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Dr. Chris Thompson, Senior Pastor
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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

May 2023



3rd Annual BBQ Fundraiser



**Thursday, May 4th, 2023
11am until 6pm**

**Eat In or Pick Up inside from 11am - 1:30pm
Drive Thru only from 1:30pm-6pm
\$10 per plate**

(BBQ Plate includes BBQ Chicken leg quarter, slaw, beans, roll and dessert)

**Family Life Center
South River Baptist Church
2659 S Chipley Ford Rd, Statesville NC**

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear South River Church Family,

How do I make my life count! Life is precious, a gift from God, which shouldn't be squandered. Time is that commodity that can't be replenished. So, we need to make the most of each day God gives us. Are you making the most of your life?

The way to ensure my life counts is to consider the prayer Moses prayed to God in Psalm 90:15-16. Moses prayed for God to reveal the work for His servant. God has a purpose for every believer! There is a place where we can serve God and advance His kingdom, proclaim His truth, and reveal the power of grace to change someone's life. Our life will count when we find the place God wants us to serve and get to it.

Moses also prayed for God to reveal a work that would inspire the next generation by the scope of the work. A glorious work is a God-sized task. If I am doing what is within my reach, then I probably don't need God to accomplish it. It may not be God's work for me but something that is merely comfortable to me.

If we embrace an awe-inspiring work serving the Lord, then we will need the Lord to accomplish that work. That means we will need faith in God to see us through on the project. God is always honored when we exercise faith and choose to believe He is able.

Our life will count if our work is established – if it stands the test of time. Many of our pursuits in life are vain pursuits. There are only two things that last forever – God's Word and men's souls. My life can count for eternity if I work to unite those two things together. We should work to see people embrace the gospel and obey God's truth.

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
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

NO Care

AWANA AWARDS

4TH SUNDAY

8:15 AM Worship

Maddie Arrowood
Mary Keever
Terry Reid

10:45 Worship

Riley Elliott
Natalie Schriner
Liz Deal

NO PM Worship

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

MAY 7TH

Greeters -

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

MAY 14TH

Greeters -

8:00 - Cindy Holloway - FD
Maggie Baumberger - SP
10:30 - Bonnie Williams - FD
Beth Weibley - SP

MAY 21ST

Greeters -

8:00 - Riley Elliott - FD
Sandra Boan - SP
10:30 - Kimberly Shoemaker - FD
Riley Elliott - SP

MAY 28TH

Greeters -

8:00 - Brenda Runkle - FD
Cindy Holloway - SP
10:30 - Bridget Merritt - FD
Mary Kirkpatrick - 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

Isabella Dishmond	295 Bluegill Ln	Statesville, NC 28625	704-929-6654
Ty Jensen	289 Harris Bridge Rd	Stony Point, NC 28678	704-437-9780
Jill Murdock	1005 Harris Bridge Rd	Stony Point, NC 28678	704-881-3397

BY LETTER

Lynn & Alisha Johnson	129 Fairgate Dr	Statesville, NC 28625	L - 704-252-1771
			A - 704-880-7374

BY STATEMENT

Daniel & Emily Fisher	143 Congo Rd	Statesville, NC 28625	D - 704-500-3379
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2022/2023 MINISTRY BUDGET

YTD BUDGET GOALS	\$720,237.35
YTD BUDGET RECEIPTS	\$ 679,814.82
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE	\$ 679,814.82

RIPPLE KIDZ MINISTRY

**She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness
is on her tongue...Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
Proverbs 31:30**

Who was the most influential person in your life? Who was the one person who loved, taught, and helped shape you into the person you are today? For most of us, one name comes to mind: Mom.

And rightfully so.

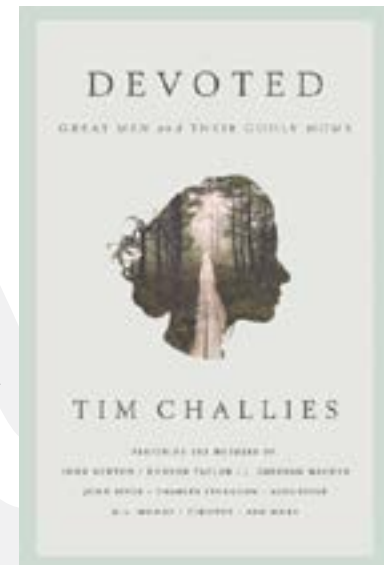
Respected pastor and author John MacArthur says, "Men may have the authority in the home, but the women have the influence. The mother, more than the father, is the one who molds and shapes those little lives from day one." But MacArthur is not the only one who believes this is true.

