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BAPTIST CHURCH

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# JUNE 2023

## 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  
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## EACH SUNDAY

8:15 AM Morning Worship  
 9:30 AM Sunday School  
 10:45 AM Morning Worship  
 5:00 PM Worship Choir  
 6:00 PM Evening Worship

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BAPTIST CHURCH

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**CURRENTS**

June 2023

**Answers VBS**

**KEEPERS OF THE KINGDOM**

Standing Strong in Today's Battle for Truth

**June 11th - 15th 6:00 - 8:45 pm**

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## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear South River Church Family,

It's June! That means school is ending, summer is upon us, and Vacation Bible School. Vacation Bible School provides the opportunity to reach beyond our walls to the communities around us. We need your help to reach 400 children for our VBS. Consider your neighbors, family, and friends who have children that you can invite. Then invite them, children and adults, to join us starting June 11th, Sunday evening. Vacation Bible School is for all ages because we always can learn about our incredible God! Adults can join an incredible class taught by Fred Bradburn.

Did you know we have 9 students and young adults serving the Lord this summer? I want to encourage you to pray for these young adults as they serve the Lord. May their numbers increase! South River Students serving on Summer Mission:

Clara Paige Beatty	Avery Colvert	Bailey Davidson	Rachel Davidson
Riley Fernandez	Samuel Harrell	Kami Johnson	David Thompson

Invite someone, a co-worker or a neighbor, to join us in worship each week. Our study on the attributes of God has revealed how awesome our God is! Let us make Him known and invite others to know Him. Starting on July 9th, I will teach a Sunday School class for new members and those considering joining South River. This class is called RiverWalk and allows prospective church members to learn about our heritage and vision. We also discuss authentic church membership and invite those who attend to plant their lives at South River.

Thanks for your encouragement and support. Join with me in asking God to reveal how His church can leave an imprint of His goodness and grace in Statesville.

Blessings,  
Pastor Chris

## PRE-SCHOOL

### 1ST SUNDAY

#### 8:15 AM

Melanie Townsell  
Molly Townsell  
Amelia Fox

#### 10:45 AM Worship

Tonda Lowman  
April Thompson  
Sara Beth Thompson  
**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 - VBS**

### 3RD SUNDAY

#### 8:15 AM Worship

Maddie Arrowood  
Salem Grace Lyles  
Terri Aiken

#### 10:45 AM Worship

Kim Mersfelder  
Abigail Kilcoyne  
Kaitlyn Lyon  
**NO PM Worship**

### 4TH SUNDAY

#### 8:15 AM Worship

Savannah Mullins  
Mary Keever  
Terry Reid

#### 10:45 AM Worship

Riley Elliott  
Natalie Schriener  
Addison Carter  
Donna Williams  
**6:00 PM Worship**  
Mary Cook  
Amelia Fox

### 1ST WEDNESDAY

Anita Long  
Elizabeth Griffin

### 2ND WEDNESDAY

Tara Beatty  
Lesley Colvert

### 3RD WEDNESDAY

Nicky Robertson  
Brenda Runkle

### 4TH WEDNESDAY

Amanda Meadows  
Heather Cannon

## GREETERS

### JUNE 4TH

Greeters -

8:00 - Martha McCoy - FD  
Carol Sipes - SP  
10:30 - Riley Elliott - FD  
Jenna Sherrill - SP

### JUNE 11TH

Greeters -

8:00 - Maggie Baumberger - FD  
Bonnie Williams - SP  
10:30 - Bridget Merritt - FD  
Taylor Hedrick - SP

### JUNE 18TH

Greeters -

8:00 - Sandra Boan - FD  
Cindy Holloway - SP  
10:30 - Jenna Sherrill - FD  
Beth Weibley - SP

### JUNE 25TH

Greeters -

8:00 - Bridget Merritt - FD  
Brenda Runkle - SP  
10:30 - Mary Kirkpatrick - FD  
Kimberly Shoemaker - SP

## GRIEF SHARE MINISTRY

### GRIEF SHARE

GriefShare classes are complete for this session. Please contact Steve Jenkins @ (980) 263-4134 for information on the next classes that will be held in August. Brand new material offered this fall!



## WELCOME

### BY BAPTISM

James Snyder      323 Augusta Drive      Statesville, NC 28625      704-775-2952

### BY LETTER

David Salmonsens      114 Capstone Court      Statesville, NC 28625      704-929-3071  
Lisa Watters      4130 Mor Loc St.      Claremont, NC 28610      828-409-5703

## 2022/2023 MINISTRY BUDGET

YTD BUDGET GOALS	\$ 802,550.19
YTD BUDGET RECEIPTS	\$ 755,099.40
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE	\$ 755,099.40

## RIPPLE KIDZ MINISTRY

**SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST**

# SUMMER CAMP 2023

TIME FOR FUN

CREATE. EXPLORE. LEARN.  
**STATESVILLE NC**

**ECCLESIASTES 3:1**

## STARTING JUNE 19

REGISTER NOW AT [SOUTHRIVERBAPTIST.COM](http://SOUTHRIVERBAPTIST.COM) OR CALL 704-876-1520

# DEEP & WIDE STUDENT MINISTRY

## The Chosen Stone and His Chosen People

Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. Therefore, it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame." Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone," and "A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.



