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BAPTIST CHURCH

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# SEPTEMBER 2023

## OUR CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Chris Thompson, Senior Pastor  
 Rev. Chris Pauley, Worship Pastor  
 Rev. Scott Townsell, Pastor for Student Discipleship  
 Rev. Tony Craver, Church Administrator  
 David Thompson, Interim Pastor for Children  
 Linda Cornett, Ministry Assistant  
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 704-880-3625  
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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  
 5:45 PM GROW Classes  
 6:00 PM Evening Worship

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**CURRENTS**

September 2023



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**  
**6:00 - 7:00 PM**

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## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear South River Family,

What is the value of a soul? We know how precious the life of a preemie baby is and the expense we are willing to go to save that precious life. The costs for medical care in the NICU at a hospital can easily reach into the millions of dollars. Again, how valuable is a soul?

I ask that question because we are raising funds to construct a mission's warehouse which will enable us to reach many more souls for God's kingdom. We have seen over the past four years God supply whatever is needed to minister to community needs as we have presented ourselves as willing vessels to spill out His grace and goodness.

I am asking everyone, not just every family, but everyone, to prayerfully ask God what we should bring on September 17th for a special initial offering to raise funds for the mission's warehouse. We need to raise just over \$850,000 for the building. When we gather those funds, we will start the six-month project. I know that God can accomplish this if everyone surrenders to His plan.

I encourage you to choose to be a part of something exciting that God is doing in and through our church family. You will be eternally grateful!

Blessings,  
Pastor Chris

God be merciful to us and bless us and cause His face to shine upon us. Selah  
That Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations.  
Psalm 67:1-2.

## PRE-SCHOOL

### 1ST SUNDAY

**8:15 AM**

Melanie Townsell  
Molly Townsell  
Sherri Oliver

**10:45 AM Worship**

April Thompson  
Tonda Lowman  
Sara Beth Thompson

**NO PM Worship**

### 2ND SUNDAY

**8:15 AM Worship**

Summer Poole  
Taylor Hedrick  
Addison Carter

**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**

Terry Aiken  
Maddie Arrowood  
Salem Grace Lyles

**10:45 AM Worship**

Kim Mersfelder  
Abigail Kilcoyne  
Kaitlyn Lyon

**6:00 PM Worship**

Robin Stewart  
Tamantha Stewart

### 4TH SUNDAY

**8:15 AM Worship**

Savannah Mullins  
Mary Keever  
Terry Reid

**10:45 AM Worship**

Cindy Pickett  
Natalie Schriener  
Heather VanArsdale

Lisa Watters

**6:00 PM Worship**

Crystal Moss  
Maritza Anderson

### 1ST WEDNESDAY

Elizabeth Griffin  
Anita Long

### 2ND WEDNESDAY

Tara Beatty  
Donna Williams

### 3RD WEDNESDAY

Nicky Robertson  
Heather Cannon

### 4TH WEDNESDAY

Amanda Meadows  
Mary Cook

## GREETERS

### SEPTEMBER 3RD

Greeters -

8:00 - Carol Sipes - FD  
Martha McCoy - SP  
10:30 - Kimberly Shoemaker - FD  
Jenna Sherrill - SP

### SEPTEMBER 10TH

Greeters -

8:00 - Brenda Runkle - FD  
Maggie Baumberger - SP  
10:30 - Jenna Sherrill - FD  
Riley Elliott - SP

### SEPTEMBER 17TH

Greeters -

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

### SEPTEMBER 24TH

Greeters -

8:00 - Bonnie Williams - FD  
Cindy Holloway - SP  
10:30 - Bridget Merritt - FD  
Mary Kirkpatrick - SP

## GRIEFSHARE MINISTRY

### GRIEFSHARE

New GriefShare classes started in August.  
Please contact Steve Jenkins  
@ (980) 263-4134 for information.



## WELCOME

### By Baptism

Genevieve Karr	301 Deerchase Circle	Statesville, NC 28625	480-326-1080
Annabella Kilcoyne	2922 N Oxford St.	Claremont, NC 28610	530-828-4962
Dave & Nancy Snyder	323 Augusta Dr.	Statesville, NC 28625	D-704-907-3893 N-704-516-6233

### By Letter

Curtis & Mary Jane Ribelin	121 S Yadkin River Rd.	Statesville, NC 28625	C-704-929-1134 M-704-929-4558
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## 2022/2023 MINISTRY BUDGET

YTD BUDGET GOALS	\$ 1,070,066.92
YTD BUDGET RECEIPTS	\$ 1,018,964.51
<b>TOTAL GIVING TO DATE</b>	<b>\$ 1,018,964.51</b>

## RIPPLE KIDZ MINISTRY

South River Church Family,

I want to introduce you to our interim Pastor to Families and Children. Many of you already know David Thompson. David grew up at South River and surrendered here to preach. He was licensed by our church and has served for the past 3 years at Snowbird Wilderness Outfitters. David has been leading servant teams, counseling students, and supporting day-to-day operations at SWO. He has worked in our children's camps for several years and other children's ministries. He is well acquainted with our church, our families, our passion for ministry, and our standard of excellence. He will complete his Bachelor of Arts degree in December from Southern Evangelical Seminary.

