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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
 5:45 PM GROW Classes
 6:00 PM Evening Worship

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear South River Family,

Fall is upon us and each day we witness the splendor and beauty of our Lord as he paints beautiful landscapes with majestic artistry. This month presents an opportunity to express our gratitude for God's abundant provision – materially and spiritually. I hope you will join with your church family as we reach into our community and express our gratitude to God for His eternal redemption and daily provision. Pray as we share with over 15,000 people this month a free meal and the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Over the past year we have witnessed God do amazing things in and through our church family. We have so much to be grateful for at South River. When I consider all the ministries and members that are inviting our community to taste and see that the Lord is good. Join us in the evening service for our annual Thanksgiving dinner on November 19. This will be a sweet time for the church family to gather and share our gratefulness to our Savior for His blessings and sacrifice. We will worship around His throne and fellowship together around the table that evening.

Blessings,

Pastor Chris
Hebrews 13:15

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

1ST WEDNESDAY

Elizabeth Griffin
Anita Long

2ND WEDNESDAY

Tara Beatty
Brenda Runkle

3RD WEDNESDAY

Nikki Robertson
Heather Cannon

4TH WEDNESDAY

No Activities

5TH WEDNESDAY

April Thompson
Sarah Beth Thompson
Brenda Runkle

GREETERS

NOVEMBER 5TH

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

NOVEMBER 12TH

8:00 - Brenda Runkle - FD
Maggie Baumberger - SP
10:30 - Beth Weibley - FD
Kimberly Shoemaker - SP

NOVEMBER 19TH

8:00 - Bonnie Williams - FD
Cindy Holloway - SP
10:30 - Jenna Sherrill - FD
Lisa Watters - SP

NOVEMBER 26TH

8:00 - Sandra Boan - FD
Brenda Runkle - SP
10:30 - Bridget Merritt - FD
Mary Kirkpatrick - SP

GRIEFSHARE MINISTRY

GRIEFSHARE

Current GriefShare classes end in November. Please contact Steve Jenkins @ (980) 263-4134 for information.



WELCOME

By Baptism
Henley Wilhelm 4961 Wilkesboro Hwy. Statesville, NC 28625 704-437-0342

By Letter
Canaan & Alyssa Levan 236 Hill Farm Rd. Hiddenite, NC 28636 C - 704-881-4173
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2022/2023 MINISTRY BUDGET

YTD BUDGET GOALS	\$ 179,467.11
YTD BUDGET RECEIPTS	\$ 159,741.14
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE	\$ 159,741.14

RIPPLE KIDZ MINISTRY

South River Baptist Church Family,

In November, our hearts are drawn to reflect on the many blessings and reasons for gratitude that surround us. At South River Baptist Church, we have much to be thankful for, and this month, we want to express our gratitude for the successful launch of our GROW program and the multitude of willing volunteers who serve throughout our children's ministry.

The GROW Program - Cultivating Young Hearts and Minds

We are immensely thankful for the successful launch of the Ripple Kids GROW program. The GROW program is designed to provide our children with a strong spiritual foundation through an emphasis on the WORD, WORSHIP, and WITNESS. Recently, one of our GROW leaders shared an encouraging testimony saying "had one kid who told me he could not wait for today so he could come back to GROW this evening. He remembered what we learned about last week and knew the scripture. He also wanted to close us out with prayer both nights and has the sweetest prayer." This is an exciting testimony of the spiritual growth in our kid's lives. Lets be thankful that God is moving in our children's ministry!

A Willing Team of Volunteers - The Heart of Ripple Kids

Our church is also blessed with an abundance of loving and devoted volunteers who willingly serve in the nursery, lead Children's Church, teach Sunday School, or serve in the GROW program on Sundays and Wednesdays. These volunteers dedicate their time and efforts to create a Christ-centered environment for our children, ensuring they feel loved, cared for, and encouraged. Lets be thankful that God has called and gifted leaders to be in our children's ministry!

A Season of Abundant Thankfulness

In the spirit of thanksgiving, let us recognize and celebrate the blessings within our South River family. Our children's ministry, Ripple Kidz, is a testament to the growth, love, and thankfulness that define our church community. As we embark on this exciting journey with the GROW program, let us remain deeply grateful for the incredible volunteers who make it all possible. In November and beyond, may our hearts be filled with gratitude for the precious gift of faith, the opportunity to nurture it in our children, and the dedicated individuals who selflessly devote their time and talents. Let us remember the words of Psalm 100:4, "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name."

