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OUR CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Chris Thompson, Senior Pastor	704-876-1520
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Rev. Stephen Hart, Pastor for Children's Discipleship	336-341-2913
Linda Cornett, Ministry Assistant	704-876-1520
Connie Dellinger, Financial Secretary	704-876-1520

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

February 2021

BIBLE BOWL

Sunday | Feb. 28th | 5PM

"He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."
John 7:38

Chili-Cook-Off and Bake-Off are to follow!

Awana CLUBS

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear South River Church family,

*Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, whose heart is set on pilgrimage.
As they pass through the Valley of Baca, they make it a spring;
The rain also covers it with pools.
They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.*

The Psalmist instructs believers in Psalm 84 that we are on pilgrimage to the throne room of God. Think about that for a moment; you were made for another world! That truth should radically transform our daily pursuits, priorities and passions. You and I live in anticipation of an ultimate encounter with the living God.

For the journey, our Heavenly Father supplies the resources we need to reach His throne room. God gives us strength each day to make it. Many in our South River family have experienced sickness and distress over the past months. Our God has faithfully provided the strength we need to reach His abode. I am reminded of Paul's statement in Philippians that he could do all things through Christ who strengthens him. I want to encourage you to rise up daily and fix your eyes on Jesus who will strengthen you for that day!

What do we do when we experience the trials in the valley of weeping (Baca)? You may feel weak and abandoned, but God remains Immanuel, the God who is with us. His presence is assured. Choose to dig a well of water in order to refresh other pilgrims coming behind you through that same valley. Your tears can provide strength for others who are about to experience the same difficulty you have faced. Ask God to use your experiences of His presence and grace to encourage your church family and others going through that trial.

God is faithful and will sustain us all through difficult days. Rest in these promises found in Psalm 84 as you continue on the journey to the city whose builder is God.

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
Taylor Hedrick
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
Ann Carter
Alissa Coulombe
Peggy Koch

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
Summer Poole
6:00 PM Worship
Sherrie Haithcox
Kim Mersfelder
Donna Williams

1ST WEDNESDAY

April Thompson
Elizabeth Griffin
Karen Warricks

2ND WEDNESDAY

Heather Baldwin
Brenda Runkle
Marie Chrastina

3RD WEDNESDAY

Lesley Colvert
Tara Beatty
Pat Johnson

4TH WEDNESDAY

Donna Gallina
Don & Janet Johnson

SECURITY/GREETERS

FEBRUARY 7TH

Security Team #2
Greeters - 8:00
Carol Sipes - FD
Martha McCoy - SP
10:30 - Karli Townsell - FD
Karlyn Betts - SP

FEBRUARY 14TH

Security Team #3
Greeters - 8:00
Bridget Merritt - FD
Christie Kestler - SP
10:30 - Mary Kirkpatrick - FD
Kaitlyn Lyon - SP

FEBRUARY 21ST

Security Team #4
Greeters - 8:00
Brenda Runkle - FD
Erica Miller - SP
10:30 - Karlyn Betts - FD
Bobbie Jo Hayes - SP

FEBRUARY 28TH

Security Team #1
Greeters - 8:00
Dawn Waugh - FD
Bridget Merritt - SP
10:30 - Deborah Templeton - FD
Andrea Thomas - SP

CARE MINISTRY

GRIEF SHARE

New weekly classes will run from February 7th through May 16th on Sundays from 3:00 - 5:00 pm in Room 109. For more information, contact Steve Jenkins @ (980) 263-4134.



WELCOME

BY LETTER

Maddie Arrowood	31 Antler Drive #200-02	Cullowhee, NC 28723	828-526-6095
Stephen & Sharon Hobbs	335 Seven Springs Loop	Statesville, NC 28625	704-253-3778
Cambrie Hobbs			

BY STATEMENT

Matthew & Gloria Paul	160 Pleasant Drive	Statesville, NC 28677	704-450-2930
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2020/2021 MINISTRY BUDGET

YTD BUDGET GOALS	\$369,458.54
YTD BUDGET RECEIPTS	\$398,369.49
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE	\$398,369.49

RIPPLE KIDZ MINISTRY

Bible Bowl

What is it? The Bible Bowl is a team competition where a team of clubbers will compete against another team in their group. The competition is like Jeopardy and will have questions based on their books in AWANA. There will be 6 categories that students will choose from, each category can earn a team from 100-500 points.

The categories are as follows:

- Fill-the-blank Bible Verse
- Specific Bible Book Questions
- From the AWANA Handbook
- What's the address
- Who's who in the Bible
- Random questions

Who is in it? The Bible Bowl is for Kindergarten to 12th Grade. Each group will be divided according to their groups. Within each group, clubbers will compete against peers of their own club. Parents are welcome to observe while their child is competing.

When is it? The event is scheduled to take place on February 28th at 4:30PM.* This will allow time for groups to be determined and a schedule to be drafted. Following the Bible Bowl there will be a final round featuring the winners from each group and we will be announcing the winners of the chili and dessert contest for adults.

