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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

March 2024

HE IS RISEN!
CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

2024
Easter Services

Sunrise Service	6:30 AM
First Celebration Service	8:15 AM
Sunday School	9:30 AM
Second Celebration Service	10:45 AM

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear South River Family,

March will be an exciting time at South River. Easter is a special time for believers, and we are excited for the opportunity to talk to others about Jesus Christ. Easter is a time of year, like Christmas, when unchurched people are more open to talking about religious topics. I encourage you to begin praying now for a coworker, neighbor, or family member that you will engage and bring with you to worship on Easter.

Our Easter schedule will be like that in the past. We will begin our Sunrise Service outside the office area near the cemetery at 6:30 am to celebrate our Lord's resurrection from the dead. Praise the Lord that we no longer live under the shadow of death! Then, we will have our annual breakfast at 7:00 am in the Family Life Center. We will have our normal Sunday services and Sunday school to follow. We provide two opportunities to invite others to join us on Easter for worship at 8:15 am and 10:45 am. Who can you invite to either or both of those services?

In our contemporary culture, South River is going to have to be more intentional about witnessing and reaching the lost. The church is no longer the centerpiece of people's lives. Let us step out of our comfort zones and begin to build bridges to those who do not have a personal relationship with Christ. Every member has this responsibility!

Blessings,

Pastor Chris

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

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

Alissa Coulombe
Taylor Hedrick

10:45 AM Worship

Donna Lyon
Brenna Pence
6:00 PM Worship
Mary Jo Frye
Amelia Fox

3RD SUNDAY

8:15 AM Worship

Terri Aiken
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

Kaitlyn Lyon
Alissa Coulombe
6:00 PM Worship
Kim Mersfelder
Rebecca Thorpe

5TH SUNDAY

8:15 AM Worship

Mary Keever
Addison Carter

10:45 AM Worship

Bonnie Hamilton
Summer Poole
6:00 PM Worship
No Service

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

GREETERS

MARCH 3RD

8:00 - Carol Sipes - FD
Martha McCoy - SP
10:30 - Kimberly Shoemaker - FD
Lisa Watters - SP

MARCH 10TH

8:00 - Sandra Boan - FD
Maggie Baumberger - SP
10:30 - Riley Elliott - FD
Beth Weibley - SP

MARCH 17TH

8:00 - Cindy Holloway - FD
Brenda Runkle - SP
10:30 - Lisa Watters - FD
Bridget Merritt - SP

MARCH 24TH

8:00 - Martha McCoy - FD
Sandra Boan - SP
10:30 - Beth Weibley - FD
Riley Elliott - SP

MARCH 31ST

8:00 - Bridget Merritt - FD
Cindy Holloway - SP
10:30 - Jenna Sherrill - FD
Mary Kirkpatrick - SP

GRIEFSHARE MINISTRY

GRIEFSHARE

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



2023/2024 MINISTRY BUDGET

YTD BUDGET GOALS	\$ 518,460.54
YTD BUDGET RECEIPTS	\$ 495,229.50
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE	\$ 495,229.50

RIPPLE KIDZ SUMMER CAMP

2024
SUMMER CAMP FUN!

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The advertisement features a blue and green color scheme with a sun wearing sunglasses in the center. It lists various activities like Art, LEGO, Sports, Cooking, Robotics, Space & Aviation, Music, and Chef. It includes a QR code for more information and contact details for South River Baptist Church.

DEEP & WIDE STUDENT MINISTRY

Jonah 1:4-6 But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up. Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to his god. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep. So, the captain came and said to him, "What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish."



Are you sleeping or shining for Jesus? Students and parents, may I encourage each of you not to find yourself in the belly of the boat but on deck sharing the Word and reaching Wide with His love.... Activities and events are on the website and social media:
www.southernbaptist.com



Pastor Scott Townsell,
 Student & Parent Discipleship

BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

- | | | | |
|----|--|----|--|
| 1 | Shane Barnette
Larry Morrison
Cathy Mitchell
Wesley Sipes | 19 | Trystan Avila
Tiffany Layne
Gracie Melton |
| 2 | Gene Dellinger
Crystal Gibson
Linda Moose | 20 | Elijah Thompson |
| 3 | Laura Campbell
Mary Dellinger | 22 | Shawna Wilson |
| 4 | Kari Dixon
Alauna Wilson | 23 | Darlene Estes |
| 5 | Zack Hamilton | 24 | Cole Hedrick
Sharon Hobbs
Genevieve Karr
Dallas Robertson |
| 6 | Nicole Connolly
Savannah Whitaker | 25 | Eunice Brewer
Billy Pope
Greg Templeton |
| 7 | Samuel Harrell | 26 | Carter Hill |
| 8 | Allaine McGee | 27 | Jeremi Beatty
Andrew Graham
Harrison Layne |
| 9 | Brian Boan
Roy Love | 28 | Terry Aiken
Amanda Johnson |
| 10 | Trace Hedrick
Colby Johns | 29 | Linda Bowes
James Campbell
Mary Clendenin
Emily Johnson |
| 11 | Brandon LeFever
Gayle Lindly
Amanda Meadows | 30 | Kimberly Drum
Scott Harrell
Carla Winebarger |
| 13 | Brandon Dishmond
Hanna LeFever
Judith Park | 31 | Kade Pierce |
| 14 | Ken Marsh
Joshua Olds | | |
| 15 | Belle Craver
Joseph Kirkpatrick
Jaron Wenzel | | |
| 16 | Emma Barnette
Joshua Johns
Stephanie Wilhelm | | |
| 17 | Lori Martin
Frankie Stewart | | |
| 18 | Katie Gwaltney
Myles Johnson
Matthew Smith | | |

ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH

- | | |
|----|-----------------------|
| 7 | Ashley & Lorie Weston |
| 29 | Mark & Beverly Carter |

Wednesday Evening Meal Menu

5:30 - 6:45 pm Family Life Center

- Mar. 6** Hot dog w toppings, chips - \$3
- Mar. 13** Cheesy taco, pasta salad, garlic bread - \$3
- Mar. 20** Jerk chicken BBQ, slaw, beans- \$3
- Mar. 27** Meatball subs, chips - \$3

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Pastor Chris Thompson



March 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th
Sundays 9:30 am
Room 109

RIVER WORSHIP CHOIR

3rd AM	Psalm 24	PM	If You Never
10th AM	The River Of the Lord	PM	No Choir song
17th AM	Lord You're Holy	PM	Worthy Worthy
24th AM	I'm Amazed	PM	No Choir song
31st AM	My Jesus, The Risen Lamb of God	PM	No service

SPECIAL MUSIC

3th AM	Amanda Pauley	PM	No solo
10th AM	SRB Quartet	PM	Jimmy Williams
17th AM	Praise Team	PM	No solo
24th AM	The Olds Family	PM	Belle Craver
31st AM	No solo	PM	No service

WEDNESDAYS

6th No solo 13th No solo 20th No solo 27th Dan McGee

Extravagant Worship

John 12:1-3 - "Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. 2 There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. 3 Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil."

Of course, most of us know this event in the life of our Lord Jesus. Mary & Martha were hosting a party in honor of Jesus in their home. This is after Lazarus had been raised from the dead, so you can imagine the gratefulness these sisters wished to express toward Jesus. The box of spikenard spices and ointment likely represent Mary's life savings, roughly equivalent to an average man's yearly wages. This is a highly extravagant sacrifice of worship given from a pure heart of devotion. Mary is in the place where she is often found, at the feet of Jesus! Don't read anything untoward as she wipes Jesus' feet with her hair. It expresses humility and reverence.

The song, "Broken and Spilled Out" expresses such reverence like this:
"Broken and spilled out, just for love of You, Jesus. My most precious treasure lavished on Thee. Broken and spilled out, and poured at Your feet. In sweet abandon, let me be spilled out and used up for Thee."

1. Have I ever worshipped Jesus through a gift of utter extravagance that made no sense to others?

2. If not, would I be willing to do so out of pure devotion to my Savior, regardless of what others think?

Pastor Pauley

Widow & Widower Luncheon

Saturday, March 9th

11:30 am FLC

Scripture theme: Mark 12:41-44

Giving what you have to Jesus



Sign up in your class, the ministry hall or
call the office (704-876-1520 x. 116)

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
March 3rd - May 5th
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2659 S. Chipley Ford Rd - Statesville, NC
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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 (Tu-Thu) 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/>

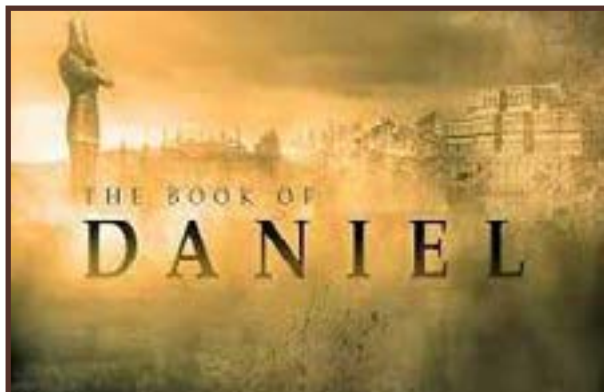
If you have available time from 8 am - 2:00 pm Mon – Fri, please fill out a volunteer form and let me know of your interest. One or two days/week will go far to help this ministry of South River Baptist Church.



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>
- Save the date for our BBQ Fundraiser on May 2nd – tickets will go on sale in late March

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

** Study in Ecclesiastes - Fred Bradburn
(new study starting March 3rd)

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					HCA - Teacher Workday	8 - 11 am Church Workday
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9:30 am RiverWalk Class (Rm 109) 3:00 pm GriefShare (FLC #5) 5:45 pm GROW	3:00 pm Good News Club (Central)	HCA Teacher Workday Primary Election - All Day (FLC)	5:30 pm Wednesday Night Meal 6:45 pm GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting			8:30 am Young Adults 11:30 am Widow/Widowers Lunch (FLC)
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Daylight Savings Time starts 9:30 am RiverWalk Class (Rm 109) 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 Classes 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 8:00 pm Stewardship			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:30 am RiverWalk Class (Rm 109) 3:00 pm GriefShare (FLC #5) 5:45 pm GROW	3:00 pm Good News Club (Central)	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		Easter for Thousands - 23rd	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Lord's Supper - AM 9:30 am RiverWalk (Rm 109) 3:00 pm GriefShare (FLC #5) 5:45 pm GROW	3:00 pm Good News Club (Central)		5:30 pm Wednesday Night Meal 6:00 pm Family Ministry Team 6:45 pm GROW Classes 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting		HCA - No School	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Resurrection Sunday 6:30 am Sunrise Service 7:00 am Breakfast (FLC) No PM Service						
31						