Not surprisingly, many of our Christian heroes were shaped by the attentiveness and godliness of their mothers. In *Devoted, Great Men and Their Godly Moms*, Tim Challies describes the powerful influence of godly mothers in shaping men who changed the world, including Augustine, Timothy, John Newton, Hudson Taylor, Charles Haddon Spurgeon, D.L. Moody, John Piper, and more. The book tells of Christian men, in their own words, who owe so much to their godly mothers.

This excellent book, one I highly recommend, challenged, encouraged, and inspired me. But more than anything, it reminded me of my mother and her impact on my life. Her love, teaching, gentle instruction, and countless prayers helped shape me into the man I have become. Naturally, as Mother's Day nears, I am reminded of my sweet Momma and the legacy of faith she leaves behind for me and her grandchildren. I miss her so much it hurts. I long for another kiss and hug from her. But for now, I must settle for the memories we share until we meet again in heaven. I thank the LORD for her, for all she did for me, and for her godly example. She loved and feared the LORD, and she deserves my praise.

This Mother's Day, celebrate your mother or another woman who filled the role of a mother for you. Tell them how much they mean to you and how grateful you are for their love, prayers, sacrifice, and support. If you are a mother, thank God for your children and continue to point them to Christ.

Blessings,
Pastor Bradley - Pastor to Families and Children



DEEP & WIDE STUDENT MINISTRY

So today is the 28th day of April in the year of 2023 and I have just spent some time reading God's Word. The staff at South River are constantly reminding the church that we all need a daily dose of God's Word. It's the center W in our South River logo, everything we do hinges off the Word. I make it a goal to read one Proverb a day and then any other scripture depending on the ministry that I may be preparing for. During my Proverb journey today I thought I would share a couple of scriptures that stood out while reading.

- The wicked **flee** when no man pursueth: but the righteous are **bold** as a lion.
- He that **covereth** his sins shall not prosper: but whoso **confesseth** and **forsaketh** them shall **have mercy**.
- Happy is the man that **feareth alway**: but he that **hardeneth his heart** shall fall into mischief.
- When the **wicked rise**, men hide themselves: but when they perish, the **righteous increase**.

We should all make it a goal and a priority to be in the Word each day. It is the only way to gain knowledge, understanding, and finally grow in Wisdom. We all need the Wisdom of God to navigate the days ahead of us. If you would like to listen to an audio version of Psalms and Proverbs, go to www.youtube.com/@SouthRiverBaptistChurch/playlists.

Let's be Students of the Word!

Pastor Scott Townsell,
Student & Parent Discipleship

GETTING
WISDOM
IS THE
WISEST
THING
YOU CAN DO

PROVERBS 4:7

BIRTHDAYS

MAY

- | | | | |
|----|--|----|---|
| 1 | Ethan Holland
Johnny Martin
Noah Sherrill | 19 | Christopher Thompson |
| 2 | Paxton Cook
Ashley Frye
Lincoln Graham
Harold Harmon
Rebecca Hemenway
Stephen Hobbs | 21 | Hunter Williams
Crystal York |
| 3 | Sheila Cox
Addison Fox | 23 | Vickie Jenkins
Donnie Niemann
Christopher Poole |
| 4 | Dylan Barnette
Cohen Fulbright
Kim Williams | 24 | Avery Colvert
Addison Goforth
Sidney Leonard |
| 5 | Mary Keever
Jennifer Wall | 25 | Billy Lackey |
| 6 | Debbie Sloan
Tamatha Stewart
Lorie Weston | 26 | Eric Barnes
Elsie Pitman |
| 7 | Joseph Craft
Scott Townsell | 27 | Brenda Haggerty
Rocky Martin |
| 8 | Patricia Johnson | 28 | Eric Dixon
Danielle Graham
Amanda Hennessey
Micah Kilcoyne |
| 9 | Haley Carter
Madison Johnson
Andrea Thomas | 29 | Maddie Arrowood
Kyle Ingle
Jerry Long, Sr.
Collin Mersfelder |
| 10 | Nicky Robertson | 30 | Rick Baumberger
Jonathan Thompson |
| 13 | Maddox Murdock | 31 | Josh Bost
Harold Sprinkle |
| 14 | Natasha Nichols
Cheryl Wenzel | | |
| 16 | Dewey Johnson
Stacy Johnson
Ty Smith | | |
| 17 | Todd Benfield
Jordan McGahan
Cadence Wenzel
Emmett Wilhelm
Nan Woollard | | |
| 18 | Jenna Sherrill
Sandra Wallace
Jeff Winebarger | | |

ANNIVERSARIES

MAY

- | | |
|----|---|
| 1 | John & Dawn Waugh |
| 3 | James & Heather Melton |
| 4 | Ken & Doris Marsh |
| 6 | Larry & Sheila Cox
Steve & Tannice Gladden
Lloyd & Patricia Johnson |
| 9 | Robert & Vicki Miller |
| 10 | Danny & Elizabeth Griffin
Bradley & Brittany Shook |
| 12 | Raymond & Patsy Burnette
Harold & Carolyn Sprinkle |
| 14 | Malachi & Mary Beth Wilson |
| 15 | Brandon & Chrissy Dishmond |
| 18 | Jon & Erin Bowman
Tom & Ann Carter
Jamin & Rebecca Thorpe |
| 19 | Jared & Christie Hance |
| 21 | Adam & Bridget Merritt
Greg & Emily Watson |
| 24 | Addison & Amelia Fox
Harley & Summer Poole |