The photo to the right is a cornerstone that had been rejected by a church in War, West Virginia. Not sure of the reason for the rejection but it reminded me of the way the world and church today is rejecting the Chief Cornerstone and building on a false foundation. May we as Christians never lose sight that we are a royal priesthood and we need Christ as our Chief Cornerstone!!!



Pastor Scott Townsell,  
Student & Parent Discipleship

# BIRTHDAYS

## JUNE

- |                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Erin Bowman      | 16 Joshua Nichols  |
| Peggy Koch         | Abigail Paul       |
| Ashley Weston      | Gary Stewart       |
| 2 Jonna Horne      | Kathy Stewart      |
| David Thompson     | 17 Bob Horner      |
| 3 Mary Beth Wilson | 19 Nick Benfield   |
| 4 Eli Murdock      | Dianne Griffith    |
| 5 Noah Hance       | Cooper Johnson     |
| Mike Oliver        | 20 Carl Aiken      |
| 6 Geraldine Dixon  | Scott Lindly       |
| Linda Eason        | 21 Andrew Lyon     |
| Howard Martin      | 23 Gianna Hance    |
| Zahra Mullis       | 24 Bentley Pearson |
| 7 Miranda Schriner | 25 Anna Beatty     |
| 8 Daniel Olds      | Janet Johnson      |
| 9 Steve Gladden    | Josh Kilcoyne      |
| Caleb Long         | Alex Ross          |
| Jason Sherrill     | Gabe Winebarger    |
| 10 Judy Callaway   | 30 Reagan Goss     |
| Poppy Willis       | Emma VanArsdale    |
| 11 Adam Merritt    |                    |
| 14 Jon Bowman      |                    |
| Elizabeth Coulombe |                    |
| Noah Poole         |                    |
| Brian Stewart      |                    |

# ANNIVERSARIES

## JUNE

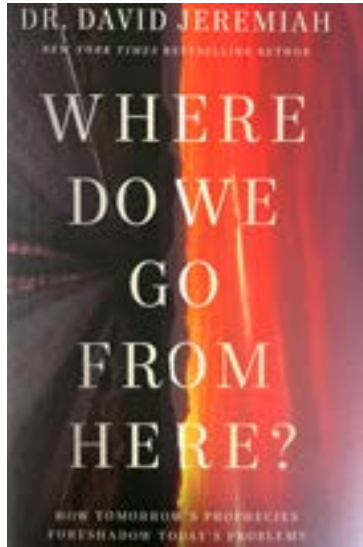
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|-----------------------------|
| 1 Jim & Eunice Brewer       |
| 2 Bobby & Connie Campbell   |
| 4 Jason & Michelle Mullins  |
| 6 Matthew & Brenna Pence    |
| 9 Kevin & Teresa Campbell   |
| Scotty & Brenda Greene      |
| Jody & Cathy Mitchell       |
| Chris & Amanda Pauley       |
| 10 Robert & Teresa Snider   |
| 11 Sonny & Jennifer Hedrick |
| 12 Michael & Nicole Johnson |
| 15 Doug & Renee Holland     |
| Michael & Daphne Jensen     |
| 17 Tony & Anita Craver      |
| 18 Hal & Cindy Gibson       |
| Brian & Robin Stewart       |
| 21 Billy & Sheri Pope       |
| 22 Larry & Libby Campbell   |
| Lynn & Alisha Johnson       |
| 24 Daniel & Emily Fisher    |
| 25 Eric & Heather Booie     |
| Jack & Wilma Huffman        |
| 26 Steve & Geraldine Dixon  |
| Mat & Miranda Schriner      |
| 28 Eric & Leona Dixon       |
| 30 Gary & Carol Stewart     |

## Wednesday Evening Meal Menus

5:30 - 6:45 pm Family Life Center

Wednesday evening meals  
will return on August 16

## VBS FOR ALL AGES



### Adult VBS Class

June 11-14 6:00 - 8:00 pm  
Choir Room

Video presentations  
by Dr. David Jeremiah

Facilitated by Fred Bradburn

All adults are encouraged to attend  
this very compelling study



## Mark Your Calendars

July 2nd - Patriots' Day Celebration  
July 9th - RiverWalk Class starts - 9:30 am  
July 10th - 15th - SWO Camp for Students