Where is it? There will be three locations that the Bible Bowl will be taking place in. Sparks will be upstairs in the FLC. T&T Boys/Girls will be in the FLC Gym. Trek/Journey will be in the DW Student Room upstairs.

Why is it? The Bible Bowl is to be designed to excite kids in what they have already learned in AWANA. We want kids to be encouraged in their knowledge of the Word along with igniting a desire to know more.

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





Are You?

Dust off our Bibles and read His word so that we will be well equipped to be the persuader He has called us to be!

Worship, Word, Witness

Pastor Scott Townsell,
Student & Parent Discipleship

FEBRUARY

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|----|--|----|--|
| 1 | Bobbie Hayes
Libby Hill
Dawn Waugh | 18 | Sandra Boan
Tannice Gladden
Johnny Isenhour
Levi Williams |
| 2 | Keeleigh Hill | 19 | Ashlee Haitxcox
Lynn Moose |
| 3 | William Combs
Matt Estes | 20 | Rachel Davidson
Colton Wall |
| 4 | David Fulbright
Micaiah Heffner
Harley Poole | 21 | Kevin Kestler
Dale Killian |
| 6 | Gwendolyn Estes
Wynston Lyles
Jay Murdock
Ed Runkle | 22 | Samuel Hance
Dorothy Evans |
| 8 | Gladys Carter
Timothy Clendenin
Karli Townsell | 23 | Bella Bruce
Creighton Gibson
Doug Holland
Bonnie Williams |
| 9 | Lorrie Murdock
Matthew Ward | 24 | Alivia Christopher
Sonny Hedrick
Elijah Jenkins
Eliza Jenkins
Danielle Sprinkle
Tiffany Stewart |
| 10 | Luke Baldwin
Catherine Gealy
Brenda Greene
Liam Kennedy
Jerry Koch | 25 | Crystal Smith |
| 11 | Samuel Beatty
Rebecca Heffner | 26 | Gage Evans |
| 12 | Melissa Lyles
Grayson Shoemaker | 27 | Sheila Hemric
Patrick Patterson |
| 13 | Alice Redmond
Louise Shoemaker
Cloey Stewart | 28 | Elliott Lefever
Howard Stewart
Joann Wallace
Ridge Zittle |
| 14 | Cindy Melendez | 29 | Bentley Poole
Rebecca Thorpe |
| 15 | Kayla Wright | | |

FEBRUARY

- 5 Andy & Jenny Mullis
- 10 Michael & Karen Lyon
- 12 Mark & Tina Helms

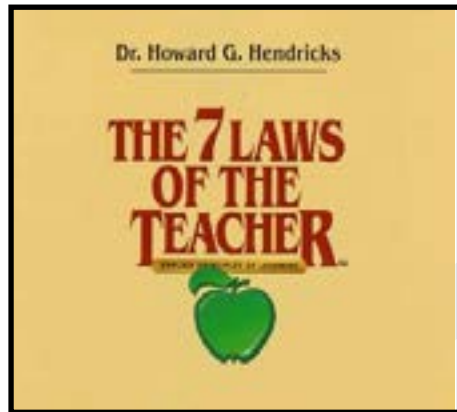
NEW Wednesday Evening Fellowship Meal

5:30 - 6:45 pm in the Family Life Center

Minimal cost per family or individual

**Come join in church-wide fellowship before
going to our different ministry areas**

NEW OPPORTUNITIES



**Taught by
Dr. Chris Thompson**

**Sundays 5 - 6 pm
March 7th - April 25th
FLC #2**

Friends and Family Class

**Sundays 9:30 am
Room 108**

**New Sunday School class
taught by
Ken Johnson**

For more information,
contact Ken @ 704-682-0953

WORSHIP MINISTRY

RIVER WORSHIP CHOIR

7th AM My Feet Are On the Rock
14th AM I'd Rather Have Jesus
21st AM Joyful Joyful/Jesus Saves
28th AM The River

PM Chain Breaker
PM Our God Saves
PM I Stand Amazed
PM Is He Worthy?

SPECIAL MUSIC

Chipley Ford 7th AM Jared & Christie Hance
14th AM Praise Team
21st AM No solo
28th AM Pastor Pauley

PM Jimmy Williams
PM Quartet
PM Carol Davis
PM Darlene Estes

WEDS

3rd Wilma Huffman 10th No Solo 17th Carolyn Sprinkle 24th No Solo

SPECIAL MUSIC

Bristol Drive 7th AM Harold Smith 14th AM Darlene Estes 21st AM Wynston Lyles
28th AM Carolina Brewster

WEDS

3rd No Solo 10th Wilma Huffman 17th No Solo 24th Harold Smith

YOUNG AT HEART

Young At Heart Lunch, Prayer & Service

Saturday, March 20, 11:30 am

**Join us for lunch as we pray over and
prepare Easter Eggs for
The Quest outreach in March**

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



Mark Your Calendars

**Church Spring Cleaning - Saturday, March 6th All Day
The Quest - Saturday, March 27th 11:00 am - 1:00 pm**

BRISTOL DRIVE



As we begin the year at Bristol Drive, we are tracing the life of Christ from His birth to His death and resurrection. As we examine His life, we pray that He will allow us to see how in both His humanity and divinity, He was accomplishing our salvation and securing our place in eternity. On Wednesday nights at 6:00 through the month of February, we are beginning a study by John Maxwell, looking at how, beginning with ourselves, we can change our world. This is free and open to anyone in the church or community. Also, every other Saturday we are handing out boxes of food to anyone in need. Please continue to pray for us as we continue to work toward establishing a presence on Bristol Drive.

