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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	5:00 PM	AWANA
704-876-1520	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
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CURRENTS

March 2023

SACRED MARRIAGE
CONFERENCE
Reclaiming our Homes for Christ

MARCH 31 – APRIL 1
Guest Speaker Rev. Stoney Benfield and Missy Benfield

Friday 6:30 to 8:30pm—Supper and Main Session 1
Saturday 8:30 am to 12:15pm—Breakfast, Main Session 2, and Breakout Sessions

Breakout Session Topics:

Boundaries and Building Oneness in Marriage, Seasons of Marriage, Marriage and Finances, Fostering Children and Marriage, Biblical Men—The Role of a Husband, Biblical Women—The Role of a Bride

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear South River Church Family,

There is a river flowing through Statesville! It is amazing to see how the river continues to flood new areas as God opens doors for us to channel His grace and goodness into lost souls. I pray you are embracing your opportunity and owning your responsibility to serve in the church and outside the church for His glory.

Please plan to join us for the Marriage Conference on March 31 and April 1. Pastor Stoney Benfield will be our guest speaker along with his wife, Missy. On Friday evening we will gather for a meal and a word from Stoney. On Saturday morning, we will regather for a continental breakfast and several different opportunities to invest in our marriages. There will be one group session, followed by 4 breakout sessions dealing with Oneness in Marriage, Your Marriage and Finances, Seasons of Marriage, and Marriage and Fostering Children. We will conclude with the men and women hearing from Stoney Benfield and his wife, Missy in separate venues.

The cost for the conference is \$10 per person. You can register in the hallways near the welcome area. This is a great opportunity to invest in your marriage whether you are single or married. Invite another couple to join you that weekend as well!

Let's continue to pray that our great love for Jesus, our strong biblical convictions, our passionate worship of His name, and our desire to reach the world with the transforming gospel will usher in spiritual renewal in our hearts and our land.

Blessings,
Pastor Chris

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

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
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
Natie Schriener
Addison Carter

6:00 PM Worship

Mary Cook
Amelia Fox

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

MARCH 5TH

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

MARCH 12TH

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

MARCH 19TH

Security Team #1
Greeters -
8:00 - Brenda Runkle - FD
Sandra Boan - SP
10:30 - Kimberly Shoemaker - FD
Bridget Merritt - SP

MARCH 26TH

Security Team #2
Greeters -
8:00 - Riley Elliott - FD
Maggie Baumberger - SP
10:30 - Bridget Merritt - 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

Reagan Goss	276 Cooper Farm Rd.	Statesville, NC 28625	828-292-0510
Donna Worrell	367 Deer Chase Circle	Statesville, NC 28625	704-902-5564
Wyatt York	350 Cool Spring Rd.	Statesville, NC 28625	704-832-5773

2022/2023 MINISTRY BUDGET

YTD BUDGET GOALS	\$535,033.46
YTD BUDGET RECEIPTS	\$505,631.64
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE	\$505,631.64

RIPPLE KIDZ MINISTRY



“Children, obey your parents in the LORD, for this is right.”

– Ephesians 6:1 –

Obedience matters. I recently served alongside other volunteers from our church at a local school, where I encountered willful disobedience from a young boy. He refused to obey my instruction and did the exact opposite of what I told him to do—and he looked me in the eyes as he deliberately disobeyed. He knew I could not do anything about his disobedience. He was right. So I did the only thing I could do regarding his behavior and made him sit alone until it was time to go home. I should not be surprised that a boy raised by unbelievers struggles to obey simple instructions from adults in authority, especially when obedience training is lacking at home. But what surprises me is that many children from Christian homes often struggle to obey simple instructions from those in authority over them, whether their parents, teachers, or other adults. It seems obedience training may also be lacking in some Christian homes—and this should not be the case. After all, in Ephesians 6, Scripture commands children to obey their parents. But there is an implied command for parents in that text also. Christian parents must **require** obedience from their children. But unlike me, with my hands very much tied in the example I shared above, parents can and should do something about their child's disobedience. As children learn to obey at home, with appropriate discipline for willful disobedience, children also learn to submit to and obey other adults—and later on, the LORD. But is requiring obedience from your children possible? **Absolutely.** However, it takes great effort from parents to require obedience. But all the effort and hard work are definitely worth it. Are my children or your children perfect? **Absolutely not.** But the LORD doesn't demand perfection—He desires obedience. So, let's require obedience from our children. We will be glad we did.

Pastor Bradley
Pastor to Families and Children

Deep & Wide Student Ministries

Jonah 1:4-6 But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up. Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to his god. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it



for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was

fast asleep. So, the captain came and said to him, "What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish."

Are you running from or running to the call God has on your life? Students and parents, may I encourage each of you not to find yourself in the belly of the boat but on deck serving Christ, sharing the Word and reaching Wide with His love....