## RIVER WORSHIP MINISTRY

### RIVER WORSHIP CHOIR

4th AM	Mountain Mover	PM	Worship Night
11th AM	Lift Up the Name	PM	VBS
18th AM	Endless Praise	PM	No Service
25th AM	Come Behold Wondrous Mystery	PM	Exalted Forever

### SPECIAL MUSIC

4th AM	Cambrie Hobbs	PM	Worship Night
11th AM	Pastor Pauley	PM	VBS
18th AM	SRB Quartet	PM	No Service
25th AM	Erin Bowman	PM	Mary Cook

**WEDS** 7th No Solo 14th VBS 21st No Solo 28th Dan McGee

### Worship Across Aisles & Generations

Ephesians 5:18-21 - And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God.

This passage is so key to our understanding on worship in the Christian life and in the local body of Christ. We are to continually "be being filled" with the Spirit. When we are filled, the outflow is that we will admonish one another through the songs that we sing together. Notice here the focus is not the melody in our voices or instruments, it says, "making melody in your hearts". The Spirit is much more concerned about our hearts FIRST. All of this is maintained in an atmosphere of SUBMISSION to one another. Our worship every week together is presented before an Audience of One, the Almighty and Holy God. However, when we sing and worship, we also think about the other generations in the body to encourage their faith. I challenge you to ask yourself these questions each week, "Am I filled with the Spirit today, right now? Am I submitting myself to other generations of believers within our church body?"

Pastor Chris Pauley,  
Worship & Senior Adults

## YOUNG ADULTS

### **Lunch Fellowship**

**Sunday, June 4th 11:00 am**



**132 Beechnut Lane  
Statesville**

### **Hiking @ Table Rock**

**Saturday, June 10th**

**Leave 9:30 am Return 6 pm**



## WORSHIP EVENT

# CROSS-GENERATIONAL WORSHIP NIGHT

**SUNDAY, JUNE 4 6:00 PM**

*The River Worship Choir and Praise Team will be hosting this inspiring evening of worship involving all generations in our worship team and congregation.*

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



**Saturday, June 10th & 24th  
8 am (FLC #4)**

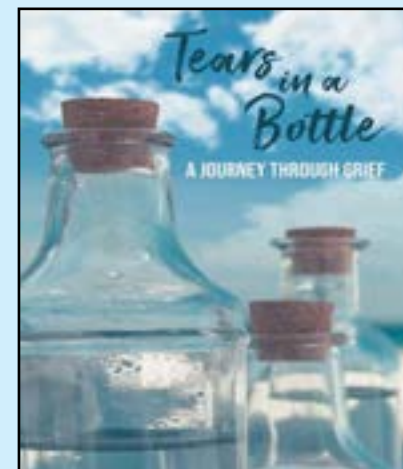
Instead of teaching men how to hone their aggressive traits, modern society tells us to “smash the patriarchy.” Modern churches offer the meek servant-leader as the only model for manliness. In most contexts today, men who display signs of independence are simply shown the door.

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.

## WIDOW/WIDOWER'S



### **Widow/Widowers Luncheon**

**Saturday, June 24**

**11:30 am FLC**

**Join us for a time of fellowship,  
encouragement and good food!**

(Contact the office or sign up in SS or Ministry Hall)

**You number my wanderings; Put my tears into  
Your bottle; Are they not in Your book? Ps. 56:8**

## HEADWATERS ACADEMY

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SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

Registration is OPEN for the 2023-24 School Year.  
We offer Pre-K to 10th grade and will add a grade each year.  
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

Informational Open House - June 20th @ 6 pm for new or prospective families

## NEW MEMBERS CLASS

### Pastor Chris Thompson



July 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th  
Sundays 9:30 am  
Room 109

## DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY



Message Series

with

Pastor Chris

Wednesdays  
@ 7:00 pm



# 2023

# june

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

				Children's Ministry @ the Zoo		
				1	2	3
10:45 am Graduate Recognition YAM Lunch (Katana) 6:00 pm Cross-Generational			No Meals until Aug. 16 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Students	11:30 am Will & Estate Planning Mtg (FLC w meal following)		8:00 am Men's Bible Study (FLC #4) 9:30 am YAM to Table Rock (all day)
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
6:00 pm Vacation Bible School - 15th						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
No PM Activities	Children's Summer Camp - 23	3:00 pm Senior Adult Food Boxes 6:00 pm HCA Open House	6:00 pm Ripple Kidz Council (Rm 110) 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Students 8:00 pm Stewardship Meeting			POND Life 8:00 am Men's Bible Study (FLC #4) 11:30 am Widow/Widower Luncheon (FLC)
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Ice Cream Fellowship after PM	Children's Summer Camp - 30		6:00 pm Student Ministry Council 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Students			
25	26	27	28	29	30	