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BAPTIST CHURCH

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# FEBRUARY 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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**CURRENTS**

February 2023

**FEBRUARY 26TH**

Derby Registration from 4:00pm-4:45pm in FLC  
Race Begins at 5:00pm  
Derby is for Cubbies, Sparks, T&T, Journey, Trek & Adults

**& CHILI COOK-OFF CAKE & PIE BAKE-OFF**

Bring your chili, pie or cake to FLC by 5:30pm  
Chili will be judged on hottest & tastiest  
Best overall Pie & Cake will be chosen

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## FROM THE PASTOR

South River Church Family,

What an amazing God we serve! We are discovering each week who God is in our exciting study through the Attributes of God. No one knows their true identity until they come into the presence of God and see Him as He truly is. God's Word is teaching us the essence of the God who has saved us and is at work in our lives. If you haven't picked up our box of memory cards that go along with the weekly sermon, you can get one in the church office or from one of our pastors.

The church family will again gather on February 26 for the AWANA Grand Prix. Adults join in for the Chili Cookoff and Dessert Bakeoff. This is a warm time of family fellowship as we gather to encourage the AWANA children and students in the annual Grand Prix as well as enjoy some great chili and desserts. Men and women, get your best recipes and plan to attend!

If you haven't found a place of service, we have several needs in the body where you can make a difference. Let me or one of our pastors know that you want to do your part in growing the kingdom and serving at South River.

Blessings,  
Pastor Chris

## PRESCHOOL

### 1ST SUNDAY

#### 8:15 AM

Melanie Townsell  
Molly Townsell  
Amelia Fox  
Mary Keever

#### 10:45 AM Worship

Tonday Lowman  
April Thompson  
Sara Beth Thompson  
Avery Colvert

#### 6:00 PM Worship

Cricket Barnett  
Patsy Burnett

### 2ND SUNDAY

#### 8:15 AM Worship

Clara Paige Beatty  
Heather Cannon  
Taylor Hedrick

#### 10:45 AM Worship

Donna Lyons  
Alissa Coulombe  
Rachael Cope  
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

Kim Mersfelder  
Liz Deal  
Kaitlyn Lyon

#### 6:00 PM Worship

Laura Campbell  
Donna Williams

### 4TH SUNDAY

#### 8:15 AM Worship

Vicki Miller  
Terry Reid  
Taylor Hedrick

#### 10:45 Worship

Riley Elliott  
Abigail Kilcoyne  
Addison Carter

#### 6:00 PM Worship

Mary Cook  
Bonnie Hamilton

### 1ST WEDNESDAY

Anita Long  
Elizabeth Griffin

### 2ND WEDNESDAY

Taylor Hedrick  
Lesley Colvert

### 3RD WEDNESDAY

Nicky Robertson  
Brenda Runkle

### 4TH WEDNESDAY

Amanda Meadows  
Summer Poole

## SECURITY/GREETERS

### FEBRUARY 5TH

Security Team #3  
Greeters -  
8:00 - Carol Sipes - FD  
Martha McCoy - SP  
10:30 - Jenna Sherrill - FD  
Beth Weibley - SP

### FEBRUARY 12TH

Security Team #4  
Greeters -  
8:00 - Bridget Merritt - FD  
Cindy Holloway - SP  
10:30 - Bonnie Williams - FD  
Taylor Hedrick - SP

### FEBRUARY 19TH

Security Team #1  
Greeters -  
8:00 - Sandra Boan - FD  
Cindy Holloway - SP  
10:30 - Maggie Baumberger - FD  
Kimberly Shoemaker - SP

### FEBRUARY 26TH

Security Team #2  
Greeters -  
8:00 - Riley Elliott - FD  
Brenda Runkle - SP  
10:30 - Mary Kirkpatrick - FD  
Maggie Baumberge - SP

## GRIEF SHARE MINISTRY

### GRIEF SHARE

New classes for GriefShare will begin on Sunday, February 5th in FLC #5. 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

Benjamin Olds	293 Shinnville Rd.	Mooresville, NC 28115	704-799-9274
Trevor Park	245 Beech Brook Ln.	Statesville, NC 28625	704-402-5983

### BY LETTER

Matthew & Brenna Pence	119 Newland Ln.	Statesville, NC 28625	M- 704-682-8379 B- 704-928-5028
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## 2022/2023 MINISTRY BUDGET

YTD BUDGET GOALS	\$452,720.62
YTD BUDGET RECEIPTS	\$424,423.52
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE	\$424,423.52

## RIPPLE KIDZ MINISTRY



“Let all that you do be done with love.”