Grace and Peace to you,
David Thompson, Interim Pastor for Children

DEEP & WIDE STUDENT MINISTRY

Land Promised By God

Promised Land is a term designating a region of the world that God promised as a heritage to His people, Israel (Genesis 12:7; 15:18-20). *Promised Land* is not the official name of Israel's boundaries, but it conveys a larger meaning. The Promised Land was an endowment from Earth's Creator to a specific people group, the children of Israel, in which they established their nation. Israel acquired the Promised Land only through God's guidance and His miraculous intervention in history (Exodus 33:14-16; Psalm 44:1-8; 136:10-22).

The promise of a land for God's people began in Genesis 12 when God appeared to Abram (Abraham) and told him that he had been chosen to be the father of many nations. God promised to bless Abram and lead him into a land that would belong to his offspring as a lasting heritage. God later confirmed this promise to Abraham's son Isaac (Genesis 26:3) and then to Isaac's son Jacob (Genesis 28:13).

The boundaries of the Promised Land were from the River of Egypt (the Nile) to the Euphrates (Exodus 23:31). By the time Israel was ready to take the land, hundreds of years after Abraham, it was inhabited by pagan nations: Canaanites, Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites (Exodus 33:2). When it was time for the Israelites to inherit the Promised Land, God raised up Moses to bring His people out of slavery in Egypt and used Joshua to lead a military conquest of Canaan. The Promised Land includes modern-day Israel, including Gaza and the West Bank, and Jordan, as well as parts of Egypt, Syria, Saudi Arabia, and Iraq.

The term *promised land* has also been applied to any type of satisfying achievement or a state of realized dreams. For example, the World Series might be called baseball's "promised land." Or someone may say, "After receiving a significant raise, Joe moved his family out of the projects and into the promised land." Hebrews 11:8-10 alludes to the Promised Land when it recounts Abraham's journey to his new home in Canaan and then equates that with our journey toward God's heavenly city (verse 16).

Christians sometimes refer to heaven and the future restoration of the earth as the Promised Land. God has promised a glorious eternal home for all those who love Him and have trusted in Christ Jesus for salvation. God's eternal Promised Land is the heritage of all who come to Him through His Son (John 14:6). Courtesy of GotQuestions.com

Pastor Scott Townsell,
Student & Parent Discipleship



BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER

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|----|--|----|---|
| 2 | Sandra Goodin
Kaitlyn Lyon
Terrie Powell | 17 | Sarah Martin
Steve Warricks |
| 3 | Deborah Templeton | 18 | Donna Loudermilt |
| 4 | Joyce Redmond | 20 | Travis Campbell
Erica Miller |
| 5 | Jeanette Conley
Christy Estes | 22 | Melissa Earnest
Caleb Zittle |
| 6 | April Johnson
Heather Melton | 23 | Jeff Bowie
Annabella Kilcoyne
Sarah Thompson |
| 7 | Robert Snider | 24 | Michelle Kilcoyne |
| 8 | Kevin Campbell
Leona Dixon | 26 | Kaylee Bowman
Lauren Johnson
Gerald Sloan |
| 9 | Katie Gibson | 27 | Linda Niemann |
| 10 | Dewayne Lippard | 28 | Lisa Compton
Emily Sherrill |
| 11 | Martha Honeycutt
Kristie Simmons | 29 | Heather Baldwin
Kylie Barnette |
| 12 | Hannah Hoffman | 30 | Lee Ann Avila
Jayden Bowie
Connie Campbell
Caroline Cook
Adalynn Stewart
Robin Stewart |
| 13 | Maggie Baumberger
Kristen Martin
Aubrey Maffucci
Jenny Mullis | | |
| 14 | Bobby Campbell
Bonnie Hamilton | | |
| 15 | Beth Fox | | |
| 16 | Emily Lowman
Averie McGahan | | |

NOVEMBER


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| 2 | Larry & Joyce Redmond |
| 12 | Buddy & Sheila Hemric |
| 14 | Roy & Norma Love
Bob & Nan Woollard |
| 17 | Scott & Gayle Lindly |
| 25 | Brian & Mary Cook |

Wednesday Evening Meal Menus

5:30 - 6:45 pm Family Life Center

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| Nov. 1 | Ribs, creamed corn, salad, Oreo delight |
| Nov. 8 | Sloppy Joe, fries, peach cobbler |
| Nov. 15 | Chicken tender sandwich, pasta salad/chips, cookies |
| Nov. 22 | No Activities |
| Nov. 29 | Baked spaghetti, salad/break, banana pudding |

THANKSGIVING MEAL



Let us come
before Him with
Thanksgiving.

