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OCTOBER 2023

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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

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FALL FESTIVAL
2023

Bring your family and join us for fun and fellowship

REGISTER HERE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28
FROM 11-3PM

- Carnival Games, Food, Inflatables, Hay Rides, Family Fun & More!
- 2659 South Chipley Ford Rd., Statesville, NC 28625
Phone: (704) 876-1520
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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear South River Family,

This past Sunday we shared a video of an incredible mission before us. Some may consider it a mission impossible. Those that walk by faith know that such missions are what God specializes in. Just ask Abram and Sarai about a potential baby. Ask Moses the prophet standing by a vast Red Sea. Ask the virgin Mary and the surprise announcement by the angel Gabriel. We know impossible challenges are fitting for our God to display His power and glory.

As we fulfill our 20-year vision, the next element is the Missions Warehouse. We believe this facility will provide a reservoir of resources to support numerous ministries that will meet both physical and spiritual needs. We will be able to share the gospel and spread God's Word with residents in our community and country. Our church's mission is to glorify God and to make disciples. As we reach lost people and share with them the good news and then disciple them so that they become more like Jesus, God is glorified greatly. Each one of us needs to discover how we can contribute to these efforts to see the spreading of God's Word and its reception in the hearts of the lost.

I want to remind you that our mission efforts require individual faithfulness to tithe of God's blessings. God richly blesses us financially in the United States, the most prosperous nation in the world. But sadly, so few have discovered the joy of investing those blessings in the evangelistic efforts of the church and the advancement of His kingdom. Your support of our mission efforts here and abroad is laying up treasure in heaven. Evaluate your investment priorities and discover a joy more precious than gold, seeing someone come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

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
Patsy Burnette
Cricket Barnette

2ND SUNDAY

8:15 AM Worship

Summer Poole
Taylor Hedrick
Addison Carter

10:45 AM Worship

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

3RD SUNDAY

8:15 AM Worship

Terry Aiken
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
Heather VanArsdale
Lisa Watters
6:00 PM Worship
Crystal Moss
Robin Stewart

5TH SUNDAY

8:15 AM Worship

Bonnie Hamilton
Addison Carter

10:45 AM Worship

Liz Deal
Donna Williams
Makayla Maffucci
6:00 PM Worship
Donna Williams
Tamantha Stewart

1ST WEDNESDAY

Elizabeth Griffin
Anita Long

2ND WEDNESDAY

Tara Beatty
Brenda Runkle

3RD WEDNESDAY

Nicky Robertson
Heather Cannon

4TH WEDNESDAY

Amanda Meadows
Mary Cook

GREETERS

OCTOBER 1ST

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

OCTOBER 8TH

8:00 - Maggie Baumberger - FD
Bonnie Williams - SP
10:30 - Riley Elliott - FD
Lisa Watters - SP

OCTOBER 15TH

8:00 - Sandra Boan - FD
Cindy Holloway - SP
10:30 - Lisa Watters - FD
Jenna Sherrill - SP

OCTOBER 22ND

8:00 - Carol Sipes - FD
Brenda Runkle - SP
10:30 - Kimberly Shoemaker - FD
Riley Elliot - SP

OCTOBER 29TH

8:00 - Cindy Holloway - FD
Sandra Boan - SP
10:30 - Mary Kirkpatrick - FD
Bridget Merritt - SP

GRIEFSHARE MINISTRY

GRIEFSHARE

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



WELCOME

By Statement
Riley Fernandez 183 Foy Lane Statesville, NC 28625 704-775-3438

2022/2023 MINISTRY BUDGET

YTD BUDGET GOALS	\$ 79,763.16
YTD BUDGET RECEIPTS	\$ 69,802.73
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE	\$ 69,802.73

RIPPLE KIDZ MINISTRY

Exciting Start of Our GROW Program!

We are thrilled to share the exciting news about the start of our GROW program in our Children's Ministry! Over the past few weeks, our kids have been diving into God's Word and exploring the three key principles of faith: Word, Worship, and Witness. It has been truly inspiring to watch their spiritual growth and enthusiasm as they engage with these important spiritual ideas.

GROW Program Details: Sundays from 5:45 PM to 7:00 PM; Wednesdays from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM
We encourage all parents to bring their children to these sessions, as they provide a strong foundation for building a lifelong relationship with Christ. Our team of leaders and volunteers is committed to nurturing the spiritual development of our young ones, and we look forward to seeing your kids there!