--- 1 Corinthians 16:14 ---

The picture of the broken, heart-shaped rocks above was captured using a drone by a photographer in Iceland. When I came across this image many things came to my mind: the beauty of the clear, turquoise waters contrasted by the black and gray rocks, the hopes to travel the world to see God’s beautiful creation firsthand, and even the love I have for my wife and my four children. However, I was also reminded of God’s great love for us and the countless times the word love is found in Scripture. The most well known and often quoted passage on love is found in 1 Corinthians 13 which beautifully describes the “way of love.” As Christians, we are called to love one another and to act in a manner that reflects the love we have for each other. During the month of February many people celebrate Valentine’s Day by giving cards and gifts to those they love. What better time than this month for children in the Children’s Ministry to show love to others by making homemade cards to send to members of our church family? Through this simple act of love, I hope that many of our senior adults will not only be blessed by receiving a card but truly know that they are loved by their church family and by God!

**Awana Grand Prix, Chili Cook-Off and Cake & Pie Bake-Off:** You are invited to join us for chili and dessert on February 26 immediately after the 6:00 p.m. service. Come cheer on our children and students as they compete for bragging rights for fastest car and most creative car design. Entries for the chili cook-off compete for spiciest and tastiest chili while dessert entries will be judged for best overall cake or pie. Prizes will be awarded. Don’t miss this opportunity for good food, lots of fun, and sweet fellowship!

Pastor Bradley

Pastor to Families and Children

## DEEP & WIDE STUDENT MINISTRY

A statement made around Deep&Wide student ministry often is “Once saved, Always saved, If saved”. The “If” is a small word but carries a large meaning in this statement and in the one that was made by Brody Holloway in his sermon “Who is the Author of Your Faith”. Eternal security matters in our Christian walk and it matters to whom holds the security. After listening to the sermon and studying about the hot topic of deconstructionism in the Christian faith, it caused me to go on a verse hunt and thought I would share a few of them below.

**“IF JESUS IS THE AUTHOR OF YOUR FAITH, YOU WILL NOT FALL AWAY”  
BRODY**

**John 10:28-29** And I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.

**Ephesians 1:13-14** In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God’s own possession, to the praise of His glory.

**Ephesians 4:30** Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

**Jude 24** Now to the one who is able to keep you from falling, and to cause you to stand, rejoicing, without blemish before his glorious presence, to the only God our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time, and now, and for all eternity. Amen.

God’s Word should always be the guide to every part of our lives. Let’s step away from what we feel and step to what we know.

Pastor Scott Townsell,  
Student & Parent Discipleship

## BIRTHDAYS

### FEBRUARY

- |    |  |    |   |
|----|--|----|---|
| 1  | Bobbie Hayes<br>Dawn Waugh   | 19 | Tina Dillow<br>Ashlee Haithcox<br>Lynn Moose                                |
| 4  | David Fulbright<br>Harley Poole  | 20 | Rachel Davidson<br>Colton Wall  |
| 6  | Gwendolyn Estes<br>Wynston Lyles<br>Jay Murdock<br>Ed Runkle                   | 22 | Samuel Hance<br>Dorothy Evans<br>Joshua Haskell                             |
| 7  | Emily Watson   | 23 | Doug Holland<br>Bonnie Williams   |
| 8  | Gladys Carter<br>Timothy Clendenin<br>Karli Townsell                           | 24 | Alivia Christopher<br>Sonny Hedrick<br>Danielle Sprinkle<br>Tiffany Stewart |
| 9  | Riley Elliott<br>Lorrie Murdock  | 25 | Landen Horne<br>Crystal Smith   |
| 10 | Luke Baldwin<br>Catherine Gealy<br>Brenda Greene<br>Liam Kennedy<br>Jerry Koch | 26 | Gage Evans  |
| 11 | Samuel Beatty  | 27 | Sheila Hemric   |
| 12 | Melissa Lyles<br>Grayson Shoemaker   | 28 | Elliott Lefever<br>Howard Stewart<br>Joann Wallace<br>Ridge Zittle          |
| 13 | Nathan Lindly<br>Alice Redmond<br>Cloey Stewart                                | 29 | Bentley Poole<br>Rebecca Thorpe   |
| 15 | Maggie Shook<br>Tobey Wenzel   |    |   |
| 17 | Will Pence   |    |   |
| 18 | Sandra Boan<br>Tannice Gladden<br>Johnny Isenhour<br>Levi Williams             |    |   |

