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BAPTIST CHURCH

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# APRIL 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 Family,

April will be an exciting time at South River. Easter is a special time for believers and we are excited for the opportunity to talk to others about Jesus Christ. Easter is a time of year, like Christmas, when unchurched people are more open to talk about religious topics. I encourage you to begin praying now for a coworker, neighbor, or family member that you will engage and bring with you to worship on Easter.

Our Easter schedule will be slightly different this year. We will begin with our Sunrise Service by the graveyard at 6:30 am to celebrate our Lord's resurrection from the dead. Praise the Lord that we no longer live under the shadow of death! Then, we will have our annual breakfast at 7:15 am in the Family Life Center. We will have our normal Sunday services and Sunday school to follow. This year we will provide two opportunities to invite others to join us on Easter for worship at 8:15 am and 10:45 am.

As we witness the demise within our contemporary culture, South River is going to have to be more intentional about witnessing and reaching the lost. The church is no longer the center-piece of people's lives. Let's step out of our comfort zones and begin to build some bridges to those who don't have a personal relationship with Christ. Every member has this responsibility!

Blessings,

Pastor Chris

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

## PRESCHOOL

### 1ST SUNDAY

#### 8:15 AM

Melanie Townsell  
Molly Townsell  
Amelia Fox

#### 10:45 AM Worship

Tonda Lowman  
April Thompson  
Sara Beth Thompson  
Avery Colvert

#### 6:00 PM Worship

Cricket Barnette  
Patsy Burnette

### 2ND SUNDAY

#### 8:15 AM Worship

Clara Paige Beatty  
Taylor Hedrick  
Summer Poole

#### 10:45 AM Worship

Donna Lyons  
Alissa Coulombe  
Rachael Cope

#### NO PM Worship

### 3RD SUNDAY

#### 8:15 Worship

Michelle Mullins  
Salem Grace Lyles  
Terri Aiken

#### 10:45 Worship

Kim Mersfelder  
Abigail Kilcoyne  
Kaitlyn Lyon

#### 6:00 PM Worship

Robin Stewart  
Alissa Coulombe

### 4TH SUNDAY

#### 8:15 AM Worship

Heather Cannon  
Mary Keever  
Terry Reid

#### 10:45 Worship

Riley Elliott  
Natalie Schriner  
Addison Carter

#### 6:00 PM Worship

Mary Cook  
Amelia Fox

### 5TH SUNDAY

#### 8:15 Worship

Terry Aiken  
Vicki Miller  
Mary Keever  
Heather Cannon

#### 10:45 Worship

Tara Beatty  
Kaitlyn Lyon  
Donna Williams

#### 6:00 PM Worship

Liz Deal  
Robin Stewart  
Mary Clendenin

### 1ST WEDNESDAY

Anita Long  
Elizabeth Griffin

### 2ND WEDNESDAY

Taylor Hedrick  
Lesley Colvert

### 3RD WEDNESDAY

Nicky Robertson  
Brenda Runkle

### 4TH WEDNESDAY

Amanda Meadows  
Summer Poole

## GREETERS

### APRIL 2ND

Greeters -

8:00 - Martha McCoy - FD  
Carol Sipes - SP  
10:30 - Jenna Sherrill - FD  
Beth Weibley - SP

### APRIL 9TH

Greeters -

8:00 - Maggie Baumberger - FD  
Cindy Holloway - SP  
10:30 - Riley Elliott - FD  
Jenna Sherrill - SP

### APRIL 16TH

Greeters -

8:00 - Sandra Boane - FD  
Maggie Baumberger - SP  
10:30 - Bridget Merritt - FD  
Kimberly Shoemaker - SP

### APRIL 23RD

Greeters -

8:00 - Riley Elliott - FD  
Brenda Runkle - SP  
10:30 - Mary Kirkpatrick - FD  
Taylor Hedrick - SP

### APRIL 30TH

Greeters -

8:00 - Cindy Holloway - FD  
Sandra Boan - SP  
10:30 - Kimberly Shoemaker - FD  
Mary Kirkpatrick - SP

# GRIEF SHARE MINISTRY

## GRIEF SHARE

GriefShare classes are being held on Sundays @ 3 pm in FLC #1. 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

Joshua Olds      293 Shinnville Rd.      Mooresville, NC 28115      704-799-9274

## BY LETTER

Pete & Darlene Jones      1536 Yadkin St.      Statesville, NC 28677      P - 704-818-8159  
D - 704-498-6056

# 2022/2023 MINISTRY BUDGET

YTD BUDGET GOALS	\$617,346.30
YTD BUDGET RECEIPTS	\$581,242.32
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE	\$581,242.32