Psalm 95:2

SOUTH RIVER
BAPTIST CHURCH

South River Thanksgiving Family Meal

Sunday, November 19
5 - 7 pm
Family Life Center

Join us as we give thanks
together as a church family
for God's goodness

Please bring a well-filled
basket of food

RIVER WORSHIP MINISTRY

RIVER WORSHIP CHOIR

5th AM And Can It Be

12th AM Until Then

19th AM Jesus Thank You

26th AM Come Behold the Wondrous

PM Praise the King

PM Impossible Things

PM No Special Music

PM Lift Up the Name

SPECIAL MUSIC

5th AM Don Johnson

12th AM Erin Bowman

19th AM The Olds Family

26th AM Praise Team

PM SRB Quartet

PM Jimmy Williams

PM No Special Music

PM Mary Cook

WEDNESDAYS

1st No solo 8th No solo 15th No solo 22nd No service 29th Dan McGee

Worship in Gratitude

4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. 5 For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations. - Psalm 100:4-5

Yes, this is a season where we talk about giving thanks. However, thanksgiving should be a part of our daily worship. When you take the time to stop and count your blessings, have you noticed how much it changes your attitude? The Lord is the One who graces us with **all good things**. Each of us have so many good things in our lives that we could spend time thanking Him all day every day.

Notice the psalmist here says to thank God when you enter the place of worship. We can take from that cue that every time we worship, wherever we are, we should bring our thanks before Him. Have a thankful heart expressed in your words and your life knowing everything belongs to God, but He has chosen to overwhelm you with just a portion of His abundance and bounty.

We often say, "God is good ... all the time, and all the time ... God is good." Because of His goodness, we could just as easily say, "Give Him thanks ... all the time, and all the time ... give Him thanks."

Pastor Chris Pauley,
Worship & Senior Adults



Mark Your Calendars

Wednesday, December 13 - Noon - 5 pm
Shut-In Christmas Basket Delivery



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

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Leave church by 4:00 pm (show starts @ 6:30)

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

Sign up in SS class or hallway to register your interest.
We will take payments by check to the church or cash.

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

A promotional poster for Jody McBrayer's Christmas Worship Concert. It features a large photo of Jody McBrayer smiling, wearing a leather jacket and a scarf. To the right, the text reads 'JODY MCBRAYER STORIES AND SONGS'. Below that, it says 'FROM CANA'S VOICE' with a small photo of a group of people. At the bottom, it says '& AVALON' with another small photo of a group of people. The bottom section of the poster is a dark blue box with white and green text.

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

WWW.JODYMCBRAYER.INFO

HEADWATERS ACADEMY



HEADWATERS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
PATRIOTS

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, and recess monitoring. Scan to apply or contact Kim Williams for more details at 704-881-1459 kim@southernbaptist.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.

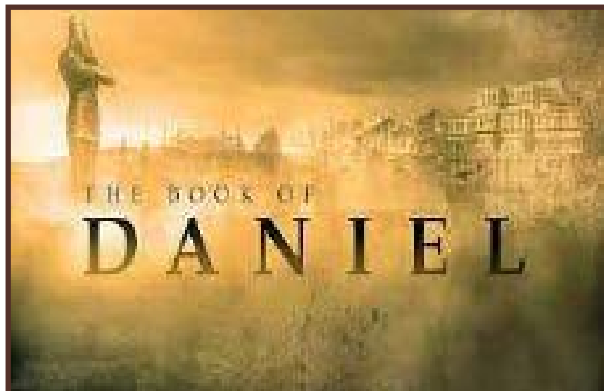


We are doing a Turkey Fundraiser for November. Please contact Linda in the office to get your name on the list to pickup a Pastor Scott smoked turkey. Deadline to order is Nov 9th. Pickup time is between 3pm and 5:30pm on Nov 17th in the FLC.