## ANNIVERSARIES

### FEBRUARY

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|----|----------------------|
| 5  | Andy & Jenny Mullis  |
| 10 | Michael & Karen Lyon |

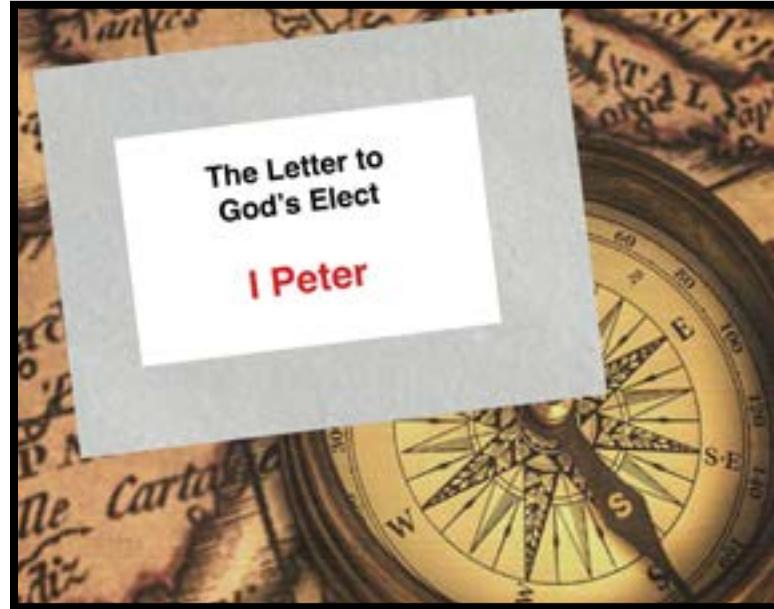
## Wednesday Evening

## Meal Menus

5:30 - 6:45 pm Family Life Center

1st	Country Fried Steak w/gravy, mashed potatoes, salad	\$2
8th	Chicken Spaghetti, salad	\$2
15th	Sloppy Joe Casserole, fries	\$2
22nd	Hot Dogs w/Fries	\$3

## LADIES' BIBLE STUDY



### Ladies Bible Study in I Peter *Navigating As Sojourners*

Fridays 9:00 - 10:30 am  
Runs March 3rd - May 5th  
Choir Room

Open to ladies in the community Nursery available  
For more info, contact Bonnie Hamilton 704-213-2332

## WORSHIP MINISTRY

### RIVER WORSHIP CHOIR

5th AM	Lord You're Holy	PM	Impossible Things
12th AM	My Jesus	PM	Sins Are Gone Forever
19th AM	More Than Enough	PM	Praise Is the Offering
26th AM	It's Alright	PM	Exalted Forever

### SPECIAL MUSIC

5th AM	Sherwin Johnson	PM	Jimmy Williams
12th AM	Melani Harrell	PM	The Olds Family
19th AM	Praise Team	PM	SRB Quartet
26th AM	Don Johnson	PM	Jerry & Anita Long

**WEDS** 1st No Solo 8th Jerry Long 15th No solo 22nd Dan McGee



## Mark Your Calendars

Churchwide Spring Cleaning - Saturday, March 4th

## YOUNG AT HEART

### ROMEO CLUB

Monday, February 13th

8:00 am



OLD COUNTRY STORE

1043 Glenway Drive

### Senior Adult Ministry Care Team

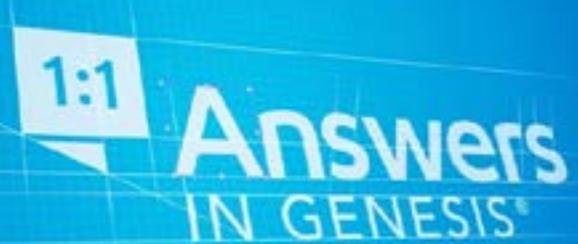


As believers, we are placed in the body of Christ to minister to those who are in need around us. We are building a team of people to do that and we need your help. Contact Pastor Pauley for more information (704-880-3625).