Pastor Scott Townsell,
Student & Parent Discipleship

MARCH

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|----|--|----|---|
| 1 | Shane Barnette
Larry Morrison
Cathy Mitchell
Wesley Sipes | 20 | Elijah Thompson
Shawna Wilson
Darlene Estes
Cole Hedrick
Sharon Hobbs
Dallas Robertson |
| 2 | Gene Dellinger
Crystal Gibson
Linda Moose | 25 | Eunice Brewer
Billy Pope
Greg Templeton |
| 3 | Laura Campbell
Mary Dellinger | 26 | Carter Hill |
| 4 | Kari Dixon
Alauna Wilson | 27 | Jeremi Beatty
Andrew Graham
Harrison Layne |
| 5 | Zack Hamilton | 28 | Terry Aiken
Jonathan Carter
Amanda Johnson
River Shook |
| 6 | Nicole Connolly
Savannah Whitaker | 29 | Linda Bowes
James Campbell
Mary Clendenin
Emily Johnson |
| 7 | Samuel Harrell | 30 | Kimberly Drum
Scott Harrell
Carla Winebarger |
| 8 | Allaine McGee
Matt Paul | 31 | Kade Pierce |
| 9 | Brian Boan
Roy Love | | |
| 10 | Trace Hedrick
Colby Johns | | |
| 11 | Brandon LeFever
Gayle Lindly
Amanda Meadows | | |
| 13 | Brandon Dishmond
Hanna LeFever
Judith Park | | |
| 14 | Brittany Carter
Ken Marsh
Joshua Olds | | |
| 15 | Belle Craver
Joseph Kirkpatrick
Jaron Wenzel | | |
| 16 | Emma Barnette
Joshua Johns
Stephanie Wilhelm | | |
| 17 | Lori Martin
Frankie Stewart | | |
| 18 | Katie Gwaltney
Myles Johnson
Matthew Smith | | |
| 19 | Trystan Avila
Tiffany Layne
Gracie Melton
Beatrice Weston | | |

MARCH

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| 7 | Ashley & Lorie Weston |
| 15 | Matt & Gloria Paul |
| 29 | Mark & Beverly Carter |

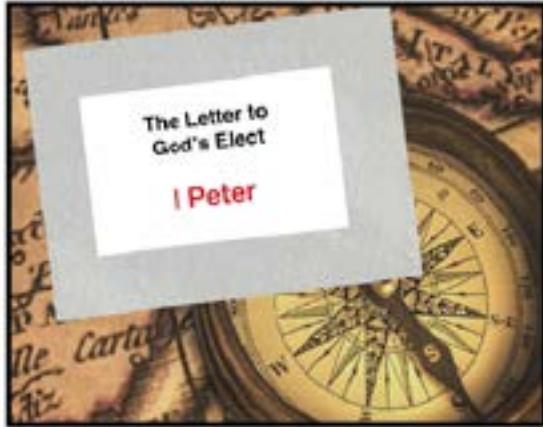
Wednesday Evening Meal Menus

5:30 - 6:45 pm Family Life Center

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| 1st | Pot roast, mashed potatoes | \$2 |
| 8th | No Meal (Spring Break) | |
| 15th | Walking Tacos | \$3 |
| 22nd | BBQ Sandwich/slaw, chips | \$3 |
| 29th | Kielbasa w/pintos & cornbread | \$3 |

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

DISASTER RELIEF



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



Disaster Relief Training Dates 2023

Region 5	March 18	Asheboro
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

WORSHIP MINISTRY

RIVER WORSHIP CHOIR

5th AM	Impossible Things	PM	Exalted Forever
12th AM	It Took a Cross	PM	The God I Serve
19th AM	And Can It Be	PM	If You Never
26th AM	Psalm 24	PM	In Jesus' Name

SPECIAL MUSIC

5th AM	Erin Bowman	PM	Jimmy Williams
12th AM	Praise Team	PM	Darlene Estes
19th AM	Cambrie Hobbs	PM	Mary Cook
26th AM	Lydia Thorpe	PM	SRB Quartet

WEDS

1st No Solo 8th No Solo 15th Amanda Pauley 22nd No Solo
29th Dan McGee



Mark Your Calendars

Easter Services April 9th
Sunrise 6:30 am, Breakfast following,
8:15 Worship, 9:30 Sunday School, 10:45 Worship
NO PM Worship

YOUNG AT HEART

JULIET CLUB

Monday, March 13th
Leave church @ 11:00 am



719 Conover Blvd W
Conover, NC

Widow & Widower's Luncheon

"I Know
He Watches Me"

