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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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CURRENTS

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Grieving a loss?

Find hope and healing after the death of a loved one.

Join us at
GriefShare®

Weekly grief support group

When: Sundays, 3:00 – 5:00 pm
August 13 – November 12
Room FLC #5

Where: South River Baptist Church
2659 S. Chipley Ford Rd.
Statesville, NC 28625
704-876-1520

Contact: Steve Jenkins
980-263-4134

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear South River Church Family,

We have been enjoying some wonderful worship services this summer at South River. Our study on the attributes of God continues to reveal incredible truths about our amazing Lord. I want to encourage you to continue to memorize and to meditate upon the Scripture passages associated with each sermon. We must chew mentally on the spiritual truths we discover and allow them to permeate every fabric of our being. God's word will speak to us in our daily routines as we tune our hearts to His voice.

On August 13 we will gather to celebrate the Lord's Supper. I always want to encourage you to prepare your hearts as we approach His table. When we celebrate this family meal, we are reminded not only of the cross upon which our Savior died for our sins, but also of the covenant we have now entered with God. Our lives should be distinct from the world around us since we are now His covenant people. We live with eager expectation that our King can return at any moment to usher in His kingdom and all the eternal blessings He has promised. Praise God for the living hope He gives!

Blessings,
Pastor Chris

PRE-SCHOOL

1ST SUNDAY

8:15 AM

Melanie Townsell
Molly Townsell
Sherri Oliver

10:45 AM Worship

April Thompson
Tonda Lowman
Sara Beth Thompson
6:00 PM Worship
Cricket Barnette
Patsy Burnette

2ND SUNDAY

8:15 AM Worship

Heather Cannon
Summer Poole
Taylor Hedrick

10:45 AM Worship

Donna Lyons
Alissa Coulombe
Brenda Pence
6:00 PM Worship
Amelia Fox
Mary Jo Frye

3RD SUNDAY

8:15 AM Worship

Terri Aiken
Maddie Arrowood
Salem Grace Lyles
10:45 AM Worship
Kim Mersfelder
Abigail Kilcoyne
Kaitlyn Lyon

6:00 PM Worship

Robin Stewart
Carla Winebarger

4TH SUNDAY

8:15 AM Worship

Savannah Mullins
Mary Keever
Terry Reid

10:45 AM Worship

Liz Deal
Cindy Pickett
Natalie Schriener
Heather VanArsdale
6:00 PM Worship
Crystal Moss
Rhea Lamb

1ST WEDNESDAY

Elizabeth Griffin
Anita Long

2ND WEDNESDAY

Tara Beatty
Lesley Colvert

3RD WEDNESDAY

Nicky Robertson
Brenda Runkle

4TH WEDNESDAY

Amanda Meadows
Mary Cook

5TH WEDNESDAY

April Thompson
Sarah Beth Thompson
Bonnie Hamilton

GREETERS

AUGUST 6TH

Greeters -
8:00 - Martha McCoy - FD
Carol Sipes - SP
10:30 - Lisa Watters - FD
Kimberly Shoemaker - SP

AUGUST 13TH

Greeters -
8:00 - Maggie Baumberger - FD
Brenda Runkle - SP
10:30 - Riley Elliott - FD
Beth Weibley - SP

AUGUST 20TH

Greeters -
8:00 - Sandra Boan - FD
Bonnie Williams - SP
10:30 - Jenna Sherrill - FD
Bridget Merritt - SP

AUGUST 27TH

Greeters -
8:00 - Riley Elliott - FD
Cindy Holloway - SP
10:30 - Mary Kirkpatrick - FD
Lisa Watters - SP

GRIEFSHARE MINISTRY

GRIEFSHARE

GriefShare has brand new material this fall! Please contact Steve Jenkins @ (980) 263-4134 for information on the next classes that will be held starting August 13th @ 3 pm in FLC #5.