Wednesday Evening Meal Menus

5:30 - 6:45 pm Family Life Center

3rd	No meal	
10th	Sloppy Joe/chips	\$2
17th	No meal	
24th	Walking tacos	\$3
31st	Baked chicken/au gratin potatoes	\$3

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY



Ladies Bible Study in I Peter
Navigating As Sojourners

Fridays 9:00 - 10:30 am
Runs March 3rd - May 19th
Choir Room

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



Mark Your Calendars

June 4th - Graduate Recognition Sunday
June 11th - 15th - Vacation Bible School
June 19th - Children's Summer Camp begins

WORSHIP MINISTRY

RIVER WORSHIP CHOIR

7th AM	Exalted Forever	PM	If You Never
9th AM	Faith Will Make a Way	PM	No Service
16th AM	It Is Well	PM	AWANA Awards
23rd AM	Say Amen	PM	No Service

SPECIAL MUSIC

7th AM	Wynston Lyles	PM	Jimmy Williams
14th AM	Nelson Cook	PM	No Service
21st AM	Cambrie Hobbs	PM	AWANA Awards
28th AM	Don Johnson	PM	No Service

WEDS 3rd No Solo 10th No Solo 17th Melani Harrell 24th No Solo
31st Dan McGee

Seeking Worshipers

John4:23 - But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

As the pastor who seeks to facilitate corporate worship, I am happy that the Father takes the pressure off of me in one sense. The truth is that Father God is seeking for worshipers. That is His job description, not mine! He expects me to encourage, exhort, challenge, inspire, educate and inform the body to worship both as a body together, but also individually throughout the week. Biblical forms of worship involve the Word of God, prayer, meditation, singing, shouting, playing instruments, crying, praising, raising hands, kneeling, laying prostrate before Him, etc. Jesus is saying here that the form is not as important as the heart attitude. We must worship in spirit and truth - spiritually (not in the selfishness of our flesh, our own desires as the main goal) and honestly (be honest with God and others about who you are). Ask yourself, "Am I the worshiper that Father God is seeking?"

Pastor Chris Pauley,
Worship & Senior Adults

YOUNG AT HEART

YOUNG ADULTS

JULIET CLUB

Monday, May 8th
11:30 am



1145 Glenway Drive
Statesville

1:1
Answers
IN GENESIS®

Bible Study
Sundays - 9:30 am

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, May 13th
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

May 27th

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.
We offer Pre-K to 10th grade and will add a grade each year.
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@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

BBQ Meal Fundraiser is May 4th

Informational Open House - May 18th @ 6 pm, June 20th @ 6 pm for new or prospective families



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)

MEN'S EVENT

SPORTSMANS DAY
MENS EVENT
MAY 27 2 - 8 P.M.
SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH
2659 S. Chipley Ford Rd. Statesville, NC 28625

SCHEDULE

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

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

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

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DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY



Message Series

with

Pastor Chris

Wednesdays
@ 7:00 pm

2023

may

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			No Meal 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Students Women's Bible Study	HCA Teacher Workday HCA BBQ Fundraiser	9:00 am Ladies Bible Study	8:30 am Young Adults (Stone Mtn)
	1	2	3	4	5	6
3:00 pm GriefShare (FLC 5) 7	11:30 am JULIET Club (Red Lobster) 8		5:30 pm Wednesday Meal 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Students Women's Bible Study 9		9:00 am Ladies Bible Study 12	8:00 am Men's Bible Study (FLC #4) 13
Mothers' Day 10:45 Parent/Child Dedication No Evening Activities 14		3:00 pm Senior Adult Food Boxes 15	No Meal 6:00 pm RK Council (Rm 110) 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Students Women's Bible Study 8:00pm Stewardship 17	6:00 pm HCA Open House 18	9:00 am Ladies Bible Study 19	9:00 am Concealed Handgun Class (Choir Room) 20
6:00 pm AWANA Awards 21			5:30 pm Wednesday Night Meal 6:00 pm Student Ministry Council 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Students Women's Bible Study 24		HCA (Last day of school) 26	9:00 am Ladies Prayer (Sanctuary) 2:00 pm Sportman's Day (FLC) 27
22	23	25	26	27	28	29
Memorial Weekend No Evening Activities 28	Church Office Closed 29		5:30 pm Wednesday Night Meal 6:00 pm Student Ministry Council 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Students 31			