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BAPTIST CHURCH

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# DECEMBER 2022

## OUR CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Chris Thompson, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Chris Pauley, Worship Pastor  
Rev. Scott Townsell, Pastor for Student Discipleship  
Rev. Bradley Shook, Pastor for Children's Discipleship  
Rev. Tony Craver, Church Administrator  
Linda Cornett, Ministry Assistant  
Carole Ireland, Financial Secretary

## EACH SUNDAY

704-876-1520	8:15 AM	Morning Worship
704-880-3625	9:30 AM	Sunday School
980-829-3163	10:45 AM	Morning Worship
704-876-1520	4:30 PM	Worship Choir
704-397-6965	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
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## FROM THE PASTOR

South River Church Family,

Thanksgiving is past, but a grateful spirit remains in our hearts as we approach the celebration of the birth of our Savior. This Christmas will be joyous as we resolve to share with family and friends, as well with co-workers and our community, the true meaning of Christmas. I pray that you seize every opportunity to share the boundless joy of knowing Jesus throughout this month. There are two evangelistic opportunities to invite others to this Christmas season.

First, invite friends and neighbors to join us for the Fabric of Christmas on December 9, 10, and 11. The Adult Choir and Worship team has been working hard on this presentation of Christ from the perspective of the Old Testament offices He fulfilled. This will be an entirely unique presentation from those in the past. You don't want to miss it.

Second, our annual Christmas Candlelight Service will be on Sunday Evening, December 18th. We will observe the Lord's Supper that evening as part of the service. This will be a wonderful time of reflecting on the One who was born to die for our sins. Finally, we will have one service at 10:45 am on Christmas Day. I hope to see you that morning to celebrate our Savior's birth.

My family is grateful for our church family and all your expressions of love, encouragement, and support this past year. We are privileged to be a part of this great church family and are excited to discover what God has planned for the new year of ministry on our growing church property. We wish you all a very blessed Christmas.

Pastor Chris

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## PRESCHOOL

### 1ST SUNDAY

#### 8:15 AM Worship

Melanie Townsell  
Mary Keever  
Molly Townsell  
Amelia Fox

#### 10:45 AM Worship

Tonda Lowman  
April Thompson  
Sarah Beth Thompson  
Avery Colvert

#### 6:00 PM Worship

Cricket Barnette  
Patsy Burnette

### 2ND SUNDAY

#### 8:15 AM Worship

Clara Paige Beatty  
Alex Lemings  
Heather Cannon  
Taylor Hedrick

#### 10:45 AM Worship

Rachael Cope  
Donna Lyons  
Alissa Coulombe  
Mary Morrison  
Mary Jo Frye

### 3RD SUNDAY

#### 8:15 Worship

Michelle Mullins  
Salem Grace Lyles  
Vicki Miller  
Terri Aiken

#### 10:45 Worship

Andrea Thomas  
Kim Mersfelder  
Tara Beatty  
Kaitlyn Lyon  
6:00 PM Worship  
Laura Campbell  
Donna Williams

### 4TH SUNDAY

#### 8:15 AM

#### No Service

#### 10:45 Worship

Riley Elliott  
Abigail Kilcoyne  
Sierra Massey  
Addison Carter

#### 6:00 PM Worship

No Service

### 1ST WEDNESDAY

Anita Long  
Elizabeth Griffin

### 2ND WEDNESDAY

Tara Beatty  
Lesley Colvert

### 3RD WEDNESDAY

Nicky Robertson  
Brenda Runkle

### 4TH WEDNESDAY

No Service

## SECURITY/GREETERS

### DECEMBER 4TH

Security Team #2  
Greeters - 8:00  
Carol Sipes - FD  
Martha McCoy - SP  
10:30 - Jenna Sherrill - FD  
Taylor Hedrick - SP

### DECEMBER 11TH

Security Team #3  
Greeters - 8:00  
Bridget Merritt - FD  
Brenda Runkle - SP  
10:30 - Mary Kirkpatrick - FD  
Bonnie Williams - SP