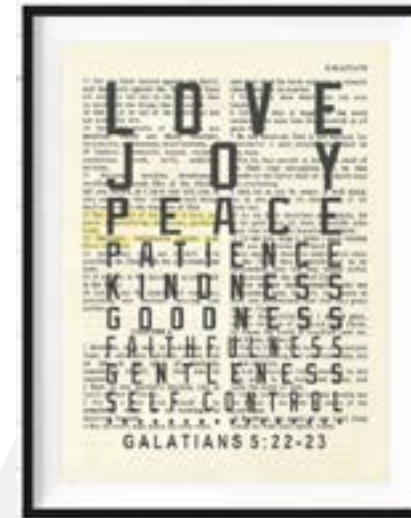
WELCOME

By Baptism				
Will Pence	119 Newland Ln	Statesville, NC 28625		704-928-5028
By Statement				
Matthew Kilcoyne	2922 N Oxford St.	Claremont, NC 28610		502-599-7312
Robert (Robbie) Taylor	364 River Run Rd.	Statesville, NC 28625		704-880-4315
By Letter				
Gabriel & Natalie Karr	301 Deerpurchase Cir	Statesville, NC 28625	N-480-326-1080	
Joan Nixon	527 Sylvia St.	Statesville, NC 28677		704-929-6159

2022/2023 MINISTRY BUDGET

YTD BUDGET GOALS	\$ 987,754.08
YTD BUDGET RECEIPTS	\$ 938,730.71
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE	\$ 938,730.71

RIPPLE KIDZ MINISTRY



But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23

We are currently teaching a series on The Fruit of the Spirit during Children's Church and are encouraging the children to commit these verses to memory. Would you also join us in memorizing these verses?

Why, you may ask? Because these verses serve as good reminders for how we, as believers, should live our lives. The fruits listed in Galatians 5 should be evident in the lives of genuine believers. They are gifts from the Holy Spirit and actually set believers apart from those that merely profess Christ with their lips. After all, according to Matthew 7, each of us are known by the fruit we bear, whether good or bad. Who we are around others reveals how far we have come in bearing the fruits of the Spirit. Other Christians, our family and friends, unbelievers and even our own children and grandchildren are watching our lives to see if our faith is genuine. Is it? Do they see the Fruit of the Spirit at work in your life? I certainly hope so.

Blessings,
Pastor Bradley, Pastor to Families and Children

DEEP & WIDE STUDENT MINISTRY

Oh, How Beautiful Heaven Must Be!

This summer Deep&Wide Student Ministries spent our Thursday's traveling to some of the greatest waterfalls that North Carolina has to offer. We have traveled to the Lower Cascade Falls and Upper Cascade Falls located at Hanging Rock, High Shoals Falls located at South Mountains State Park, Tom's Creek Falls and Harper Creek Falls located near Pisgah National Park, Looking Glass Falls and Sliding Rock Falls located near Brevard NC. Each trip has had its difficulties but each ending with a great reward! It was great to get out in nature and enjoy God's creation with the students that traveled with us each time. Tom's Creek Waterfalls was by far one of the most beautiful waterfalls that we visited but even in its majestic state it was beauty that was tainted by sin. That was the thought that occurred to me while standing in awe of the 80ft tall waterfall. I took a moment and thought how beautiful this world must have been on Day 7 after God was finished creating all things in those 6 days and sin had not had its effect on it yet. As a believer I am looking forward to the sinless beauty that Revelation 21:1-5 speaks about "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and earth had ceased to exist, and the sea existed no more. And I saw the holy city—the new Jerusalem—descending out of heaven from God, made ready like a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying: "Look! The residence of God is among human beings. He will live among them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death will not exist anymore—or mourning, or crying, or pain, for the former things have ceased to exist." Oh, how beautiful heaven must be!



