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OUR CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Chris Thompson, Senior Pastor
Rev. Chris Pauley, Worship 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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CURRENTS

February 2024

TO BE LIKE HIM
A Study of the Doctrine of Godliness
— Scripture Memory —

Sundays 8:15 am & 10:45 am

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear South River Church family,

We have completed our first month of the study on the doctrine of godliness and I hope you have embraced the opportunity and realized your responsibility to be active in the pursuit of godliness. It is not enough that we know who God is and what He is like. As His people, His body, His children, His ambassadors, we have a personal responsibility to become like Him. He has given us everything we need for life and godliness through the true knowledge of His Son Jesus!

I want to encourage you to pick up the listening guide sheets by the television screens at the welcome areas. These guide sheets enable you to take notes during the sermon and consider relevant passages throughout the week in your own personal discipleship time. Becoming godly requires effort on our part and we need to exercise ourselves for godliness.

Let each of us take responsibility for our pursuit of holiness. Men, we must lead our homes in this effort as well. We are the spiritual leaders of our homes, and our families need our leadership and example. Simply pick up the Bible and read it at home, lead your families in prayer around the dinner table, and seize those daily opportunities to speak God's truth into your kids lives. I believe you can do this and want nothing more than to see your growth spiritually.

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
Cindy Pickett
Abigail Kilcoyne

6:00 PM Worship

Donna Williams
Tamatha Stewart

4TH SUNDAY

8:15 AM Worship

Terry Reid
Savannah Mullings

10:45 AM Worship

Donna Lyons
Kaitlyn Lyon

6:00 PM Worship

Angela Hobbs
Rebecca Thorpe

1ST WEDNESDAY

Elizabeth Griffin
Anita Long

2ND WEDNESDAY

Tara Beatty
Brenda Runkle
Kim Mersfelder

3RD WEDNESDAY

Nicky Robertson
Heather Cannon

4TH WEDNESDAY

Amanda Meadows
Mary Cook
Alayna Cook

GREETERS

FEBRUARY 4TH

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

FEBRUARY 11TH

8:00 - Maggie Baumberger - FD
Sandra Boan - SP
10:30 - Beth Weibley - FD
Bridget Merritt - SP

FEBRUARY 18TH

8:00 - Brenda Runkle - FD
Cindy Holloway - SP
10:30 - Riley Elliott - FD
Kimberly Shoemaker - SP

FEBRUARY 25TH

8:00 - Cindy Holloway - FD
Sandra Boan - SP
10:30 - Mary Kirkpatrick - FD
Jenna Sherrill - 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
Christopher Poole 108 Woodlock Ln Statesville, NC 28677 980-223-9265

2023/2024 MINISTRY BUDGET

YTD BUDGET GOALS	\$ 438,697.38
YTD BUDGET RECEIPTS	\$ 416,752.46
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE	\$ 416,752.46

RIPPLE KIDZ MINISTRY

FAMILIES OF FAITH

I need to ask our moms and dads a very important question: Have you surveyed the lay of the land around us? Have you taken an honest assessment of the landscape around your home, and I am not talking about the topography. What is the spiritual and moral landscape of those individuals in closest proximity to your children? Do we know their faith commitments? Do we know what authority governs their lives? What are the chief influences upon our children in their schools, on their sports teams, and in other areas of their life? These are critical questions to ask as well as discover the relevant answers.

Every family must decide which deity they will worship. We are good at manufacturing idols or embracing those in our culture. We recognize that there is One God who alone is worthy of our worship! Our desire is to help you and your family have a biblical and Christian worldview. God has placed you as His ambassadors and His authority in your home for your children. I want to encourage you to embrace that role and lead your children to grow in the faith and live as disciples of Christ.

We see a critical need for a family driven faith in every household in our church. It all begins at home. Then, seize the opportunities we have created in GROW and Sunday School to help you ground your children in the Bible. It is an investment with eternal rewards.

Blessings,
Pastor Chris
Deuteronomy 6:1-9



Wedding Shower

David Thompson & Emma Schwarting

Sunday, February 25 3:30 - 5:00 PM FLC

Hosted by Ripple Kidz and Women's Ministries

**Support David & Emma in their marriage & ministry
Check out their registries at Amazon Wedding, Target
and Wal Mart under their names & March 30th.**

DEEP & WIDE STUDENT MINISTRY



Are You?

Deep and Wide Student Ministry has just completed a chapter by chapter and verse by verse study through 1 Corinthians. Most of the messages can be found on our Grow or Die podcast. January 31st we will begin a new journey through 2 Corinthians. We will be posting each message on the podcast, join us on this journey. Either we are Growing or Dying as believers, lets Grow!



Grow or Die

Pastor Scott Townsell,
Student & Parent Discipleship

BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY

- | | | | |
|----|--|----|---|
| 1 | Bobbie Hayes
Dawn Waugh | 19 | Tina Dillow
Ashlee Haithcox
Lynn Moose |
| 4 | David Fulbright
Alisha Johnson
Harley Poole | 20 | Aubree Poole
Rachel Davidson
Colton Wall |
| 6 | Gwendolyn Estes
Wynston Lyles
Jay Murdock
Ed Runkle | 22 | Samuel Hance
Dorothy Evans
Joshua Haskell |
| 8 | Gladys Carter
Timothy Clendenin
Karli Townsell | 23 | Doug Holland
Bonnie Williams |
| 9 | Riley Elliott
Lorrie Murdock | 24 | Alivia Christopher
Sonny Hedrick
Danielle Sprinkle
Tiffany Stewart |
| 10 | Luke Baldwin
Catherine Gealy
Brenda Greene
Liam Kennedy
Jerry Koch | 25 | Landen Horne
Crystal Smith |
| 11 | Samuel Beatty | 26 | Gage Evans |
| 12 | Grayson Shoemaker | 27 | Sheila Hemric
Liam Murdock |
| 13 | Alice Redmond
Cloey Stewart | 28 | Elliott Lefever
Howard Stewart
Joann Wallace
Ridge Zittle |
| 15 | Tobey Wenzel | 29 | Bentley Poole
Rebecca Thorpe |
| 16 | Crystal Moss | | |
| 17 | Will Pence | | |
| 18 | Sandra Boan
Tannice Gladden
Johnny Isenhour
Levi Williams | | |