### DECEMBER 18TH

Security Team #4  
Greeters - 8:00  
Sandra Boan - FD  
Cindy Holloway - SP  
10:30 - Kimberly Shoemaker - FD  
Beth Weibley - SP

### DECEMBER 25TH

Security Team #1  
Greeters - NO 8:00 Service  
10:30 - Riley Elliott - FD  
Maggie Baumberger - SP

## GRIEF SHARE MINISTRY

### GRIEF SHARE

New classes for GriefShare will begin on Sunday, February 5th. Please encourage someone you know who has lost a loved one recently to attend.

For more information, contact Steve Jenkins @ (980) 263-4134.



## WELCOME

### BY BAPTISM

Matt & Jessica Park 245 Beech Brook Ln. Statesville, NC 28625 M-704-357-8007  
J-704-402-5983

## 2022/2023 MINISTRY BUDGET

YTD BUDGET GOALS	\$267,516.73
YTD BUDGET RECEIPTS	\$244,783.22
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE	\$244,783.22

## RIPPLE KIDZ MINISTRY



“The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.” --- John 1:9 ---

### Wait.

As a father of four children, I can't tell you how many times I've said, "Wait." Children and adults (if you're anything like me) do not enjoy waiting for or waiting on anything. But many times there is great purpose in waiting. The season of Advent is a time for Christians of all ages to focus on the birth of Jesus Christ and His first advent. The word "advent" comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means "coming." As we celebrate this Christmas, through worship, by gathering together with our families, and giving gifts, may we truly realize the reason for which He came. Jesus, the perfect Son of God, the Light of the World, came to seek and save the lost (John 19:10) and His coming is certainly something to celebrate! If you and your family do not currently use an Advent resource in anticipation and preparation for Christmas, I would like to encourage you to consider using one. There are many different options and some online resources are free. But whether you make use of an Advent calendar, an Advent Family Devotional, an Advent Guide, or just choose to simply read the Christmas story together as a family, I hope each of you will ponder the wonder of Immanuel-God with us.

Check out these free online Advent resources:

Focus On the Family: : Advent 2022-<https://tinyurl.com/2f78p53n>

For families with children-<https://tinyurl.com/5xvkkdce>

For adults-<https://tinyurl.com/y8u27k42>

Waiting with hope for His second advent,  
Pastor Bradley  
Pastor to Families and Children



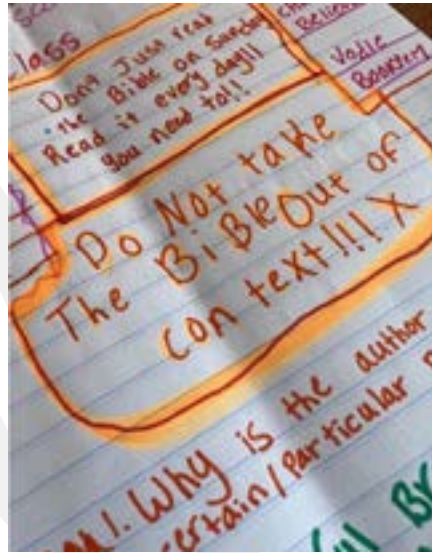
# DEEP & WIDE STUDENT MINISTRY

## Need the Word and Context!



Each Monday and Wednesday I have the opportunity to teach Bible to the Middle and High School students at Headwaters.

The topic currently being taught is Hermeneutics or basically how to properly interpret the Bible. Each



class is started with a time of reading God's Word and Journaling the things that we see during our Observation, which leads us to a proper Interpretation and then we Apply it to our lives. The students also take notes throughout the class. At the end of the 9 weeks, I collected their journals just to make sure everyone was on track. As I was turning through one of the journals the picture that is attached caught my eyes. One of the notes stated "Don't just read the Bible on Sunday, Read it every day! You need to!!" and the other "Do Not take The Bible Out of context!!!" Wow, these are two statements that are true for every believer. Joshua 1:8 says that we should meditate on the Word day and night. We NEED to be in the Word daily. 2 Timothy 2:15 says we should study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. The way we handle the Word and teach the Word matters. Let's start reading the Word daily because we NEED it and by doing so we have a better chance of keeping it in CONTEXT!