Fall Festival Extravaganza - October 28th!

Mark your calendars for a day of family fun and fellowship as South River Baptist Church hosts its annual Fall Festival on October 28th. We are expecting a fantastic turnout of 1,800 people from our congregation and the local community. It's going to be an event you won't want to miss!

Fall Festival Details & Activities:

Date & Time: October 28th, 2023; 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Inflatables: Bounce, slide, and play to your heart's content!

Tractor Rides: Enjoy scenic rides and hear the truth of the Gospel proclaimed!

Delicious Food: Savor our homemade popcorn, snow cones, and other treats and snacks.

Games: Fun for all ages, with prizes to be won.

Crafts: Get creative with arts and crafts stations.

This year's Fall Festival promises to be a memorable experience for everyone in the family. It's an excellent opportunity to invite friends, neighbors, and co-workers to join us for a day where they will hear the Gospel proclaimed, be filled with laughter, taste good food, and have family fun.

Get Involved - Volunteer Registration:

We are also looking for volunteers to help make this event a success! Whether you can assist with setup, food service, games, or any other aspect of the festival, your participation is greatly appreciated. Please register to volunteer on October 28th. To volunteer speak with either myself or Bridget Meritt or sign up in your Sunday School.

We can't wait to see you, your families, and your friends on October 28th at the Fall Festival!

In His Service,
David Thompson, Interim Pastor for Children

DEEP & WIDE STUDENT MINISTRY

HOW IS GROW GOING?

We are going into week 4 of GROW and this is the question I have been asked multiple times. As a pastor we are always praying for God to show the fruits of our labor and God has done that through several posts or text messages these past few weeks. Below is one example that was posted on Facebook by one of our GROW students and it's regarding the song that we will be learning and singing about the Goodness of our God. Church, we NEED to GROW in our walk each day, may that be the desires of each of us. GROWing is not easy but it's rewarding!



Abbey Kilcoyne
12h · 🌐

This is a truly profound and moving song that beautifully captures the essence of our relationship with God. Its lyrics express a deep sense of awe and reverence for the goodness and grace of our Heavenly Father. The song reminds us of His majesty, love, and the profound sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

As we listen to the lyrics, we are drawn into a contemplative space where we reflect on the immeasurable love and mercy of God. It's a reminder that despite our flaws and shortcomings, we are welcomed into His presence with open arms and with the promise of acceptance. The chorus, with its repetition of "You are good, You are good," reinforces the fundamental truth of God's nature, which is goodness itself.

The song also highlights the response that this recognition of God's goodness should evoke in us – a desire to surrender our lives completely to Him, to worship and adore Him unreservedly. He is the King that is in need of nothing, but he's so gracious we ought to praise and worship Him with our everything. It's a call to align our hearts with His, to seek His will above all else, and to live in the light of His grace. We should be so overcome with His goodness and love that we can't do anything but give Him everything we are.

"Good and Gracious King" is more than just a song; it's a prayer, a declaration of faith, and an expression of gratitude. It's a song that touches the depths of our souls and reminds us of the profound relationship we have with our Creator, who is indeed a loving and good and gracious King.

Pastor Scott Townsell,
Student & Parent Discipleship

BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER

- | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Brett Thomas | 17 Ruth James |
| 3 Kalyn Melendez | Jeremiah Stewart |
| 4 Lesley Colvert | Samuel Thompson |
| 6 Mary Bowman | 18 Steve Jenkins |
| Billie Haithcox | Doris Marsh |
| Chris Keever | Laura Waddill |
| Michael Lyon | 19 Bryce Weston |
| Daryl Martin | 20 Tonda Lowman |
| 7 Dallas Alejandro | Carson Weston |
| Paul Corriher | 21 Libby Campbell |
| Dennis Stewart | 22 Ethan Booie |
| John Wilson | 23 Kayli Booie |
| 8 Cambrie Hobbs | 25 Melissa Alejandro |
| Jerry Long | Addy Wenzel |
| Matthew Pence | Evy Wenzel |
| Dorothy Privette | 26 Joan Nixon |
| Kaylie Robertson | Ellen Pope |
| 9 Cassandra Chege | 27 Teddy Campbell |
| 10 Salem Estes | Jeff Fox |
| Riley Fernandez | Jennifer Hedrick |
| Emily Fisher | Linda Hermoso |
| Brittney Griffin | Tony Smith |
| Toyie Templeton | 29 Walter Chrastina |
| 11 Ty Jensen | Sherri Oliver |
| Carolyn Sprinkle | 30 Tammy Davidson |
| Jeff Weston | Lydia Thorpe |
| 12 Ethan Barnes | |
| 13 Matthew Massey | |
| Robbie Taylor | |
| 14 Noah Paul | |
| 15 Jeff Doan | |
| Kelly Olds | |
| Molly Townsell | |
| 16 Veronica Coulombe | |
| Jeremy Stewart | |