FEBRUARY

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| 5 | Andy & Jenny Mullis |
| 10 | Michael & Karen Lyon |

Wednesday Evening Meal Menus

5:30 - 6:45 pm Family Life Center

Feb. 7 BBQ sandwich & chips - \$3

Feb. 14 Breakfast with tater tots - \$3

Feb. 21 Sloppy joes & baked potato - \$3

Feb. 28 Baked spaghetti & salad - \$3

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



Saturday, March 2nd
8 am - Noon

We need many willing workers to help beautify our church campus:

skilled laborers for carpentry needs, class members to clean their rooms, gardeners to plant flowers

For more information or questions, call Ken Johnson @ 704-682-0953

RIVER WORSHIP CHOIR

4th AM Psalm 24
11th AM Is He Worthy
18th AM How Great Thou Art
25th AM Who Is Like the Lord

PM How Great Is Your Love
PM Lift Up the Name
PM He Leadeth Me
PM Worthy Worthy

SPECIAL MUSIC

4th AM Lydia Thorpe
11th AM Praise Team
18th AM Sherwin Johnson
25th AM Amanda Pauley

PM Jimmy Williams
PM SRB Quartet
PM TBD
PM Mary Cook

WEDNESDAYS

7th No solo 14th No solo 21st No solo 28th Dan McGee

Quenching the Spirit of God

1 Thessalonians 5:19-21 - "19 Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not despise prophecies. 21 Test all things; hold fast what is good."

This passage in First Thessalonians features a series of rapid-fire commands from the Lord. In fact, these commands all mean to STOP DOING THIS. In other words, it speaks to something the church is doing and they are commanded to STOP IT. It is significant that all these commands carry a major emphasis, as if God raises His voice as He speaks. "Stop quenching the Spirit!" Scripture often pictures Holy Spirit like a fire (Mt 3:11, Lk 3:16-17, Ac 2:3-4, Ac 4:31, Ex 3:2, Is 4:4). What Paul is saying here (under the God-breathed nature of scripture) is stop dousing out, extinguishing, suppressing or stifling the work of Holy Spirit? So, let's ask some questions of ourselves and how our answers impact the church and our worship.

1. Do my thoughts and attitudes toward excitement in a new believer quench the work of Holy Spirit?
2. Does my critical spirit toward those who openly express praise quench Holy Spirit?
3. Does my attitude toward the length of a worship service or the message quench Holy Spirit?
4. Does my reluctance or refusal to pray at the altar quench Holy Spirit?

We need to be careful when we see Holy Spirit working in someone's life, in a time of corporate worship, or even in our own hearts as He speaks to us, that we do not throw a bucket of cold water on the work of Holy Spirit. We are not immune or unique to quenching the Spirit. If God told the Thessalonian church to stop these things, we are commanded the same.

Pastor Pauley



Moms - Daughters - Grandmas - Aunts - Girlfriends
You're invited to a special event

Ladies' Paint Your Own Pottery Night

February 22, 2024 | 6-8 PM
Family Life Center

Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

SIGN UP SHEET IS IN THE HALLWAY ON THE WOMEN'S MINISTRY TABLE. YOU WILL PAY FOR YOUR POTTERY PIECE AT THE EVENT.



Presented by CREATIVE - The Kilcoyne and Marinelli Families



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

HEADWATERS ACADEMY



HEADWATERS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
PATRIOTS

Registration is OPEN NOW for Current and New Students for the 2024-2025 Academic Year.

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

We will offer K-12th grade the following 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 have available time from 8 am - 2:00 pm 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 Baptist Church.

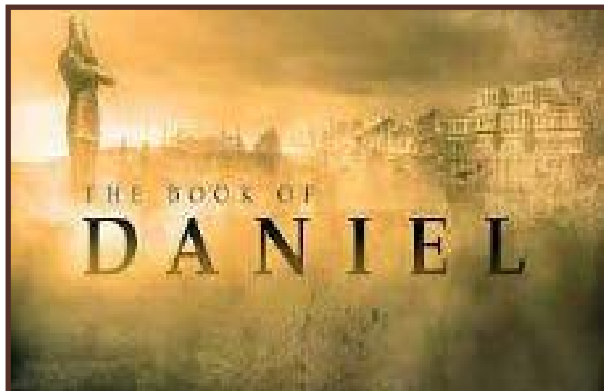


Ways you can help support Headwaters: Download the Box Tops app and select Headwaters Christian Academy in Statesville, NC as your school then scan your grocery receipts.

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 have started

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

february

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

						5:00 pm Worship Ministry Appreciation Banquet (FLC)	
					1	2	3
3:00 am GriefShare starts (FLC #5) 5:45 pm GROW	3:00 pm Good News Club (Central)		5:30 pm Wednesday Night Meal 6:45 pm GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting			HCA - Teacher Workday	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
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