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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
Linda Cornett, Ministry Assistant
Carole Ireland, Financial Secretary

704-876-1520
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

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Classes start January 14th

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear South River Church Family,

Welcome to a new year full of opportunities to grow in your faith. New beginnings are always an exciting time to discover what God is doing in your life and in the world around you. I want to share with you a couple of opportunities for you to grow in your faith as well as your commitment to serve our Lord Jesus.

I hope you will consider joining one of the new discipleship classes on Sunday or Wednesday evenings. There are great options for men, women, and our children to grow in their knowledge of God's Word. Consider bringing a friend to join you in one of these classes.

I want to encourage everyone to be here Sunday evening, January 7 for our quarterly Church Ministry Meeting. I will be sharing the "State of Our Church" and the opportunities before us in 2024. We will hear about the strategic objectives for our ministry at South River and in our community and how that relates to our ministries, staffing, facilities, finances, and objectives.

I believe 2024 will be an exciting time to see the Lord's hand move in our church and community. Begin praying now about how He will use you in ministry at South River and to our surrounding community. May God use these opportunities to mature our faith and enable us to spread the gospel abroad.

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

10:45 AM Worship

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

3RD SUNDAY

8:15 AM Worship

Addison Carter
Salem Grace Lyles
10:45 AM Worship
Kim Mersfelder
Abigail Kilcoyne

6:00 PM Worship

Donna Williams
Tamatha Stewart

4TH SUNDAY

8:15 AM Worship

Mary Keever
Terry Reid
Savannah Mullings

10:45 AM Worship

Donna Lyon
Kaitlyn Lyon
6:00 PM Worship
Robin Stewart
Lix Deal

1ST WEDNESDAY

Elizabeth Griffin
Anita Long

2ND WEDNESDAY

Tara Beatty
Brenda Runkle

3RD WEDNESDAY

Nicky Robertson
Heather Cannon

4TH WEDNESDAY

Amanda Meadows
Mary Cook
Alayna Cook

5TH WEDNESDAY

Sarah Beth Thompson
Brenda Runkle

GREETERS

JANUARY 7TH

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

JANUARY 14TH

8:00 - Brenda Runkle - FD
Maggie Baumberger - SP
10:30 - Bridget Merritt - FD
Kimberly Shoemaker - SP

JANUARY 21ST

8:00 - Sandra Boan - FD
Cindy Holloway - SP
10:30 - Beth Weibley - FD
Riley Elliott - SP

JANUARY 28TH

8:00 - Sandra Boan - FD
Brenda Runkle - SP
10:30 - Beth Weibley - FD
Mary Kirkpatrick - SP

GRIEF SHARE MINISTRY

GRIEF SHARE

New GriefShare classes start on February 4th. Please contact Steve Jenkins @ (980) 263-4134 for information.



WELCOME

By Baptism
Lyndsey Johnson 129 Fairgate Dr. Statesville, NC 28625 704-880-7374

By Letter
Scott MacLean 129 Altondale Drive Statesville, NC 28625 774-254-5127

2022/2023 MINISTRY BUDGET

YTD BUDGET GOALS	\$ 358,934.22
YTD BUDGET RECEIPTS	\$ 337,447.81
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE	\$ 337,447.81

RIPPLE KIDZ MINISTRY

Dear South River Baptist Church Family,

Happy New Year! As we step into the 2024 year with anticipation and excitement, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to each one of you for the incredible opportunity to serve as the Children's Pastor at South River for the past four months. It has been a joy to witness the growth and enthusiasm within our children's ministry, and I am grateful for your support and encouragement.

As we embark on a new year, I want to invite you and your family to participate in the GROW program at South River. The GROW program is an excellent way to start your year strong as a family by focusing on growing spiritually together. GROW is an exciting journey that will resume on January 14th.