# RIPPLE KIDZ MINISTRY



**“And if Christ is not risen,  
your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!”**

**– 1 Corinthians 15:17 –**

Does Easter matter? Why should we celebrate Easter? We celebrate because the faith of every genuine Christian hinges on the reality of the resurrection. If Christ has not been raised, according to 1 Corinthians 15, then our faith is in vain. But the truth that Christ rose from the dead gives us hope and reason to celebrate. You may know these precious truths from Scripture, but do your children and grandchildren know why Easter is so special? Have you shared with them about the

hope found only in Jesus? After all, it is your responsibility to teach them the true meaning of Easter—that Christ came to earth, lived a sinless life, died a penal, substitutionary death on the cross, and rose again in victory over the Evil One, sin, death, the grave, and hell itself. If you do not teach them these truths, the world will gladly deceive them into believing Easter is just about bunnies, brightly colored eggs, and candy. Now wouldn't that be a tragedy? Easter is the perfect time to teach our children and grandchildren more about the Jesus we follow. How? Let's set aside time each day of Holy Week to share the story of redemption with our loved ones. Let's resolve to study Scripture together with our families and discuss the importance of the resurrection as we focus on Jesus Christ, our Passover Lamb. I hope you will consider using the resources listed below to help make this coming Resurrection Day the best yet for you and your family.

**Focus on the Family: Celebrating Easter as a Family**— (Scan round QR code)  
<https://www.focusonthefamily.ca/content/celebrating-easter-as-a-family>



## Toddlers – Preschool

**Jesus Rose for Me: The True Story of Easter**      **Song: The Power of the Cross Cross**



Scan QR code to buy this book on Amazon

Keith and Kristyn Getty  
<https://tinyurl.com/e26t5buy>

\*Use link above or scan blue QR code to the right to listen to this song



Pastor Bradley

Pastor to Families and Children

# DEEP & WIDE STUDENT MINISTRY

## Why Carry a Bible to Church?

This is something we encourage our students to do every time they come to church. I always say in our videos “Bring a Bible and bring a friend” and the majority of them bring their Bible and some bring friends. The below is something I borrowed from an online article titled “Why Carry a Bible to Church”. May we treat the handling and reading of the Bible greater than we do our hobbies, phones, or anything else that pulls our time away from hiding His Word in our hearts.

- Carrying the Word of God serves as a testimony to others. When believers reverently carry the Bible they send a message – God’s Word is the central thing in our worship! Not the music or the fellowship. We gather to hear God’s truth and that truth is found in the Word of God. This example should be observed by our children and learned in youth.
- Carrying the Word of God prevents distraction. The Bible is on my phone, my iPad, and my computer. It is wonderful that we can access the Word of God anywhere we go. Why not just use those devices in the worship service? Too many distractions. Text messages, emails, Facebook posts, and a host of other things constantly clamor for attention. We hear those messages enough. When we come to church meetings the only message we need to be concerned about is the one that God has for us.
- Carrying the Word of God encourages personal Bible study. I believe this is the most important reason. People need to get into the Word of God for themselves. When we have our own copy of the Scriptures, we can mark that Bible for future reference and personal study. It is interesting that the word “Bible” literally means books. Call me old-fashioned but I still love the feel of the actual book in my hand – my Bible. Each person having their own copy encourages them to follow along as the Pastor preaches and continue that study long after the church service concludes.

There is no doubt that it is more important to carry God’s Word in your heart than in your hand. Yet when the Scriptures are not near at hand they are rarely being intentionally placed in the

Pastor Scott Townsell,  
Student & Parent Discipleship



# BIRTHDAYS

## APRIL

- |                     |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Jean Morrison     | 19 Emily Holland         |
| 2 Ethan Dowdle      | 20 Jimmy Williams        |
| Tyler Goodman       | 21 Patsy Burnette        |
| Kayce Jenkins       | Bailey Davidson          |
| Aaron Morrison      | Randy Galliher           |
| Terry Reid          | Jack Huffman             |
| 3 Tyler Boogie      | Nathan Schrinier         |
| Taylor Hedrick      | 22 Scott Carter          |
| 4 Anita Long        | Craig Koch               |
| James Martin        | Rhea Lamb                |
| John Martin         | Mat Schrinier            |
| Carol Sipes         | 23 Rodney Estes          |
| 5 Mike Nichols      | 24 Courtnee Anne Johnson |
| Donna Worrell       | Elizabeth Stewart        |
| 6 Marie Chrastina   | 25 Andrew Clendenin      |
| Emily Johnson       | Mia Townsell             |
| 7 Jeremy Johnson    | Michael VanArsdale       |
| Belle Lippard       | 26 Ray Griffith          |
| Althea Moore        | 27 Grayson Stewart       |
| 9 Alissa Coulombe   | 28 Norma Love            |
| Don Johnson         | Dr. Chris Thompson       |
| Robert Miller       | 29 Brooke Craver         |
| Jody Mitchell       | 30 Ernie Taylor          |
| Pauline Stewart     |                          |
| Warren York         |                          |
| 11 Tammy Carter     |                          |
| Lloyd Johnson       |                          |
| 12 Mason Murdock    |                          |
| 13 James Cook       |                          |
| Buddy Hemric        |                          |
| 14 Joyce Bradburn   |                          |
| Ethan Gealy         |                          |
| Rika Johnson        |                          |
| Trevor Park         |                          |
| 15 Bradley Shook    |                          |
| Karen Warricks      |                          |
| 16 Hunter Graham    |                          |
| Taylor Haskell      |                          |
| Lee McClure         |                          |
| 17 Mary Morrison    |                          |
| 18 Allison Cook     |                          |
| Maddie Rose Lippard |                          |

