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BAPTIST CHURCH

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# JANUARY 2023

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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,

Welcome to 2023 and an exciting year full of opportunities to grow in our knowledge of God and His purposes for our church. New beginnings are always an exciting time to discover what God is doing in our lives and in the world around us. I want to encourage everyone to pause and to consider how you plan to be effective in 2023 for God's kingdom! That will involve an honest examination of our priorities, our commitments, our finances, and our time. Ask yourself where does God and the gospel fit in your life in those areas. Begin praying now about how He will use you in ministry at South River and to our surrounding community.

I also want to encourage you to join us in our study of God and His Attributes every Sunday morning. Hopefully, you received your Christmas present from the pastoral staff—a box of Scripture memory cards for each Sunday in 2023. We will be learning about our amazing God and memorizing a verse each week related to the Sunday morning sermon. Keep the box in a convenient location where your family gathers to have fruitful discussions about what we learn about God and our pursuit of Him.

Our faith grows as we grow in our knowledge of God through His Word. I challenge our men to set the pace and lead their homes in this enriching experience of knowing God who is like none other. May God mature our faith, deepen our commitment and love for God, increase our hunger for God's Word and enable us to spread the gospel abroad in 2023!

Blessings,  
Pastor Chris

## PRESCHOOL

**1ST SUNDAY**  
**8:15 AM**  
**No Service**  
**10:45 AM Worship**  
**NO PM Worship**

**2ND SUNDAY**  
**8:15 AM Worship**  
Clara Paige Beatty  
Heather Cannon  
Taylor Hedrick  
**10:45 AM Worship**  
Rachael Cope  
Donna Lyons  
Alissa Coulombe  
Mary Morrison  
**6:00 PM Worship**  
Mary Jo Frye  
Ann Carter

**3RD SUNDAY**  
**8:15 Worship**  
Michelle Mullins  
Salem Grace Lyles  
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 Worship**  
Melanie Townsell  
Molly Townsell  
Terry Reid  
Taylor Hedrick  
**10:45 Worship**  
Riley Elliott  
Abigail Kilcoyne  
Addison Carter  
**6:00 PM Worship**  
Mary Cook  
Bonnie Hamilton

**5TH SUNDAY**  
**8:15 Worship**  
Terry Aiken  
Vicki Miller  
Mary Keever  
Heather Cannon  
**10:45 Worship**  
Tara Beatty  
Kaitlyn Lyon  
Donna Williams  
Liz Deal  
**6:00 PM Worship**  
Robin Stewart  
Mary Clendenin

**1ST WEDNESDAY**  
Anita Long  
Elizabeth Griffin

**2ND WEDNESDAY**  
Tara Beatty  
Lesley Colvert

**3RD WEDNESDAY**  
Nicky Robertson  
Brenda Runkle

**4TH WEDNESDAY**  
Amanda Meadows  
Summer Poole

## SECURITY/GREETERS

**JANUARY 1ST**  
Security Team #2  
Greeters - 8:00  
Martha McCoy - FD  
Carol Sipes - SP  
10:30 - Beth Weibley - FD  
Jenna Sherrill - SP

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

**JANUARY 15TH**  
Security Team #4  
Greeters - 8:00  
Cindy Holloway - FD  
Sandra Boan - SP  
10:30 - Kimberly Shoemaker - FD  
Jenna Sherrill - SP

**JANUARY 22ND**  
Security Team #1  
Greeters - 8:00  
Riley Elliott - FD  
Carol Sipes - SP  
10:30 - Maggie Baumberger - FD  
Beth Weibley - SP

**JANUARY 29TH**  
Security Team #2  
Greeters - 8:00  
Bridget Merritt - FD  
Riley Elliott - SP  
10:30 - Mary Kirkpatrick - FD  
Kimberly Shoemaker - 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 STATEMENT

Daniel & Kelly Olds 293 Shinnville Rd. Mooresville, NC 28115 704-799-9274  
Abigail, Charity & Daniel Olds

## 2022/2023 MINISTRY BUDGET

YTD BUDGET GOALS	\$349,829.57
YTD BUDGET RECEIPTS	\$326,451.22
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE	\$326,451.22

## RIPPLE KIDZ MINISTRY



**“The heart of a man plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps.”**

— Proverbs 16:9 —

What are your plans for 2023? Have you made any resolutions or set any goals for you and your family to grow in your faith? Many times resolutions made in January are quickly abandoned—usually by the beginning of February. But this doesn't have to be the case for you or for me in 2023. Why not resolve to practice spiritual disciplines for the sake of drawing closer to the LORD? By practicing these disciplines together, you'll grow closer as a family and, as parents and grandparents, you'll provide your children and grandchildren with a godly example to follow. As the apostle Paul wrote, “Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ” (1 Corinthians 11:1). First, resolve to faithfully read the Bible together as a family but also individually as well. Second, pray fervently. Do you believe prayer changes hearts, minds and life circumstances? Prove it—pray. Third, resolve to memorize Scripture. Commit to using our church's very own “Our God Is...A Study of God's Attributes” Scripture memory cards to memorize Scripture together as a family. I would also recommend memorizing short passages of Scripture. Psalm 1 is an excellent place to start. Four, faithfully attend church for worship, Bible study, discipleship and fellowship. If you or other members of your family are not already involved in a Sunday school class, Wednesday and Sunday night Bible studies, or AWANA (which resumes on January 8 by the way), consider taking advantage of these wonderful discipleship opportunities. Five, serve. As our church family grows, so do the needs for ministry. Who knows, God may be leading you to serve in Children's Ministry! Let's resolve to get back to the basics of our Christian faith and strive to be more like Christ in 2023 through the practice of these spiritual disciplines. Will it take hard work, commitment and determination? Yes, of course. Will it be worth it? Absolutely.