What is the GROW Program? It is an opportunity for each member of our church to commit to personal and spiritual growth throughout the year. The GROW program will focus on three aspects essential to our spiritual growth:

1. WORD: We study the Word of God and hear Him speak.
2. WORSHIP: We remember and worship who our God is.
3. WITNESS: We learn to tell others about our great and glorious God.

Why Participate? By participating in the GROW Program, we can deepen our relationship with God, strengthen our bond as a church family, and set a positive tone for the year ahead. This program is not just for individuals; it is a collective effort that will unite us as a church, fostering a culture of growth, love, and spiritual vitality. Let us start the new year right by committing ourselves to personal and collective growth in Christ.

Thank you again for the privilege of serving as your Children's Pastor. I am excited about the journey ahead and look forward to witnessing the amazing things God has in store for us as a church family.

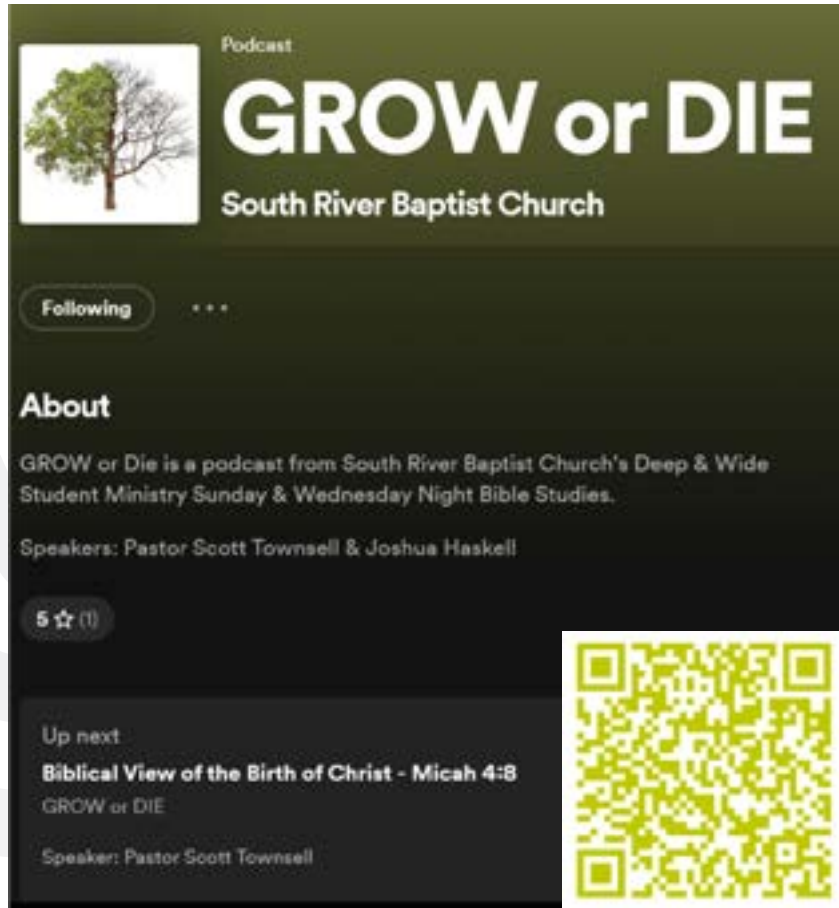
Blessings,
Brother David
Interim Pastor for Children

DEEP & WIDE STUDENT MINISTRY

GROW or DIE....

Great News.... Deep and Wide Student Ministries has a NEW podcast. The podcast will feature mainly our Wednesday Night Bible studies and any other teachings that we believe will help the parent and student Grow within their walk. It also gives the parent the opportunity to hear what is being taught and gives the parent a springboard for discussions with their student/s. As believers it should be our desire that we grow daily within our walk with Christ. Scan the QR code and start following us now. If we ain't growing, then we're dying...