ANNIVERSARIES

OCTOBER

- | |
|--------------------------------|
| 2 Joseph & Mary Kirkpatrick |
| 3 Brandon & Hanna LeFever |
| 5 Larry & Cathy Johnson |
| 6 Tyler & Anna-Lisa Goodman |
| 7 Jeff & Tammy Bowie |
| Walter & Marie Chrastina |
| 8 Gene & Mary Dellinger |
| 10 Elijah & Eli Pope |
| 14 Ridge & Mary Zittle |
| 15 Jerry & Peggy Koch |
| David & Nancy Snyder |
| 17 Howard & Julie Martin |
| 23 Michael & Stephanie Wilhelm |
| 24 Charles & Almedia Campbell |
| 25 Robert & Lesley Colvert |

Wednesday Evening Meal Menus

5:30 - 6:45 pm Family Life Center

- Oct. 4** Pork loin, creamed corn, pecan cobbler
- Oct. 11** Breakfast, hashbrown casserole, baked apples
- Oct. 18** Chicken pie, mashed potatoes, strawberry pie
- Oct. 25** Arby's sandwich, chips, cookies

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

Fri - Sat, Nov. 17-18 - Feeding 14,000
Sun, Nov. 19th - Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal - 5:00 pm

RIVER WORSHIP MINISTRY

RIVER WORSHIP CHOIR

1st AM Until Then
8th AM Lord of All
15th AM I'm So Blessed
22nd AM How Great Thou Art
29th AM Return

PM Impossible Things
PM He Is Our God
PM Bound For Glory
PM He Leadeth Me
PM In Jesus' Name

SPECIAL MUSIC

1st AM The Olds Family
8th AM Lydia Thorpe
15th AM Sherwin Johnson
22nd AM Chris & Amanda Pauley
29th AM Praise Team

PM SRB Quartet
PM Erin Bowman
PM Trace Hedrick/Sidney Leonard
PM Jimmy Williams
PM Pastor Pauley (instrumental)

WEDNESDAYS

4th No solo 11th Taylor Hedrick 18th No solo 25th Dan McGee

We Worship the LORD For Who He is

Psalm 103:1-5 - Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name!
2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: 3 Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, 4 Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, 5 Who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

This psalm of David recognizes the goodness and blessings of God. Like the old gospel song says to count your many blessings. Are there days you just get down in the mouth about the circumstances around you? All of us do! When that happens to you, stop and begin to ponder on the goodness of God in your life - all the wonderful blessings He gives.

Let's make a list with David. 1. God forgives ALL my iniquities. The One who is HOLY forgives my intentional sin, the deepest and darkest things I have thought and acted upon. This is God's most important blessing to us, but don't pass over it quickly. 2. He heals all my diseases (physical, spiritual, emotional, mental). I trust you know many things from which God has given you healing, not just physical. 3. He redeems me from destruction. He has purchased my safety from eternal destruction through the precious blood of Christ! 4. He places His love and mercy on my head. 5. He feeds me good-tasting things that strengthen, rejuvenate and restore me. When we look at life from this perspective, how can we not worship and bring ultimate praise to the One Who is the source of all our blessings. We thank Him for the blessing, but we worship him for Who He is - Forgiver, Healer, Redeemer, Mercy Giver, The One Who alone satisfies!