David will serve through the end of the year. He will report to Pastor Scott and work closely with Timothy Clendenin as we establish the Grow ministry, host a Fall Festival, and continue our regular Sunday and Wednesday ministries for children. This enables our Personnel Committee to search for our next Pastor to Families and Children knowing our staffing needs are sufficient and our current pastoral staff are not overburdened with additional responsibilities.

David will assist our lay leaders and those working in the following areas as well: Good News Club, Nursery, Children's Church, and Sunday School. He looks forward to introducing himself to all of you and serving alongside you over the next months. Please welcome him back to South River as he assists us in this time of transition. He will be your primary point of contact in the months ahead for ministry needs.

David will serve as the interim through the end of the year as he must return to SWO in the new year as they ramp up for their camps. We are grateful they have released him to us. I encourage our church family to pray for David and our children's ministry as we seek to grow the kingdom of God and shepherd hearts.

Blessings,  
Pastor Chris

# DEEP & WIDE STUDENT MINISTRY

## GROW?

The one thing that no one stops doing until they die is GROW! Strange how we have strayed from that mindset when it comes to the Christian walk. The Bible constantly speaks of how the believer **needs** to GROW in their faith. Paul speaks about the condition of many believers today in 1 Corinthians 3:1 "So, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but instead as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ". The **need** for growth in the Christian life is not something we should take lightly or think little about but rather realize it is what we **NEED**. As we approach September 10th and the beginning of our GROW ministry, my prayer is that we are all looking forward to the time that is being set aside to help us GROW in our walk with Christ. We should have no desire to remain milk drinking babies but Christians that enjoy the meat of God's Word.

*"So, we are no longer to be children, tossed back and forth by waves and carried about by every wind of teaching by the trickery of people who craftily carry out their deceitful schemes" Ephesians 4:14*

Pastor Scott Townsell,  
Student & Parent Discipleship



# BIRTHDAYS

## SEPTEMBER

- |                     |                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Savannah Mullin   | 22 Hunter Baldwin     |
| 2 Benjamin Olds     | Michael Johnson       |
| 3 Hilda Cook        | 23 Kevin Robertson    |
| Reed Shook          | 24 Jessica Bennett    |
| Landon Watson       | Cyndi Cook            |
| 4 Alena Dowdle      | Michael Jensen        |
| Charlene Thompson   | David Johns           |
| 5 Brittany Dixon    | Jessica Park          |
| Aaron Johnson       | 25 Cindy Gibson       |
| Nicole Johnson      | Peyton Johnson        |
| 6 Walter Cook       | 26 Mary Jane Ribelin  |
| Claire Johns        | 27 Clara Paige Beatty |
| 7 Steven Baldwin    | Danny Williams        |
| Dylen Bevins        | 28 Patricia Gordon    |
| Janice Estes        | Hannah Kilcoyne       |
| 9 Cricket Barnette  | Penny Lippard         |
| 11 Shelby Jenkins   | 29 Nelson Cook        |
| 12 Mary Kirkpatrick | Tammy Pearman         |
| Vanessa Hunter      | Abbie Robertson       |
| 14 Roger Clement    | Emery Sprinkle        |
| Danny Griffin       |                       |
| 16 Mark Carter      |                       |
| Daniel Olds Jr.     |                       |
| 18 Sabrina Cook     |                       |
| 19 Tara Beatty      |                       |
| Jim Brewer          |                       |
| Westin Fox          |                       |
| Kevin Johnson       |                       |
| 20 Kelly Hill       |                       |
| 21 Eric Davidson    |                       |
| Raylan Mills        |                       |

# ANNIVERSARIES

## SEPTEMBER

- |                             |
|-----------------------------|
| 4 Scott & Melani Harrell    |
| 5 John & Shawna Wilson      |
| 6 Billie & Sherrie Haithcox |
| 7 Mike & Sherri Oliver      |
| 8 Todd & Chris Carter       |
| 11 Shane & Erica Barnette   |
| Gregory & Alissa Coulombe   |
| Gabriel & Natalie Karr      |
| 14 Eric & Tammy Davidson    |
| 17 Brett & Andrea Thomas    |
| 18 Lynn & Linda Moose       |
| Bryant & Crystal York       |
| 19 Rick & Maggie Baumberger |
| Ken & Kinnan Johnson        |
| Sandra & Raymond Ketchem    |
| Jason & Jenna Sherrill      |
| 22 Dewayne & Penny Lippard  |
| Kevin & Nicky Robertson     |
| 23 Matthew & Sierra Massey  |
| 25 Randy & Tamatha Stewart  |

## Wednesday Evening Meal Menus

5:30 - 6:45 pm Family Life Center

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|-----------------|--|
| <b>Sept. 6</b>  | <b>Baked Spaghetti w/salad</b>                   |
| <b>Sept. 13</b> | <b>Hot Dogs w/fries</b>                          |
| <b>Sept. 20</b> | <b>Chicken Nuggets w/pasta salad</b>             |
| <b>Sept. 27</b> | <b>Baked chicken w/salad<br/>and baked beans</b> |