Pastor Scott Townsell,
Student & Parent Discipleship



BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY

- | | | | |
|----|--|----|--|
| 1 | Heather Booie
Scotty Greene
Owen Lindly | 16 | Harold Christy
Ovanell Corriher |
| 2 | Bud Redmond | 18 | Michelle Mullins |
| 3 | Pete Jones
Lorene Wallace
Kieran Wilson | 20 | Jacob Deal
Donna Gallina
Sawyer Massey
Mia Watson |
| 4 | Phillip Clendenin
Mary Cook
Casey Hilderbrand
Gabe Sherrill | 22 | Addison Carter |
| 6 | Crystal Johns
Ty Templeton
Rylee Wireman | 23 | Connie Cook
Elizabeth Griffin |
| 7 | Tyler Bowie
Elizabeth Deal
Isaiah Thompson | 24 | Melani Harrell |
| 8 | Reagan Melton
Melanie Townsell | 25 | Holly Deal
Bryan Shoemaker |
| 10 | Barbara Franklin
Sherrie Haithcox
Cheri Horner
Matthew Kilcoyne
Dregan Shook | 26 | Susan Boyd
Ray Webber |
| 11 | Billie Hart | 27 | Wyatt LeFever
Jenny Mason |
| 12 | Jessica Harris
Larry Johnson
Celena Wilhelm
Michael Wilhelm | 28 | Charles Campbell, Sr.
Hal Gibson
Abigail Olds
Carol Stewart |
| 13 | Nicolas Chege
Vaguel Church
Daniel Fisher III | 29 | Lexi Myers
Nancy Snyder |
| 14 | Erica Barnette
Madison Burnette | 30 | James Melton
Jamin Thorpe |
| 15 | Gene McCoy
Shonna Smith | 31 | Michael Williams |

ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY

- | | |
|----|-----------------------|
| 1 | Larry & Jean Morrison |
| 5 | Allen & Teresa Stroud |
| 8 | Craig & Mary Morrison |
| 10 | Scott & Kayce Jenkins |
| 19 | Matt & Jessica Park |
| 24 | Dan & Allaine McGee |

Wednesday Evening Meal Menus

5:30 - 6:45 pm Family Life Center

- Jan. 10** Chicken & gravy, rice or potatoes, salad/roll - \$3
Jan. 17 Chicken pie, mashed potates, salad/roll - \$3
Jan. 24 Hot dog w/toppings, chips - \$3
Jan. 31 Pizza & salad - #2

UPCOMING EVENTS



Mark Your Calendars

February 29th - HCA Fine Arts Festival - 6:00 pm
March 24th - Palm Sunday & Lord's Supper
March 31st - Easter Sunday

RIVER WORSHIP MINISTRY

RIVER WORSHIP CHOIR

7th AM	Come Behold Wondrous Mystery	PM	Lift Up the Name
14th AM	Jesus Thank You	PM	Endless Praise
21st AM	Until Then	PM	Lord of All
28th AM	I'm On My Way to Heaven	PM	Who Is Like the Lord

SPECIAL MUSIC

7th AM	Erin Bowman	PM	No Special Music
14th AM	Don Johnson	PM	Jimmy Williams
21st AM	SRB Quartet	PM	Darlene Estes
28th AM	Jerry Long	PM	Trace Hedrick/ Sidney Leonard

WEDNESDAYS

3rd No solo 10th No solo 17th Taylor Hedrick 24th No service
31st Dan McGee

Grieving the Spirit of God

Ephesians 4:30 - "And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."

This admonishment in scripture should give us great pause as we consider how we live and act within the body of Christ. The context in Ephesians 4 is clearly within the body of the local church, specifically dealing with how we show love to fellow church members. By extension, this could very easily refer to worship gatherings as well. The warning here refers to the work the Spirit does in sealing us for our ultimate salvation. In wisdom, we surely do not want to deeply upset Holy Spirit who guards our salvation and helps keep us in the palm of God's hand.