# ANNIVERSARIES

## APRIL

- |                             |
|-----------------------------|
| 1 Wesley & Carol Sipes      |
| 2 Bob & Cheri Horner        |
| 3 Ed & Brenda Runkle        |
| 5 Jeremiah & Tara Beatty    |
| Aaron & Emily Johnson       |
| John & Alice Redmond        |
| Gerald & Debbie Sloan       |
| 6 Mike & Natasha Nichols    |
| 9 Joshua & Taylor Haskell   |
| 14 Fred & Joyce Bradburn    |
| 15 Jeff & Beth Fox          |
| 17 Rocky & Lori Martin      |
| 18 Ray & Dianne Griffith    |
| 20 Stephen & Sharon Hobbs   |
| Lane & Tammy Pearman        |
| 24 Matthew & Amanda Johnson |
| 26 Steven & Ellen Pope      |
| 30 Chris & Rhonda Keever    |

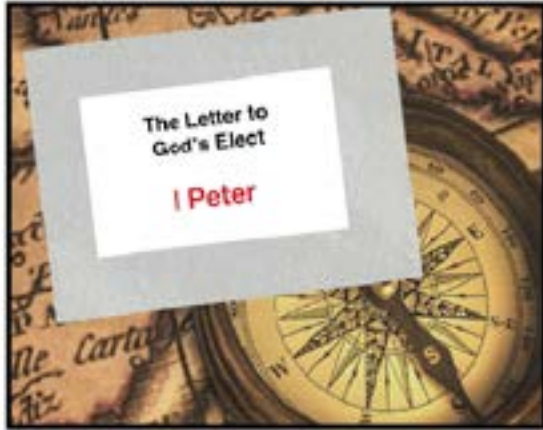
## Wednesday Evening Meal Menus

5:30 - 6:45 pm Family Life Center

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|-------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| <b>5th</b>  | <b>Beef tips w/gravy, rice</b>    | <b>\$3</b> |
| <b>12th</b> | <b>Corned beef brisket, fries</b> | <b>\$3</b> |
| <b>19th</b> | <b>Chicken wings, fries</b>       | <b>\$3</b> |
| <b>26th</b> | <b>Pizza, chips</b>               | <b>\$3</b> |

## LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

## DISASTER RELIEF



### Ladies Bible Study in 1 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



### Disaster Relief Training Dates 2023

Region 7      April 29      Mt. Airy

Visit the Disaster Relief table in the Welcome Center for details. If you are interested in training, contact the church office @ 704-876-1520 or Gene Dellinger at dellingerdd46@gmail.com for more info.

Please Register Online  
[www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org)

## WORSHIP MINISTRY

### RIVER WORSHIP CHOIR

2nd AM	I Will Always Sing of Cross	PM	Hallelujah For the Cross
9th AM	Victorious/My Jesus	PM	No Service
16th AM	Peace Speaker	PM	In Jesus' Name
23rd AM	And Can It Be	PM	Lift Up the Name
30th AM	Sins Are Gone Forever	PM	Impossible Things

### SPECIAL MUSIC

2nd AM	Praise Team	PM	Jimmy Williams
9th AM	No Solo	PM	No Service
16th AM	Darlene Estes	PM	SRB Quartet
23rd AM	Olds Family	PM	Mary Cook
30th AM	Erin Bowman/Amanda Pauley	PM	Melani Harrell

**WEDS**      5th No Solo    12th Amanda Pauley    19th No Solo    26th Dan McGee



## Mark Your Calendars

May  
4th - Lunch & Dinner - HCA Barbecue Fund-raiser  
21st - 6:00 pm AWANA Awards Night