Saturday, March 18
11:30 am Family Life Center

Sign up in SS or return card
Call 704-876-1520

YOUNG ADULTS



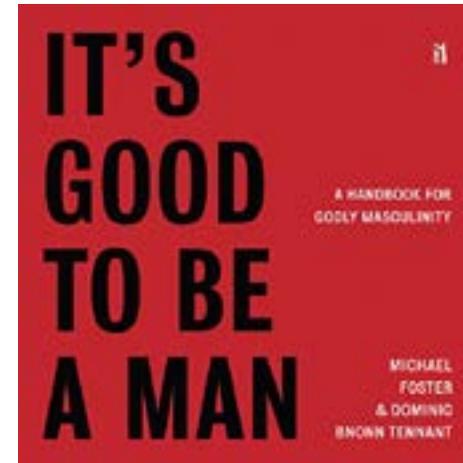
shopping
march 11 - 9 am



Bible Study
Sundays - 9:30 am

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Saturday, March 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 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.

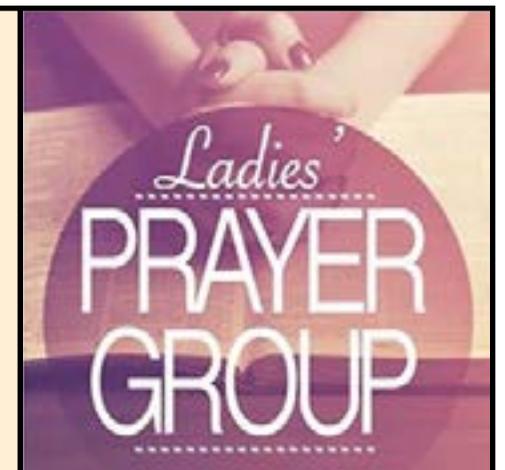
God made men to be strong and to be risk-takers. This is a feature, not a bug. It's Good to Be a Man is a handbook for men showing where you are and how to find out where you should be going. Foster and Tennant will show you why it is good to be a man.

LADIES MINISTRY

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

March 25th

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



HEADWATERS ACADEMY

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Registration is OPEN for the 2023-24 School Year.
Information Open House Meetings will begin in March.
See details online @ 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@southernbaptist.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
BBQ Meal Fundraiser is May 4th

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY



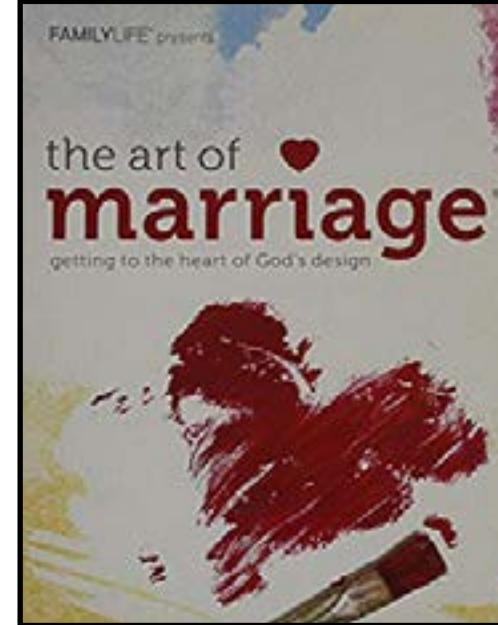
Message Series

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

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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)		9:00 am Ladies Bible Study (Choir Room)	8:00 am Church-Wide Spring Cleaning until Noon
3:00 pm GriefShare (FLC #1)	HCA Spring Break - 10th		NO Wednesday Night Meal 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Students Marriage Class (FLC #4)		9:00 am Ladies Bible Study (Choir Room)	8:00 am Men's Bible Study (FLC #4) 9:00 am YAM Goodwill Shopping
Daylight Savings Time begins 3:00 pm GriefShare (FLC #1)	11:00 am JULIET Club (leave church for El Paso - Conover) 3:00 pm Good News (Central)	3:00 pm Good News (HCA)	5:30 pm Wednesday Meal 6:00 pm Ripple Kidz Council (Rm 110) 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Students Marriage Class (FLC #4) 8:00 pm Stewardship		9:00 am Ladies Bible Study (Choir Room)	11:30 am Widow/Widowers Luncheon (FLC)
3:00 pm GriefShare (FLC #1)	3:00 pm Good News (Central)	3:00 pm Senior Adult Food Boxes 3:00 pm Good News (HCA)	5:30 pm Wednesday Night Meal 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Students Marriage Class (FLC #4)		9:00 am Ladies Bible Study (Choir Room)	8:00 am Men's Bible Study (FLC #4) 9:00 am Ladies Prayer (Sanctuary)
3:00 pm GriefShare (FLC #1)	3:00 pm Good News (Central)	3:00 pm Good News (HCA)	5:30 pm Wednesday Night Meal 6:00 pm Student Ministry Council 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Students Marriage Class (FLC #4)		9:00 am Ladies Bible Study (Choir Room) HCA Teacher Workday Sacred Marriage Conference	