Pastor Scott Townsell,  
Student & Parent Discipleship

# BIRTHDAYS

## DECEMBER

- |    |                   |    |                     |
|----|-------------------|----|---------------------|
| 1  | John Waugh        | 16 | Hinton Coley        |
| 2  | Emilee Lippard    |    | Steven Pope         |
|    | Donna Lyons       |    | Malachi Wilson      |
|    | Skyler McClure    | 17 | Abigail Kilcoyne    |
|    | Samantha Wall     | 18 | Sandra Ketchem      |
| 4  | Mary Jo Frye      |    | Kayla Wallace       |
|    | Daphne Jensen     | 19 | Christie Hance      |
|    | Salem Grace Lyles |    | Isaiah Jenkins      |
|    | Sheri Pope        |    | Amanda Pauley       |
| 5  | Adaline Hance     |    | Olivia Cagle        |
|    | Jason Wenzel      | 20 | Amelia Fox          |
| 6  | Ann Gettys        |    | Chris Pauley        |
|    | Sherwin Johnson   |    | Aubree Poole        |
|    | Haley Williams    |    | Makenna Terwilliger |
| 7  | Chaya Nichols     | 21 | Rob Wright          |
| 8  | Gavin Barnette    | 22 | Alton Cook          |
|    | Blake Dishmond    |    | Emery Gallina       |
|    | Beth Weibley      | 23 | Angela Hobbs        |
|    | Mary Zittle       | 24 | Cody Stewart        |
| 9  | Matthew Johnson   | 25 | Kinnan Johnson      |
| 10 | Joel Kilcoyne     | 28 | Brian Cook          |
|    | Eli Pope          |    | Shannon Hedrick     |
| 11 | Justin Lindly     | 31 | Bryce Goodman       |
|    | Gail Marinelli    |    | Rhonda Kever        |
| 12 | Steve Dixon       |    |                     |
| 13 | Brenda Clement    |    |                     |
| 14 | Beverly Carter    |    |                     |
|    | Wayne Hill        |    |                     |
| 15 | Larry Campbell    |    |                     |

# ANNIVERSARIES

## DECEMBER

- |    |                          |
|----|--------------------------|
| 2  | Chris & Bonnie Hamilton  |
| 23 | Don & Janet Johnson      |
| 27 | Kevin & April Johnson    |
|    | Jerry & Anita Long       |
|    | Greg & Deborah Templeton |

## Wednesday Evening Meal Menus

5:30 - 6:45 pm Family Life Center  
No Wednesday Evening Meals in December.

We will resume on January 11th

## CHRISTMAS MINISTRY



### Christmas Baskets for South River Shut-Ins

**Friday, December 16, 2022**

10 am - Help assemble baskets  
Choir Room

12 pm - Pick up baskets to deliver  
Ministry Hall Portico

**Help minister to our own church family  
who are in need during this Christmas season**

Sign up in the Ministry Hallway, contact Pastor Pauley (704) 880-3625  
or call the Church Office @ 704-876-1520

## WORSHIP MINISTRY

### RIVER WORSHIP CHOIR

4th AM	Let Hope Arise	PM	Shepherd Savior King
11th AM	Emmanuel	PM	Fabric of Christmas
18th AM	High Above	PM	No Choir
25th AM	TBD	PM	No Service

### SPECIAL MUSIC

4th AM	Sherwin Johnson	PM	Jerry & Anita Long
11th AM	Rachel Davidson	PM	Fabric of Christmas
18th AM	Don Johnson	PM	Selected Soloists
25th AM	Special Ensemble	PM	No Service