Pastor Scott Townsell,
Student & Parent Discipleship

BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST

- | | | | |
|----|--|----|--|
| 1 | Lacy Graham
Jean Isenhour | 18 | Elena Weston
Gabriella Weston |
| 2 | Darlene Goforth
Sierra Massey
Jason Mullins
Lexi Mullis
Abram Stewart
Teresa Stroud | 21 | Anita Craver
Amber Grant |
| 3 | Julie Lynn Wilhelm | 22 | Kinley Merritt
Patsy Weston |
| 4 | Eric Booie
Isaiah Graham
Aaron Harrell
Ava Shoemaker | 23 | Wesley Johnson
Vicki Miller |
| 5 | Makayla Maffucci | 24 | Anna-Lisa Goodman
Tucker Barnes
Allie Pence
Belinda Rowe
David Shook |
| 6 | Raymond Burnette
Robert Colvert
John Gallina
Brayden Hill
Tim Moss | 26 | Gene Cashion
Karen Lyon |
| 7 | Marcell Souther
Randy Stewart | 27 | Bridget Merritt |
| 8 | Campbell Grace Johnson
Micah Jones | 28 | Mabel Shook
Heather VanArsdale
Linda Jean Wallace |
| 9 | Gloria Paul
David Stroud | 29 | Michael Lyles |
| 10 | Kim Shoemaker
Donna Williams | 30 | Elizabeth Cook
Roger Hill Jr.
Elijah Pope
Isaac Thorpe |
| 11 | Eden McGahan | 31 | Gregory Coulombe
Lexis Myers |
| 12 | Tony Craver
David Earnest
Julie Martin
Lane Pearman | | |
| 13 | Jared Hance
Teresa Hawks
Wilma Huffman
Brenda Runkle
Cole Sprinkle | | |
| 14 | Teresa Snider | | |
| 15 | Jeannie Webber | | |
| 16 | Brooklynn Bowman
Lily Martin | | |
| 17 | Dan McGee
Greg Watson | | |

ANNIVERSARIES

AUGUST

- | | |
|----|---|
| 1 | Dr. Chris & April Thompson |
| 2 | Nelson & Cyndi Cook |
| 3 | Mike & Bobbie Jo Hayes |
| 7 | Allen & Janice Estes |
| 9 | Tim & Crystal Moss
Scott & Melanie Townsell |
| 12 | Jason & Cheryl Wenzel |
| 13 | James & Connie Cook |
| 14 | Jay & Lorrie Murdock |
| 15 | Roger & Brenda Clement |
| 24 | Pete & Darlene Jones |
| 25 | Wayne & Kelly Hill |
| 26 | Carl & Terry Aiken
Jimmy & Kim Williams |
| 30 | Eric & Crystal Barnes
Alton & Hilda Cook
Paul & Ovanell Corriher
Ethan & Alena Dowdle
Wayne & Jenny Mason |

Wednesday Evening Meal Menus

5:30 - 6:45 pm Family Life Center

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|----------------|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Aug. 16 | Pizza w/salad | \$3 |
| Aug. 23 | Nachos w/salad & toppings | \$3 |
| Aug. 30 | Chicken sandwich w/chips | \$3 |

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY



Ladies Bible Study in II Peter
Navigating As Sojourners

Fridays 9:00 - 10:30 am
Runs September 8th - October 20th
Choir Room

Open to ladies in the community
Nursery & children's program available
For more information,
contact Bonnie Hamilton 704-213-2332



Mark Your Calendars

Sun, Sept. 10th - GROW Ministry begins - 6:00 pm

RIVER WORSHIP MINISTRY

RIVER WORSHIP CHOIR

6th AM	Psalm 24	PM	Worship @ the Park
13th AM	If You Never	PM	Impossible Things
20th AM	Lord of All	PM	Worthy Worthy
27th AM	There Is Power in the Blood	PM	Sing to the Lord

SPECIAL MUSIC

6th AM	SRB Quartet	PM	Worship @ the Park
13th AM	Sherwin Johnson/Jimmy Williams	PM	Nelson Cook
20th AM	Belle Craver/Lydia Thorpe	PM	Charity Olds
27th AM	Praise Team	PM	Darlene Estes

WEDNESDAYS 2nd No solo 9th No solo 16th Taylor Hedrick 23rd No solo
30th Dan McGee

Worship In The Spirit

John 4:23 - "But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers 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."