Pastor Bradley  
Pastor to Families and Children

# Journey through Corinthians

**GOD IS THE REASON YOU HAVE  
A RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST  
JESUS, WHO BECAME FOR US  
WISDOM FROM GOD, AND  
RIGHTEOUSNESS AND  
SANCTIFICATION AND REDEMPTION,  
SO THAT, AS IT IS WRITTEN,  
“LET THE ONE WHO BOASTS,  
BOAST IN THE LORD.”**

**1 CORINTHIANS 1:30-31**

**Coming January 4th on Wednesday Night  
Deep and Wide Student Ministries**

## BIRTHDAYS

### JANUARY

- |                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Heather Booie     | 14 Erica Barnette    |
| 2 Bud Redmond       | 15 Gene McCoy        |
| 3 Lorene Wallace    | 16 Harold Christy    |
| 4 Phillip Clendenin | 18 Margaret Galliher |
| 5 Mary Cook         | 20 Jacob Deal        |
| 6 Casey Hilderbrand | 22 Addison Carter    |
| 7 Gabe Sherrill     | 23 Connie Cook       |
| 8 Crystal Johns     | 24 Elizabeth Deal    |
| 9 Ty Templeton      | 25 Melani Harrell    |
| 10 Rylee Wireman    | 26 Holly Deal        |
| 11 Tyler Bowie      | 27 Bryan Shoemaker   |
| 12 Elizabeth Deal   | 28 Susan Boyd        |
| 13 Isaiah Thompson  | Abigail Olds         |
| 14 Reagan Melton    | Carol Stewart        |
| 15 Melanie Townsell |                      |
| 16 Barbara Franklin |                      |
| 17 Sherrie Haithcox |                      |
| 18 Cheri Horner     |                      |
| 19 Dregan Shook     |                      |
| 20 Billie Hart      |                      |
| 21 Jessica Harris   |                      |
| 22 Larry Johnson    |                      |
| 23 Celena Wilhelm   |                      |
| 24 Michael Wilhelm  |                      |
| 25 Wyatt York       |                      |
| 26 Nicolas Chege    |                      |
| 27 Vaguel Church    |                      |

## ANNIVERSARIES

### JANUARY

- |                          |
|--------------------------|
| 1 Larry & Jean Morrison  |
| 5 Allen & Teresa Stroud  |
| 8 Craig & Mary Morrison  |
| 10 Scott & Kayce Jenkins |
| 19 Matt & Jessica Park   |
| 24 Dan & Allaine McGee   |

### Wednesday Evening Meal Menus

5:30 - 6:45 pm Family Life Center

- |      |                                    |
|------|------------------------------------|
| 11th | Potato soup & grilled cheese - \$2 |
| 18th | Dinner @ River Hut                 |
| 25th | Walking Taco - \$3                 |

## FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Led by Pastor Chris Thompson



Sundays Mornings 9:30

January 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

Room 109 behind the Church Offices

## WORSHIP MINISTRY

### RIVER WORSHIP CHOIR

1st AM	No Choir	PM	No PM Service
8th AM	Through the Fire	PM	The God I Serve
15th AM	He Is Our God	PM	Say Amen
22nd AM	If You Never	PM	Savior Like a Shepherd
29th AM	Psalm 24	PM	Come Christians Join

### SPECIAL MUSIC

1st AM	Wynston Lyles	PM	No PM Service
8th AM	Darlene Estes	PM	Jimmy Williams
15th AM	Praise Team	PM	SRB Quartet
22nd AM	Sidney Leonard	PM	Bowmans
29th AM	Erin Bowman	PM	Mary Cook

**WEDS** 4th No Solo 11th Melani Harrell 18th No solo 25th Dan McGee



# Mark Your Calendars

AWANA Derby/Bake-off/Chili Cook-off - Sunday, February 26th 5:00 pm

## YOUNG AT HEART

# JULIET CLUB

Monday, January 11 11:30 am



1043 Glenway Drive

## YOUNG ADULTS

WAFFLE  
HOUSE®

Friday, January 6th  
8:00 pm to ????

Waffle-Hopping

1:1  
Answers  
IN GENESIS®

Bible Study  
Sundays - 9:30 am

## NEW MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Saturday, January 14th & 28th  
8 am (FLC #4)



Instead of teaching men how to hone their aggressive traits, modern society tells us to “smash the patriarchy.” Modern churches offer the meek servant-leader as the only model for manliness. In most contexts today, men who display signs of independence are simply shown the door.

