| 10 | Barbara Franklin
Sherrie Haithcox
Dregan Shook | 27 | Wyatt LeFever
Jenny Mason
Kimberly Souther |
| 11 | Geraldine Hancock | 28 | Charles Campbell, Sr.
Hal Gibson
Emily Kasey
Carol Stewart |
| 12 | Jessica Harris
Larry Johnson
Celena Wilhelm
Michael Wilhelm | 29 | Tami Kotrch
Lexi Myers |
| 13 | Nicolas Chege
Vaguel Church | 30 | Jamin Thorpe |
| 14 | Erica Barnette
Madison Burnette | 31 | Carol Davis
Michael Williams |

JANUARY

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|----|---|
| 1 | Gene & Renee Hilderbrand
Larry & Jean Morrison |
| 5 | Allen & Teresa Stroud |
| 8 | Craig & Mary Morrison |
| 10 | Scott & Kayce Jenkins |
| 21 | Jonathan & Christina Reed |
| 24 | Dan & Allaine McGee |
| 25 | Britt & Heather Jenkins |

BIBLE READING PLAN 2021

Week	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	Gen1-3	Gen4-6	Gen7-9	Gen10-12	Gen13-15	Gen16-18	Gen19-21
2	Gen22-24	Gen25-27	Gen28-30	Gen31-33	Gen34-36	Gen37-39	Gen40-42
3	Gen43-45	Gen47-50	Ex 1-3	Ex 4-6	Ex 7-9	Ex 10-12	Ex 13-15
4	Ex 16-18	Ex 19-21	Ex 22-24	Ex 25-27	Ex 28-30	Ex 31-33	Ex 34-36
5	Ex 37-40	Lev 1-3	Lev 4-6	Lev 7-9	Lev 10-12	Lev 13-15	Lev 16-18
6	Lev 19-21	Lev 22-24	Lev 25-27	Num 1-3	Num 4-6	Num 7-9	Num 10-12
7	Num 13-15	Num 16-18	Num 19-21	Num 22-24	Num 25-27	Num 28-30	Num 31-33
8	Num 34-36	Deut 1-3	Deut 4-6	Deut 7-9	Deut 10-12	Deut 13-15	Deut 16-18
9	Deut 19-21	Deut 22-24	Deut 25-27	Deut 28-30	Deut 31-34	Josh 1-3	Josh 4-6
10	Josh 7-9	Josh 10-12	Josh 13-15	Josh 16-18	Josh 19-21	Josh 22-24	Judg 1-3
11	Judg 4-6	Judg 7-9	Judg 10-12	Judg 13-15	Judg 16-18	Judg 19-21	Ruth 1-4
12	1 Sam 1-3	1 Sam 4-6	1 Sam 7-9	1 Sam 10-12	1 Sam 13-15	1 Sam 16-18	1 Sam 19-21
13	1 Sam 22-24	1 Sam 25-27	1 Sam 28-31	2 Sam 1-3	2 Sam 4-6	2 Sam 7-9	2 Sam 10-12
14	2 Sam 13-15	2 Sam 16-18	2 Sam 19-21	2 Sam 22-24	1 Kings 1-3	1 Kings 4-6	1 Kings 7-9
15	1 Kings 10-12	1 Kings 13-15	1 Kings 16-18	1 Kings 19-22	2 Kings 1-3	2 Kings 4-6	2 Kings 7-9
16	2 Kings 10-12	2 Kings 13-15	2 Kings 16-18	2 Kings 19-21	2 Kings 22-25	1 Chr 1-6	1 Chr 7-9
17	1 Chr 10-12	1 Chr 13-15	1 Chr 16-18	1 Chr 19-21	1 Chr 22-25	1 Chr 26-29	2 Chr 1-3
18	2 Chr 4-6	2 Chr 7-9	2 Chr 10-12	2 Chr 13-15	2 Chr 16-18	2 Chr 19-21	2 Chr 22-24
19	2 Chr 25-27	2 Chr 28-30	2 Chr 31-33	2 Chr 34-36	Ezra 1-3	Ezra 4-6	Ezra 7-10
20	Neh 1-3	Neh 4-6	Neh 7-9	Neh 10-12	Esther 1-3	Esther 4-6	Esther 7-10