**WEDS** 7th No solo 14th No solo 21st Dan McGee 28th No service



## Mark Your Calendars

AWANA Resumes for Spring - Sunday, January 8th 5:00 pm

## WIDOW - WIDOWERS



### Christmas Fellowship

**Widow-Widowers Drop-In Fellowship**  
**Saturday, December 17 10:00 - 11:30 am**  
Pauley Home - 121 Postell Drive - Statesville  
Come enjoy some time together and  
some Christmas goodies

## YOUNG ADULTS

JOIN US FOR A

# Christmas party

*Sunday, December 4*  
*After PM service*

*162 May Drive*

1:1

# Answers IN GENESIS®

## Bible Study

### Sundays - 9:30 am

## YEAR-END GIVING

Charitable donations, including stocks, land, vehicles or other material goods, must be received in the church office by December 30th or postmarked by December 31st, 2022. Thanks for your faithfulness in supporting the ministries of South River Baptist Church.

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



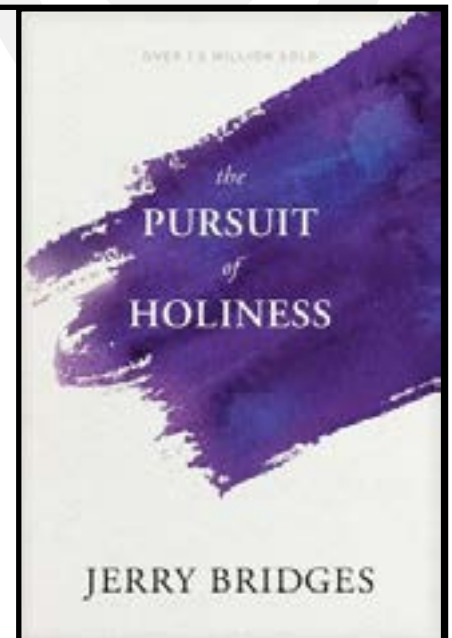
### Axiom Men's Ministry Bible Study

2nd Saturday only this month

8:00 am in FLC #4

Join us to study God's Word  
December 10th

Contact Tony Craver - 704-397-6965  
for more informations





## HEADWATERS ACADEMY

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SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

Registration is OPEN for the New Semester.  
Classes begin January 4th.  
Specifically pray for more 8th & 9th graders.

Please call if you would like additional information or a tour.

New students should use this link > <https://headwaters-academy.com>

**Volunteers Needed as Teacher Helpers or tutors (including K, 1st, 2nd)**  
**Scan to apply or Contact Kim Williams at 704-881-1459**

[kim@southriverbaptist.com](mailto:kim@southriverbaptist.com); <https://headwaters-academy.com/volunteer>



If you are available for all or part of the day from 7:45-2:15 Mon – Fri, please fill out a volunteer form and let me know of your interest. One or two days/week will go far to help our teachers.

## CHRISTMAS EVENT

JOIN US FOR OUR  
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE  
DECEMBER 18TH  
6:00PM



## DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY



**Message Series**

with

**Pastor Chris**

**Wednesdays  
@ 7:00 pm**



# 2022

# december

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						3:30 pm D&W Progressive Dinner
Bible Read Wk 49 7:30 pm YAM Christmas Party (Carter home)	Fabric of Christmas rehearsals - 8th		No Wednesday Night Meal 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Students		7:00 pm Fabric of Christmas	8:00 am Men's Bible Study (FLC #4) 7:00 pm Fabric of Christmas
Bible Read Wk 50 7:00 pm Fabric of Christmas			No Wednesday Night Meal 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Students 8:00 pm Stewardship		12:00 pm Christmas Shut-In Basket Delivery	10:00 am Widow-Widowers Christmas Fellowship (Pauley Home)
Bible Read Wk 51 6:00 pm Candlelight & Lord's Supper	HCA Christmas Break - Jan 4th	3:00 pm Senior Adult Food Boxes	No Wednesday Night Meal 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Students		Church Office Closed - 25th	
Bible Read Wk 52 10:45 Worship Service ONLY No Sunday School No PM Service	Church Office Closed		No Wednesday Night Activities			