## YOUNG AT HEART

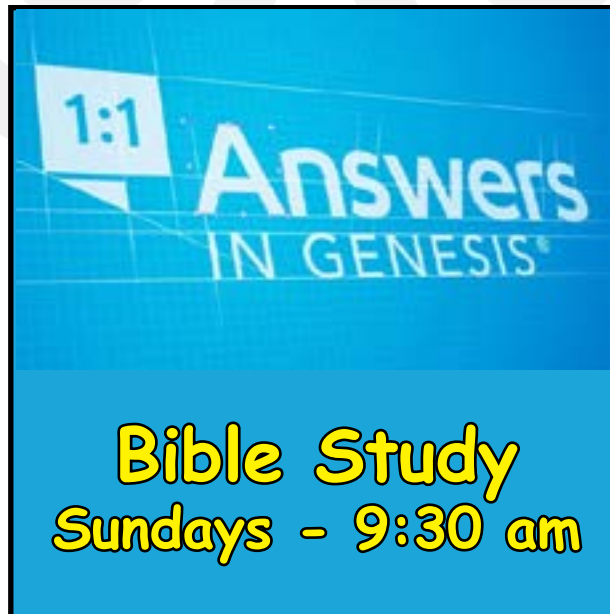
### JULIET CLUB

Monday, May 8th  
11:30 am



1145 Glenway Drive  
Statesville

## YOUNG ADULTS



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

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Saturday, April 8th  
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 to 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

April 22nd

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/>

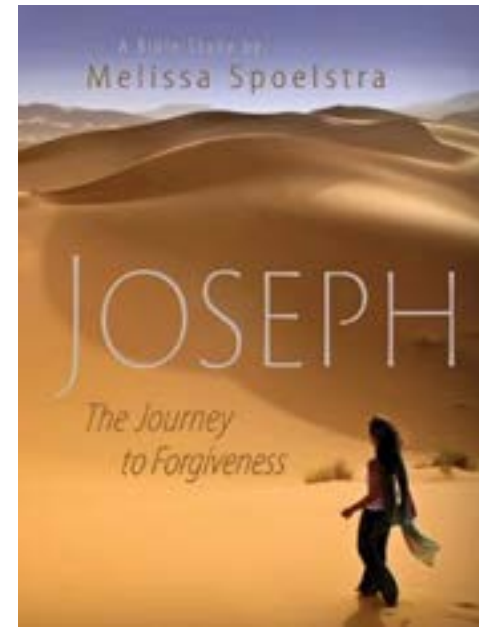


If you are available for all or part of the day from 7:45-2:15 Mon – Fri, please fill out a volunteer form and let me know of your interest. One or two days/week will go far to help our teachers.

### Upcoming HCA Events

Open House Meetings start in April. Stay posted for upcoming dates.  
BBQ Meal Fundraiser is May 4th

## NEW WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP CLASS



**Women's Bible Study**  
**April 12th - May 24th**

Wednesdays 7:00 pm  
FLC #5

**Led by Janet Johnson**

Book - \$11  
Sign up in Ministry Hall or  
contact Janet (704-929-1067)

## DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY



**Message Series**

with

**Pastor Chris**

**Wednesdays**  
**@ 7:00 pm**

## MEN'S EVENT

**SPORTSMANS DAY MENS EVENT**

**APRIL 22 / 2 - 8 P.M.**

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SKEET SHOOTING, HANDGUNS, ARCHERY, AND GUEST SPEAKER  
**DR. MARTY JACUMINI!**

REGISTER ONLINE AT [SOUTHRIVERBAPTIST.COM](https://southriverbaptist.com)

**SCHEDULE**

- 1:30-2 Check In
- 2-5 Target Shooting Competition
- 5-6 BBQ Chicken Dinner
- 6-8 Testimony, Worship, Guest Speaker

**BYOA (BRING YOUR OWN AMMO)**



# 2023

# april

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

						8:30 am Sacred Marriage Conference
AM Lord's Supper 3:00 pm GriefShare (FLC 1)	3:00 pm Good News (Central)	3:00 pm Good News (HCA)	5:30 pm Wednesday Meal 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Students		HCA Easter Break - 11th 9:00 am Ladies Bible Study	8:00 am Men's Bible Study (FLC #4)
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Resurrection Sunday 6:30 am Sunrise Service 7:15 am Breakfast No Evening Activities	Church Office Closed		5:30 pm Wednesday Meal 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Students Women's Bible Study (FLC 5)		9:00 am Ladies Bible Study (Choir Room)	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
3:00 pm GriefShare (FLC 1)		3:00 pm Senior Adult Food Boxes	5:30 pm Wednesday Night Meal 6:00 pm RK Council (Rm 110) 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Students Women's Bible Study 8:00pm Stewardship		9:00 am Ladies Bible Study (Choir Room)	9:00 am Ladies Prayer (Sanctuary) 2:00 pm Sportman's Day (FLC)
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
3:00 pm GriefShare (FLC #1) 6:00 pm Church Celebration			5:30 pm Wednesday Night Meal 6:00 pm Student Ministry Council 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Students Women's Bible Study		9:00 am Ladies Bible Study (Choir Room)	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
3:00 pm GriefShare (FLC #1)						
30						