Other 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



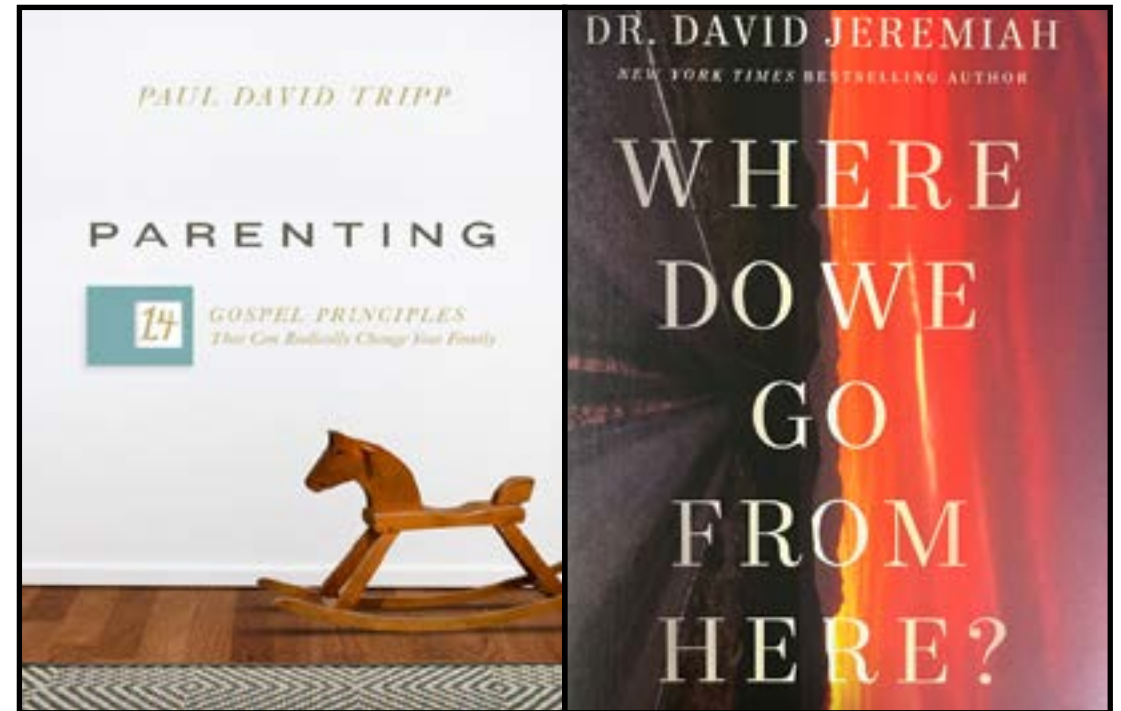
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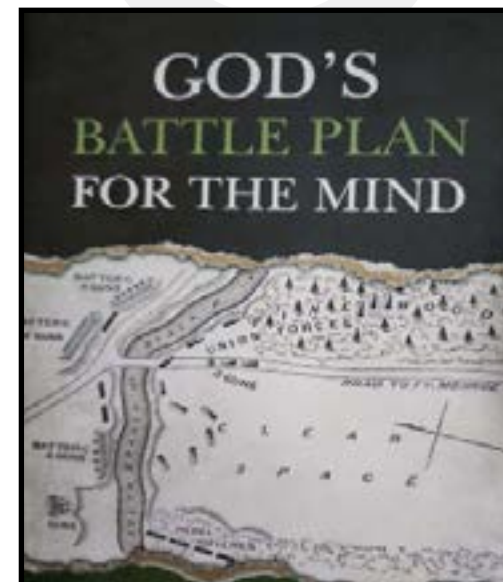
Pastor Chris

**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)
November 11th

2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			5:30 pm Wednesday Night Meal 6:45 pm GROW for all ages 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting			8:00 am Conceal Carry Handgun Class (Choir Room - 4:30 pm)
Daylight Savings Time Ends 3:00 pm GriefShare (FLC #5) 5:45 pm GROW	3:00 pm Good News Club (Central)		5:30 pm Wednesday Night Meal 6:45 pm GROW for all ages 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting	11:00 am Feed the Farmers HCA - Smoked Turkey deadline	HCA - No school	8:00 am Men's Bible Study (FLC #4)
3:00 pm GriefShare (FLC #5) 5:45 pm GROW	3:00 pm Good News Club (Central)		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		Feeding Thousands 3,500 boxes - 18th HCA - Pick up Turkeys 3:00 - 5:30 pm	
3:00 pm Surviving the Holidays (FLC #5) 5:00 pm Thanksgiving Meal Family Life Center	3:00 pm Good News (Central)	3:00 pm Senior Adult Food Boxes	No Wednesday PM Activities	Thanksgiving Day Church Office Closed	Church Office Closed	
5:45 pm GROW	3:00 pm Good News (Central)		5:30 pm Wednesday Night Meal 6:00 pm Student Ministry Council 6:45 pm GROW for all ages 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting			

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