21	Job 1-3	Job 4-6	Job 7-9	Job 10-12	Job 13-15	Job 16-18	Job 19-21
22	Job 22-24	Job 25-27	Job 28-30	Job 31-33	Job 34-36	Job 37-39	Job 40-42
23	Psa 1-5	Psa 6-10	Psa 11-15	Psa 16-20	Psa 21-25	Psa 26-30	Psa 31-35
24	Psa 36-40	Psa 41-45	Psa 46-50	Psa 51-55	Psa 56-60	Psa 61-65	Psa 66-70
25	Psa 71-75	Psa 76-80	Psa 81-85	Psa 86-90	Psa 91-95	Psa 96-100	Psa 101-105
26	Psa 106-110	Psa 111-115	Psa 116-120	Psa 121-125	Psa 126-130	Psa 131-135	Psa 136-140
27	Psa 141-145	Psa 146-150	Prov 1-3	Prov 4-6	Prov 7-9	Prov 10-12	Prov 13-15
28	Prov 16-18	Prov 19-21	Prov 22-24	Prov 25-27	Prov 28-31	Ecccl 1-3	Ecccl 4-6
29	Ecccl 7-9	Ecccl 10-12	Song 1-4	Song 5-8	Isa 1-3	Isa 4-6	Isa 7-9
30	Isa 10-12	Isa 13-15	Isa 16-18	Isa 19-21	Isa 22-24	Isa 25-27	Isa 28-30
31	Isa 31-33	Isa 34-36	Isa 37-39	Isa 40-42	Isa 43-45	Isa 46-48	Isa 49-51
32	Isa 52-54	Isa 55-57	Isa 58-60	Isa 61-63	Isa 64-66	Jer 1-3	Jer 4-6
33	Jer 7-9	Jer 10-12	Jer 13-15	Jer 16-18	Jer 19-21	Jer 22-24	Jer 25-27
34	Jer 28-30	Jer 31-33	Jer 34-36	Jer 37-39	Jer 40-42	Jer 43-45	Jer 46-48
35	Jer 49-52	Lam 1-3	Lam 4-5	Ezek 1-3	Ezek 4-6	Ezek 7-9	Ezek 10-12
36	Ezek 13-15	Ezek 16-18	Ezek 19-21	Ezek 22-24	Ezek 25-27	Ezek 28-30	Ezek 31-33
37	Ezek 34-36	Ezek 37-40	Ezek 41-44	Ezek 45-48	Dan 1-3	Dan 4-6	Dan 7-9
38	Dan 10-12	Hos 1-3	Hos 4-6	Hos 7-10	Hos 11-14	Joel 1-3	Amos 1-3
39	Amos 4-6	Amos 7-9	Obad	Jonah 1-4	Micah 1-3	Micah 4-7	Nahum 1-3
40	Hab 1-3	Zeph 1-3	Hag 1-2	Zech 1-3	Zech 4-6	Zech 7-10	Zech 11-14
41	Mal 1-2	Mal 3-4	Matt 1-3	Matt 4-6	Matt 7-9	Matt 10-12	Matt 13-15
42	Matt 16-18	Matt 19-21	Matt 22-24	Matt 25-28	Mark 1-3	Mark 4-6	Mark 7-9
43	Mark 10-12	Mark 13-16	Luke 1-3	Luke 4-6	Luke 7-9	Luke 10-12	Luke 13-15
44	Luke 16-18	Luke 19-21	Luke 22-24	John 1-3	John 4-6	John 7-9	John 10-12
45	John 13-15	John 16-18	John 19-21	Acts 1-3	Acts 4-6	Acts 7-9	Acts 10-12
46	Acts 13-15	Acts 16-18	Acts 19-21	Acts 22-24	Acts 25-28	Rom 1-3	Rom 4-6
47	Rom 7-9	Rom 10-12	Rom 13-16	1 Cor 1-3	1 Cor 4-6	1 Cor 7-9	1 Cor 10-12
48	1 Cor 13-16	2 Cor 1-3	2 Cor 4-6	2 Cor 7-9	2 Cor 10-13	Gal 1-3	Gal 4-6
49	Eph 1-3	Eph 4-6	Phil 1-4	Col 1-4	1 Thess 1-5	2 Thess 1-3	1 Tim 1-3
50	1 Tim 4-6	2 Tim 1-4	Titus 1-3	Phile	Heb 1-3	Heb 4-6	Heb 7-9
51	Heb 10-13	James 1-3	James 4-5	1 Pet 1-5	2 Pet 1-3	1 John	2&3 John, Jude
52	Rev 1-3	Rev 4-6	Rev 7-9	Rev 10-12	Rev 13-15	Rev 16-18	Rev 19-22