## 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

Sat, Oct. 7th - Ham & Pancake Breakfast - 6:00 am  
Sat. Oct. 28th - Fall Festival - 11:00 - 3:00 pm

## RIVER WORSHIP MINISTRY

### RIVER WORSHIP CHOIR

3rd AM	How Great Is Your Love	PM	No PM Worship
10th AM	Lift Up the Name of the Lord	PM	Come Behold Wondrous Mystery
17th AM	Thou Oh Lord	PM	Endless Praise
24th AM	Sing To the Lord	PM	He Leadeth Me

### SPECIAL MUSIC

3rd AM	Don Johnson	PM	No PM Worship
10th AM	SRB Quartet	PM	Jimmy Williams
17th AM	Praise Team	PM	Mary Cook
24th AM	Sherwin & Pauleys	PM	Jerry & Anita Long

**WEDNESDAYS** 6th No solo 13th No solo 20th No solos 27th Dan McGee

### Sing a Special Song to the King

Psalm 96:1-3 - Oh sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, bless His name; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples."

This song is one of the hymns of Yahweh the King. It is quoted in 1 Chronicles 16 as a celebration song when the ark of the covenant was placed in the Tabernacle of Meeting that King David established for the ark. We often get caught up in the idea of the new song versus old songs, but that is not the concern here. This was a time of special celebration for the people of God, recognizing the LORD as their King. We often enter into worship haphazardly, without really thinking why we are gathered. EVERY TIME we gather, we should acknowledge the LORD God as our King - the Master and ruler of our lives, before Whom we bow our hearts, our lives, and even our bodies. The whole of creation recognizes the ruling power of their Creator King, as should we.

Since He is King, we should show Him respect and honor. **I should ask myself what I need to surrender afresh to the King today.** See all the commands here: sing, bless (praise), proclaim, declare. There is so much involved in the worship of our great King. We're commanded to "proclaim His salvation from day to day" (that is every day) and declare it to all peoples. **Only you can declare the testimony the King has given you.** Praise doesn't stop at the door of the church. Speak the good news every day. Our King is the Only worthy One.

Pastor Chris Pauley,  
Worship & Senior Adults

## YOUNG AT HEART

**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)**  
**Tickets are ordered. Final payments due Sept. 22.**



**Country Ham & Pancake Breakfast plus**  
**Bake Sale & Auction for Missions**  
**Saturday, October 7th**  
**6:00 - 11:00 am in Family Life Center**

**Bake  
sale  
6:00 am**



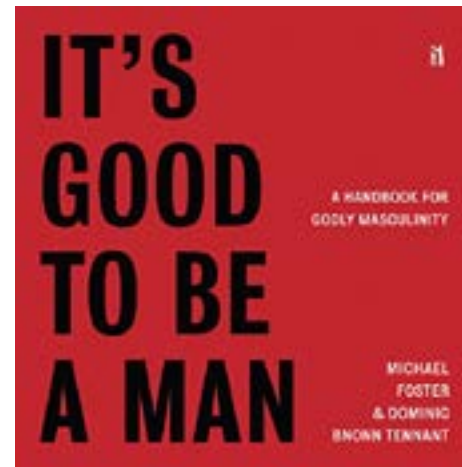
**Auction  
8:00 am**

**Adults \$10 each, Children 10 & under \$6 each**  
**Menu - Country Ham, Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits,  
Grits or Gravy, Drink**

**Proceeds will help benefit low-income families through the southeast region**

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

**Saturday, September 9th & 23rd**  
**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**

**September 23rd**

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





## HEADWATERS ACADEMY



HEADWATERS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY  
**PATRIOTS**

We have openings 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 for kitchen, cleanup, teacher assistants, tutors  
library, and recess monitoring.**

**Scan to apply or contact Kim Williams for more details 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**

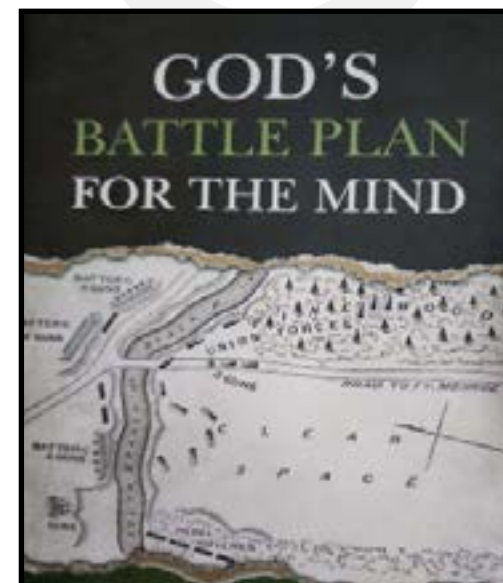
**Wednesdays  
@ 7:00 pm**

## ADULT GROW CLASSES



**GROW Adult Classes - September 13th - November 15th**

**Wednesdays - 6:45 - 8:00 pm**



**GROW Class for Men**

**Starting in October**

**2nd & 4th Saturdays @ 8 am (FLC)**