Pastor Chris Pauley,
Worship & Senior Adults

YOUNG AT HEART

JULIET CLUB

Monday, October 9th 11:30 am
Pauley Home 121 Postell Drive



Please bring a covered dish
or salad to share

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

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



JODY MCBRAYER

STORIES AND SONGS

FROM CANA'S
VOICE



& AVALON

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP CONCERT

Sunday, December 10th 7 pm
South River Baptist Choir & Instrumentalists

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2659 S. Chipley Ford Rd - Statesville
See www.southriverbaptist.com for more details
Free concert with offering collected

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HEADWATERS ACADEMY



HEADWATERS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
PATRIOTS

It's not too late to enroll for the 2023-24 School Year (openings in all grades)

We offer 1/2 day Pre-K & K thru 10th grade & 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 kitchen, cleanup, teacher assistants, tutors
library, and recess monitoring.**

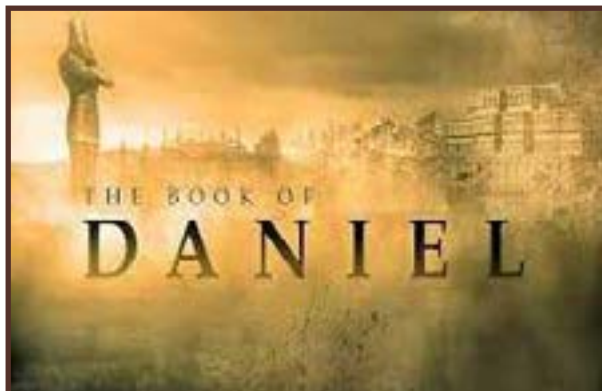
Scan to apply or contact Kim Williams for more details at 704-881-1459
kim@southriverbaptist.com; <https://headwaters-academy.com/volunteer/>



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 by 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

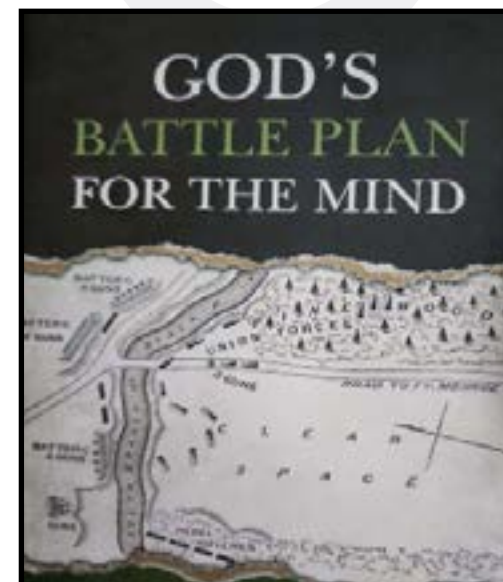
**Wednesdays
@ 7:00 pm**

ADULT GROW CLASSES



GROW Adult Classes Sundays & Wednesdays in Choir Room

Parenting - Wednesdays 7:00 pm; Adults - Sundays 6:45 pm



GROW Class for Men

Saturdays @ 8 am (FLC #4)

Starting on October 14th

2023

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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

3:00 pm GriefShare (FLC #5) 5:44 pm GROW 1	3:00 pm Good News Club (Central) 2	3	5:30 pm Wednesday Night Meal 6:45 pm GROW for all ages 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 4	5	9:00 am Ladies' Bible Study (Choir Rm) 6	6:00 am Ham & Pancake Breakfast with Auction 7
3:00 pm GriefShare (FLC #5) 5:45 pm GROW 6:00 pm Deacon Ordination 8	HCA Workday 11:30 am JULIET Club (Pauley Home) 3:00 pm Good News Club (Central) 9	HCA Workday 10	5:30 pm Wednesday Night Meal 6:45 GROW for all ages 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 11	12	9:00 am Ladies' Bible Study (Choir Rm) 13	8:00 am Men's Bible Study (FLC #4) 14
3:00 pm GriefShare (FLC #5) 5:45 pm GROW 15	3:00 pm Good News Club (Central) 16	3:00 pm Senior Adult Food Boxes 17	HCA Chapel 5:30 pm Wednesday Night Meal 6:00 pm Ripple Kidz Council (Rm 110) 6:45 pm GROW for all ages 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 8:00 pm Stewardship Mtg 18	19	9:00 am Ladies' Bible Study (Choir Rm) 20	21
Lord's Supper - AM 3:00 pm GriefShare (FLC #5) 5:45 pm GROW 22	3:00 pm Good News (Central) 23	24	5:30 pm Wednesday Night Meal 6:00 pm Student Ministry Council 6:45 pm GROW for all ages 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 25	26	HCA Workday 27	11:00 am Fall Festival D&W Students @ the Barn 28
3:00 pm GriefShare (FLC #5) No GROW Classes 6:00 pm Church Celebration 29	3:00 pm Good News (Central) 30	31				