I encourage you to read through the Bible this year with our **Annual Bible Reading** guide for 52 weeks. These guides are available at the welcome desk and church office. Our faith grows as we grow in our knowledge of God through His Word. This guide will do just that!

WORSHIP MINISTRY

RIVER WORSHIP CHOIR

3rd AM Make Your Praise Glorious PM No Service
 10th AM Let the Rocks Keep Silent PM Oh Taste & See
 17th AM Hear the Call of the Kingdom PM Crown Him Majesty
 24th AM We Are Still the Church PM Find Us Fatihful
 31st AM Christ Our Hope in Life & Death PM Honored, Exalted & Glorified

SPECIAL MUSIC Chipley Ford

3rd AM Abigail Pauley PM No Service
 10th AM Praise Team PM Jimmy Williams
 17th AM Christie Hance PM Quartet
 24th AM Don Johnson PM Pastor Pauley/Wynston Lyles
 31st AM Tammy Pearman PM Darlene Estes

WEDS

6th Wilma Huffman 13th No Solo 20th Carolyn Sprinkle 27th No Solo

SPECIAL MUSIC Bristol Drive

3rd AM Rachel Davidson 10th AM Harold Smith 17th AM Wynston Lyles
 24th AM Quartet 31st Carolina Brewster

WEDS

6th No Solo 13th Wilma Huffman 20th No Solo 27th Harold Smith

YOUNG AT HEART

**Young At Heart
 Soup & Sandwich Lunch
 Saturday, January 16 11:30 am**

**Come enjoy some fellowship/prayer
 after Christmas with simple food**

**We will also have a short,
 uplifting movie we'll watch together.**

**Sign up in Ministry Hall or
 Sunday School**

BRISTOL DRIVE



As we reflect on the past year, the Lord has truly been good to us. At Bristol Drive we've seen people join, new visitors come, and this month will have our first baptism. We have also started a couple new ministries at the church. On Saturday mornings we have a men's bible study led by Eric Davidson at 8:00 with biscuits and coffee. Following that, we are passing out boxes of food to those in the community who come by. We ask that you continue to pray for us as we seek to expand the Kingdom of God and proclaim the good news of the gospel.

Pastor Wesley Rexrode,
Bristol Drive Campus

NEW MINISTRY

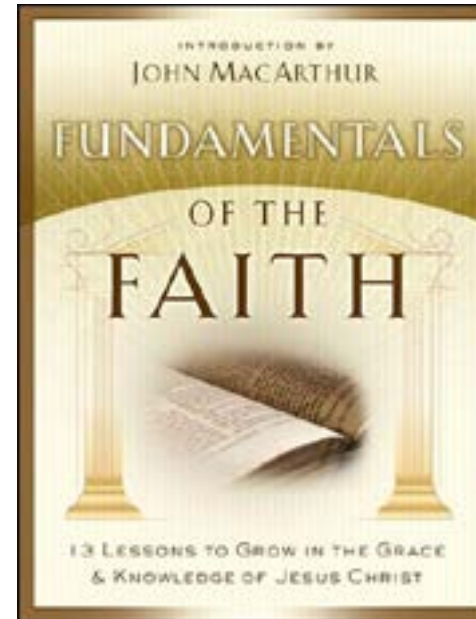


We have 59 children enrolled!