It is reassuring to know that the Father is seeking worshippers. However, we can't stop there. We must understand what it means to offer "true worship" to the Father. The context of this passage tells us first that true worship is not about a location, even a place that was built for the worship of God like a "house of worship" or a "sanctuary". There is nothing wrong with such a location, but it certainly does not guarantee true worship. True worship takes place in the person's heart who has been sought and found by Father and made into a worshipper. You can't be a true worshipper without the Spirit of God indwelling you (in other words, "You must be born again"). If that is so, we can worship anywhere because the Spirit is always with us and in us.

Secondly, consider that all true worship is initiated, energized and guided by the Spirit of God. Yes, we have a choice to worship or not, but we are first called by the Spirit of God into glorifying, praising, thanking, praying, magnifying the One True God, and that is true for private, family AND corporate worship. Next time you enter into a time of worship, ask the Holy Spirit of God to guide and energize that worship. I think you'll be amazed with the difference.

Pastor Chris Pauley,
Worship & Senior Adults

YOUNG AT HEART

JULIET CLUB

Monday, August 14th 11:30 am



1115 Glenway Drive Statesville

Young At Heart Trip to Ft. Mill, SC NarroWay Productions Dinner & Show

Friday, September 22nd, 2023

Leave church by 4:30 pm (show starts @ 6:30)

Total Cost each ticket will be \$40.95 (no tax)



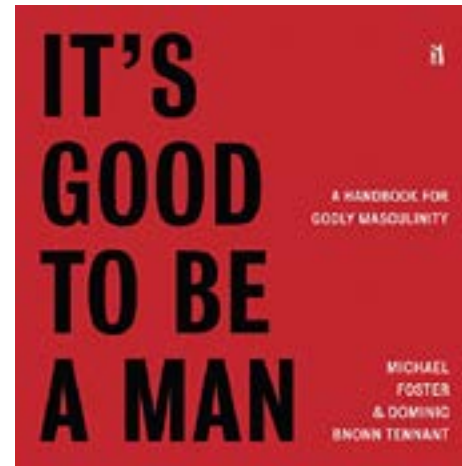
Sign up in SS class or hallway to register your interest. We will contact you and talk about deposits and final payments.

You can also call Pastor Pauley (704-880-3625) or Amanda (252-450-5790) with questions.

We have been to see this show and it is fantastic!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Saturday, August 12th & 26th
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

August 26th

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



HEADWATERS ACADEMY



HEADWATERS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
PATRIOTS

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 for all areas next year.
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. You can help support Headwaters by downloading the Box Tops app and selecting Headwaters Christian Academy in Statesville, NC as your school. RaiseRight is another way to support Headwaters buy purchasing gift cards that you would normally buy in stores. You can use this link to get started > <https://www.raiseright.com/enroll?enrollCode=SM4GPS3BTGJ5>