## YOUNG ADULTS

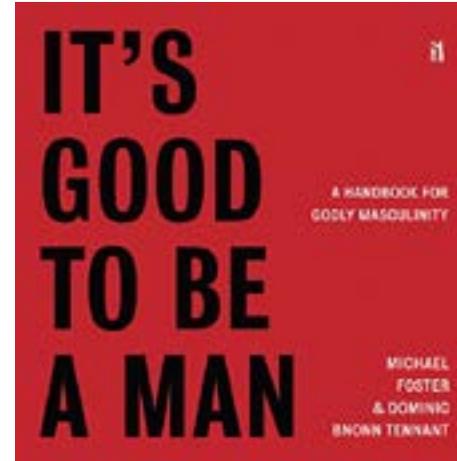


coming in march



**Bible Study**  
**Sundays - 9:30 am**

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



**Saturday, February 11th & 25th**  
**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.

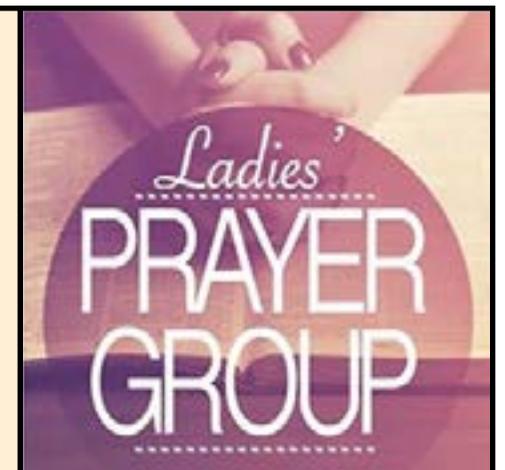
God made men to be strong and to be risk-takers. This is a feature, not a bug. It's Good to Be A Man is a handbook for men showing where you are and how to find out where you should be going. Foster and Tennant will show you why it is good to be a man.

## LADIES MINISTRY

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

**February 25th**

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 2023-24 School Year.  
Information Open House Meetings will begin in March.  
See details online @ [headwaters-academy.com](https://headwaters-academy.com)

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](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.



### Upcoming HCA Events

Fine Arts Festival is Feb 23rd at 6pm  
BBQ Meal Fundraiser is May 4th

## DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY



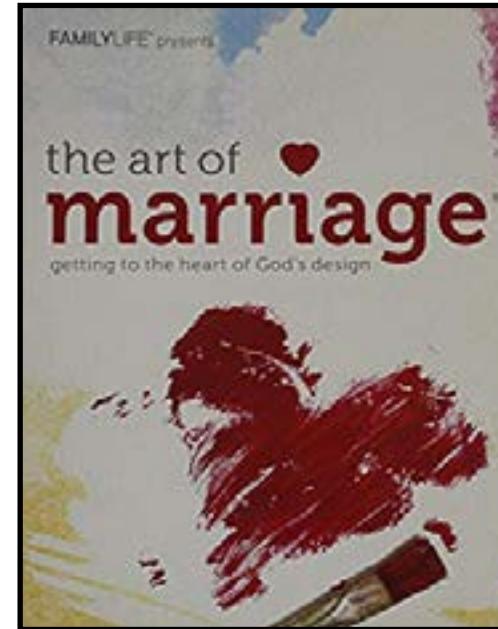
**Message Series**

with

**Pastor Chris**

**Wednesdays  
@ 7:00 pm**

## NEW MARRIAGE DISCIPLESHIP CLASS



**Wednesdays from 7 - 8 pm**  
**Runs through 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

# 2023

# february

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

			5:30 pm Wednesday Night Meal 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Students Marriage Class (FLC #4) 1			5:00 pm Worship Ministry Banquet (FLC) 4
3:00 pm GriefShare (FLC #1) 5	3:00 pm Good News (Central) 6	3:00 pm Good News (HCA) 7	5:30 pm Wednesday Night Meal 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Students Marriage Class (FLC #4) 8		HCA Teacher Workday D&W Students Pure & Holy - 12th 9 10	8:00 am Men's Bible Study (FLC #4) 11
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