This leaves most young men lost. They don't know what to do or how to improve, so they watch Jordan Peterson clips on YouTube in an attempt grow in their masculinity and sense of mission.

In this book, Michael Foster and Bnonn Tennant

remind men that their natural aggressive instincts are gifts from God that are meant to be used for the kingdom. Men are supposed to found households, join brotherhoods, and work towards a mission.

God made men to be strong and to be risk-takers. This is a feature, not a bug. It's Good to Be A Man is a handbook for men showing where you are and how to find out where you should be going. Foster and Tennant will show you why it is good to be a man.

## LADIES MINISTRY

Ladies Prayer  
Saturday morning  
9:00 - 10:00 Sanctuary

January 28th

Join us as we intercede for our families  
and the ministries of South River



## 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.

We have added four new students starting in January!

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

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

**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; <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.

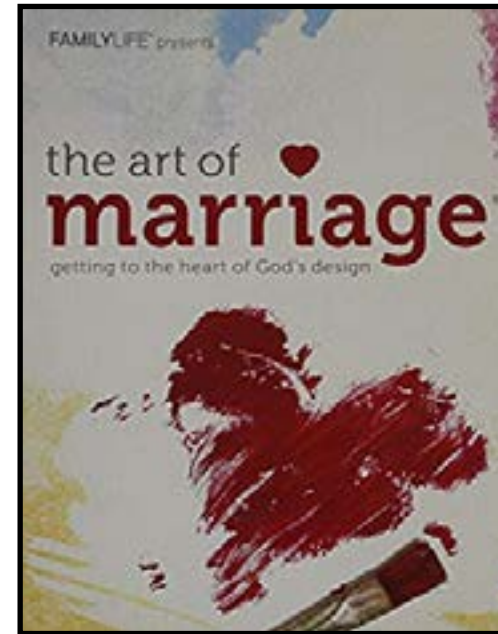
**Support HCA by coming to our January Spirit Days**

**Tuesday, January 17th Ol' Bob's 4 - 8 pm**

**Tuesday, January 31st Sharpes (TBD)**



## NEW MARRIAGE DISCIPLESHIP CLASS



**Wednesdays from 7 - 8 pm**

**January 11th - March 29th**

**Room FLC 4**

Compelling experts, real-life stories, and thoughtful vignettes help you create a strong, vibrant marriage according to God's brilliant design. Through this study, we'll paint a vivid picture of how the Gospel is central in marriage to foster healthy communication, conflict, sex, purpose, and more.

What are the topics of The Art of Marriage?

1. God's Purpose and Plan
2. The Gospel and Your Marriage
3. Your Marriage Has a Mission
4. Overcoming Isolation
5. Fulfilling Our Responsibilities
6. The Power of Humility in Your Marriage
7. Experiencing Real Intimacy
8. Resolving Conflict in Your Marriage
9. Building Up Your Spouse
10. Improving Communication in Your Marriage
11. Building Your Marriage to Last
12. Leaving a Lasting Legacy

## DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY



**Message Series**

**with**

**Pastor Chris**

**Wednesdays**

**@ 7:00 pm**



# 2023

# january

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<p>10:45 am Worship ONLY No PM Worship</p> <p>1</p>	<p>Church Office Closed HCA Closed thru 3rd</p> <p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>No Wednesday Night Meal 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz &amp; Students</p> <p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>8:00 pm YAM Waffle-Hopping</p> <p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>9:30 am River Walk Class (Rm 109) 5:00 pm AWANA Resumes</p> <p>8</p>	<p>11:30 am JULIET Cracker Barrel</p> <p>9</p>	<p>3:00 pm Good News (HCA)</p> <p>10</p>	<p>5:30 pm Wednesday Night Meal 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz &amp; Students Marriage Class (FLC #4)</p> <p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>8:00 am Men's Bible Study (FLC #4)</p> <p>14</p>
<p>9:30 am River Walk Class (Rm 109)</p> <p>15</p>	<p>HCA Closed D&amp;W Students - Tubing</p> <p>16</p>	<p>3:00 pm Senior Adult Food Boxes 3:00 pm Good News (HCA)</p> <p>17</p>	<p>5:30 pm Wednesday Meal @ River Hut 6:00 pm Ripple Kidz Council (Rm 110) 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz &amp; Students Marriage Class (FLC #4) 8:00 pm Stewardship</p> <p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>9:30 am River Walk Class (Rm 109)</p> <p>22</p>	<p>3:00 pm Good News (Central)</p> <p>23</p>	<p>3:00 pm Good News (HCA)</p> <p>24</p>	<p>5:30 pm Wednesday Night Meal 6:00 pm Student Ministry Council 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz &amp; Students Marriage Class (FLC #4)</p> <p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>8:00 am Men's Bible Study (FLC #4) 9:00 am Ladies Prayer (Sanctuary)</p> <p>28</p>
<p>9:30 am River Walk Class (Rm 109) 6:00 pm Church Celebration</p> <p>29</p>	<p>3:00 pm Good News (Central)</p> <p>30</p>	<p>3:00 pm Good News (HCA)</p> <p>31</p>				