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY



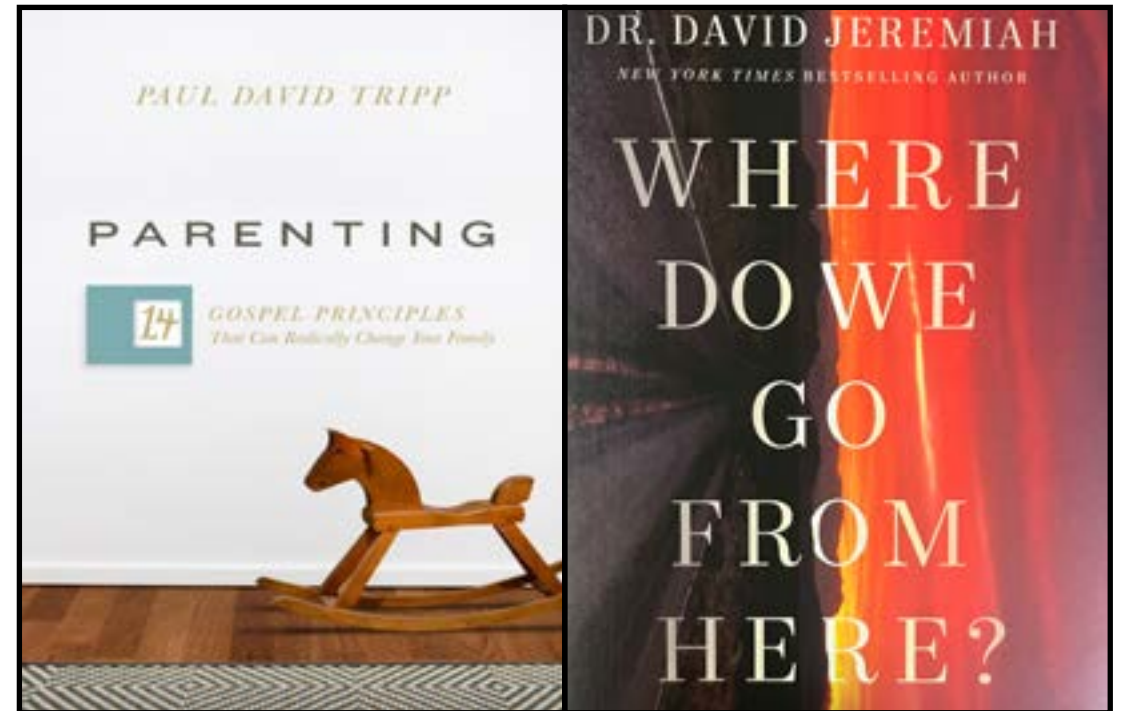
Message Series

with

Pastor Chris

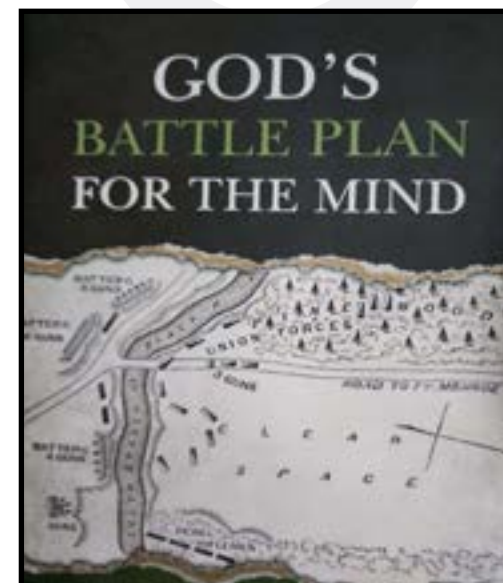
**Wednesdays
@ 7:00 pm**

ADULT GROW CLASSES



GROW Adult Classes - September 13th - November 15th

Sundays - 6:00 - 7:00 pm



**GROW Class for Men
Starting in September
2nd & 4th Saturdays @ 8 am (FLC)**

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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

			7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Students			
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5:30 pm Worship in the Park (MLK) 6	7	HCA Teacher Workdays - 11th 8	7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Students 9	10	11	8:00 am Men's Bible Study (FLC #4) 12
Lord's Supper - AM 9:30 am Promotion Sunday 3:00 pm GriefShare (FLC #5) 13	HCA Teacher Workday 11:30 am JULIET Applebee's 14	HCA - 1st day of School 3:15 pm Senior Adult Food Boxes 15	5:30 pm Wednesday Night Meal 6:00 pm Ripple Kidz Council (Rm 110) 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Students 8:00 pm Stewardship Meeting 16	17	18	19
3:00 pm GriefShare (FLC #5) 20	21	22	5:30 pm Wednesday Night Meal 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Students 23	24	25	8:00 am Men's Bible Study (FLC #4) 9:30 am Ladies Prayer (Sanctuary) 26
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