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.**

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY



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

**Wednesdays 7:00 pm
FLC #2
Resumes January 6th**

**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
Resumes Jan. 29th - Mar. 12th**

Led by Bonnie Hamilton

Contact Bonnie Hamilton if you would like to start attending

YOUNG ADULT & KIDZ MINISTRY

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Bible Study
Thursdays - 7:30 pm
Family Life Center Gym
Starting back soon

Led by Elijah Pope

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

January Study
Answers In Genesis
Sundays - 9:30 am



DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY



Message Series

with Pastor Chris

Wednesdays
@ 7:00 pm

Seamless
Understanding the Bible
as One Complete Story

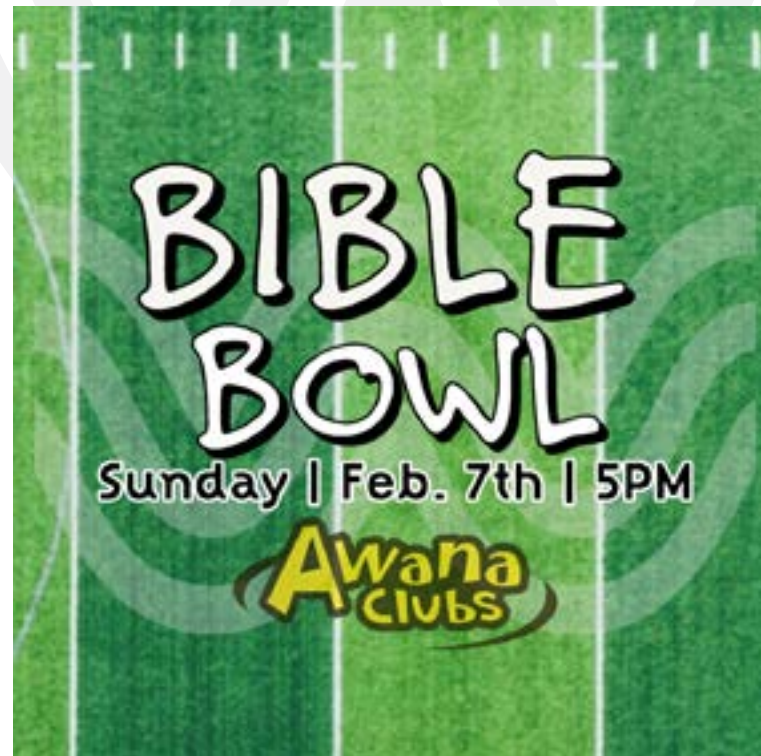


by angie smith

Seven Week Women's Bible Study
Mondays @ 7:00 pm
February 3rd thru March 24th, 2021

Led by Janet Johnson

Cost of study books - \$13.99
For more information, contact Janet Johnson
@ 704-929-1067



2021

january

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Church Office Closed	
					1	2
Bible Read Wk 2 No PM Service 3	10:00 am Pack Food Bags No Headwaters 4		7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Student Worship Bible Study (FLC #2) Fundamentals 5			
					8	9
Bible Read Wk 3 9:30 am River Walk Class 5:00 pm AWANA Starts Back 10	10:00 am Pack Food Bags 11		7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Student Worship Bible Study (FLC #2) 13			
					15	16
Bible Read Wk 4 9:30 am River Walk Class 5:00 pm AWANA (Food Night) 17	Student Tubing Event - All Day No Headwaters 10:00 am Pack Food Bags 18		6:00 pm Ripple Kidz Council 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Student Worship Bible Study (FLC #2) 8:00 pm Stewardship 20			
					22	23
Bible Read Wk 5 9:30 am River Walk Class 24	10:00 am Pack Food Bags 25		6:00 pm Student Ministry Council 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Student Worship Bible Study (FLC #2) 27		9:00 am Ladies Bible Study (FLC #2) Hebrews 29	9:00 am Women's Ministry Breakfast (FLC) 30
Bible Read Wk 6 9:30 am River Walk Class GriefShare - Loss of Spouse 3:00 pm 6:00 pm Church Business Mtg 31	10:00 am Pack Food Bags					