So related to our actions and attitudes when we gather together as the body (the church gathered vs. the church scattered), ask yourself some questions with Holy Spirit in mind:

1. Does the way I prepare my heart to gather for the Word and worship please the Spirit or grieve the Spirit?
2. Do my expressions of thanksgiving and adoration please or grieve the Spirit?
3. Do my expectations of meeting with God and hearing His Word please or grieve the Spirit?
4. Do my attitudes and actions toward brothers and sisters please or grieve the Spirit?
5. Does my response to the Word of God and His messenger please or grieve the Spirit?

May we each answer these questions honestly (there could be many other questions) as we worship together that the Spirit of God would be pleased and have freedom to move as He desires to do so.

Pastor Pauley

Pastor Chris Thompson



January 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th
Sundays 9:30 am
Room 109



GriefShare

Grief Support Group

*Help and encouragement
after the death of a loved one*

At a GriefShare group, you'll find understanding, guidance, relief, and a safe place to navigate the challenges of grief. Come join us!

Sundays 3:00 - 5:00 pm
February 4th - May 5th
South River Baptist Church, 704-876-1520
2659 S. Chipley Ford Rd - Statesville, NC
www.southernriverbaptist.com

griefshare.org

The complex block features a light beige background with a large, detailed illustration of a green oak leaf on the left side. The text is arranged in a clean, professional layout, using a mix of serif and sans-serif fonts. The GriefShare logo is at the top, followed by the title 'Grief Support Group' in a large, elegant script font. Below this is a subtitle in italics, a descriptive paragraph, and contact information including dates, location, phone number, and website. The website 'griefshare.org' is prominently displayed at the bottom right.

HEADWATERS ACADEMY



HEADWATERS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
PATRIOTS

January is a great time to start Headwaters

We still have openings in most classes 2023-24 School Year.

We offer 3 day and 5 day Pre-K & K (7:45 am to 11:30 am) and K through 10th grades.

We 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, 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 this ministry of South River.

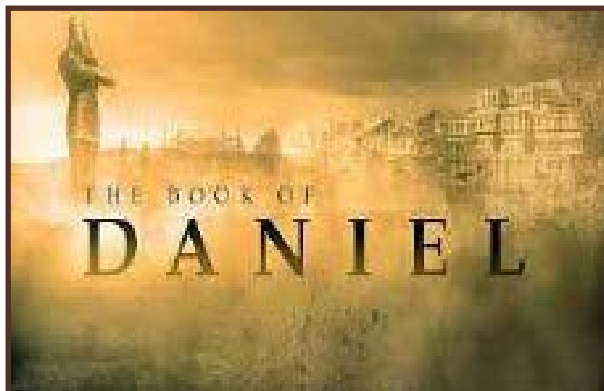


Ways you can help support Headwaters: Download the Box Tops app and select Headwaters Christian Academy in Statesville, NC as your school then scan your grocery receipts.

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



2024 Spring Adult GROW Schedule
Sessions start January 14th

Sundays @ 6 PM

The Great Disappearance (31 Ways to Be Rapture Ready) - Fred Bradburn

Way of the Master by Ray Comfort
(Study in Evangelism) - Eric Davidson

Wednesdays @ 7 PM

Ladies' Bible Study
Become a Woman Whose God Is Enough
by Cynthia Healed - Janet Johnson

Men's Bible Study
The Mortification of Sin by John Owen -
Jerry Long

2024

january

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

	Church Offices Closed HCA - No classes - 2nd		5:30 pm Wednesday Night Meal 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Student Ministry			8:30 am Young Adults (Pilot Mtn/Mayberry)
	1	2	3	4	5	6
9:30 am RiverWalk Class (Rm 109) 6:00 pm Church Celebration	3:00 pm Good News Club (Central)		5:30 pm Wednesday Night Meal 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Ripple Kidz & Student Ministry			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:30 am RiverWalk Class (Rm 109) 5:45 pm GROW Classes start	HCA - No school D&W Students - Snow Tubing	3:00 pm Senior Adult Food Boxes	HCA Chapel 5:30 pm Wednesday Night Meal 6:45 pm GROW Classes 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 8:00 Stewardship Mtg			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29	30	31			