Pastor Wesley Rexrode,
Bristol Drive Campus

NEW MINISTRY



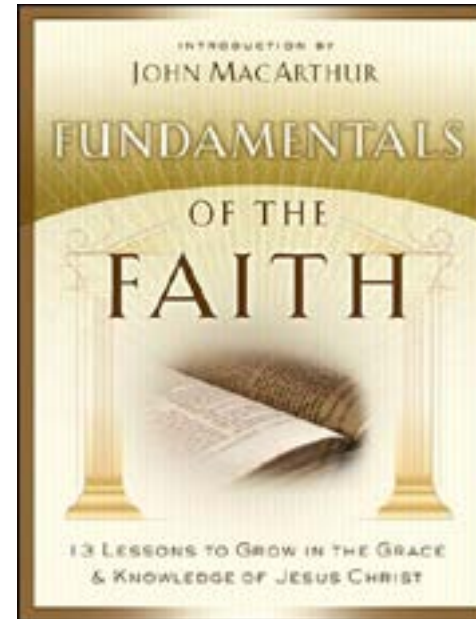
We have 59 children enrolled!

Enrollment will be opening soon for 2021-2022!!!

We are in need help in several areas... if you have a couple hours to spare during the week we can find a place for you to serve.

Contact Kim @ 704-881-459 or kim@southernriverbaptist.com

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY



**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

Jan. 29th - April 2nd

Led by Bonnie Hamilton

Childcare is provided. Sign up in the Ministry Hall.

YOUNG ADULT & KIDZ MINISTRY

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Revelation Bible Study
Thursdays - 7:00 pm
Family Life Center Gym
Start date in Feb

Led by **Elijah Pope**
For more info, text or call **Elijah @**
704-437-4268

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

February Study
Answers In Genesis
Sundays - 9:30 am



Young Adult Ministry

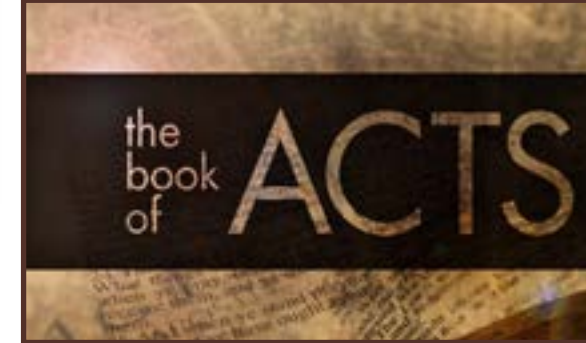
Skeet Shooting

Saturday, February 20th
10:00 am
Meet at the church

For more info, contact
Tom Carter @ 704-437-1485



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
Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm (FLC #4)
February 10th thru March 24th, 2021

Led by **Janet Johnson**

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

2021

february

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

	10:00 am Pack Food Bags 1	2	5:30 pm Wednesday Night Meal 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Student Worship Bible Study (FLC #2) 3	4	9:00 am Ladies Bible Study (FLC #2) 5	5:00 pm Worship Ministry Appreciation Banquet (FLC) 6
Bible Read Wk 7 9:30 am River Walk Class 3:00 pm GriefShare (Rm 109) 7	10:00 am Pack Food Bags 8	9	5:30 pm Wednesday Night Meal 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Student Worship Ladies Bible Study starts (FLC #4) Bible Study (FLC #2) 10	11	9:00 am Ladies Bible Study (FLC #2) 12	13
Bible Read Wk 8 3:00 pm GriefShare (Rm 109) 6:00 pm Church Business Mtg 14	10:00 am Pack Food Bags 15	16	5:30 pm Wednesday Night Meal 6:00 pm Ripple Kidz Council 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Student Worship Bible Studies (FLC #2 & 4) 17	18	Youth to Snowbird - 21st afternoon 9:00 am Ladies Bible Study (FLC #2) 19	10:00 am YAM Skeet Shooting 20
Bible Read Wk 9 3:00 pm GriefShare (Rm 109) 21	10:00 am Pack Food Bags 22	23	5:30 pm Wednesday Night Meal 6:00 pm Ripple Kidz Council 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Student Worship Bible Studies (FLC #2 & 4) 24	25	9:00 am Ladies Bible Study (FLC #2) 26	27
Bible Read Wk 10 3:00 pm GriefShare (Rm 109) 5:00 pm Bible Bowl w Chili & Cookoff 28						