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**SOUTH RIVER**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

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Statesville, NC 28625-8712

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# MAY 2024

## 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  
 Dr. Alton Cook, Pastor for Congregational Health  
 Linda Cornett, Ministry Assistant  
 Carole Ireland, Financial Secretary

## EACH SUNDAY

704-876-1520	8:15 AM	Morning Worship
704-880-3625	9:30 AM	Sunday School
980-829-3163	10:45 AM	Morning Worship
704-397-6965	4:30 PM	Worship Choir
336-707-2886	5:45 PM	GROW Classes
704-876-1520	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
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**CURRENTS**

May 2024



**June 2nd - 6th 6:00 - 8:45 pm**

Sign up @ [www.southernriverbaptist.com](http://www.southernriverbaptist.com)

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## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear South River Church Family,

I want you to join me in welcoming two men to our church staff. First, Dr. Alton Cook has agreed to serve as Pastor for Congregational Health. Pastor Alton pastored several Baptist churches for almost 50 years. He will assist our staff in compassionate ministries to those in the hospital for extended stays, certain home bound situations, and other emergency needs. Dr. Cook brings great local church experience and has a passion to help our church family in this way.

We also welcome Colt Christmas and his bride, Mady. Colt will serve alongside Pastor Scott as the Student Ministry Associate. Colt has experience ministering and discipling youth and senses God's call to serve in this area. We believe Colt will be a wonderful asset to our staff and help as we minister to families and students.

On Mother's Day we will have a parent/child dedication where our small children will be presented to the Lord. Parents will commit to raising their children in the fear of the Lord and according to His Word. Later in May we will celebrate with our children who have participated in GROW and hidden God's Word in their hearts. Plan now to come and support their hard work! We express a special thank you to all the leaders and workers who have invested in teaching the children God's truth.

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

Mary Keever  
Taylor Hedrick

#### 10:45 AM Worship

Donna Lyon  
Brenna Pence

#### NO PM Worship

### 3RD SUNDAY

#### 8:15 AM Worship

Terri Aiken  
Salem Grace Lyles

#### 10:45 AM Worship

Alissa Coulombe  
Abigail Kilcoyne

#### 6:00 PM Worship

Donna Williams  
Tamatha Stewart

### 4TH SUNDAY

#### 8:15 AM Worship

Terry Reid  
Savannah Mullins

#### 10:45 AM Worship

Kaitlyn Lyon  
Cindy Pickett

#### NO PM Worship

### 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

### MAY 5TH

8:00 - Carol Sipes - FD  
Martha McCoy - SP  
10:30 - Riley Elliott - FD  
Kimberly Shoemaker - SP

### MAY 12TH

8:00 - Maggie Baumberger - FD  
Brenda Runkle - SP  
10:30 - Beth Weibley - FD  
Jenna Sherrill - SP

### MAY 19TH

8:00 - Sandra Boan - FD  
Cindy Holloway - SP  
10:30 - Bonnie Williams - FD  
Beth Weibley - SP

### MAY 26TH

8:00 - Lisa Watters - FD  
Sandra Boan - SP  
10:30 - Bridget Merritt - FD  
Mary Kirkpatrick - SP

# GRIEF SHARE MINISTRY

GRIEF SHARE

New GriefShare classes will resume in the Fall. Please contact Steve Jenkins @ (980) 263-4134 for information.



# WELCOME

BY LETTER

Benny & Mandy Pittman 142 Doe Trail Ln

Statesville, NC 28625

B – 828-308-6095  
M – 336-468-0208

# 2024 MINISTRY BUDGET

YTD BUDGET GOALS	\$ 697,927.65
YTD BUDGET RECEIPTS	\$ 670,518.11
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE	\$ 670,518.11

# RIPPLE KIDZ SUMMER CAMP

A colorful poster for "2024 Summer Camp Fun!" at South River Baptist Church. The background is a bright blue sky with a sun wearing sunglasses. The text lists activities: Art/LEGO, SPORTS, Cooking, ROBOTICS, SPACE & AVIATION, Music, and Chef. It also says "AND MORE!". The dates are "JUNE 10 THROUGH AUGUST 2 / M-F, 8-5PM" and the cost is "Only \$175 per Week, or \$40 per Day!". A QR code is provided to "LEARN MORE HERE". The church name "SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH" is prominently displayed, along with the instruction "REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!". The address "2659 SOUTH CHIPLEY FORD ROAD, STATESVILLE, NC / (704) 876-1520 / SOUTHRIVERBAPTIST.COM" is at the bottom.

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**SPACE & AVIATION Music Chef**

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# DEEP & WIDE STUDENT MINISTRY

## GROW Year 1 At a Glance

What have we learned this past year during Grow for Students? Glad you asked, we spent the first twelve weeks studying the Attributes of God. Here is a list of those characteristics - God is Holy, Sovereign, Love, Good, Glorious, Light, Eternal, Omnipresent, Incomprehensible, Omniscient, Omnipotent, Immutable. After Christmas we started a new journey looking at the foreshadowing of Christ in the Old Testament and Disciplines of the Faith. The foreshadowings we studied were Jesus is the Firstborn overall Creation, Serpent Crusher, The Ark and The Door, One Through Whom the World is Blessed, The Lamb God Provided, The Stairway to Heaven, The Betrayed and The Savior, Deliverer, The Passover Lamb, The Rock Moses Struck, The Mediator, and The Tabernacle. The Disciplines of the Faith were taught every fourth Sunday and they included Bible Intake, Prayer and Worship for the Purpose of Godliness. We also had the opportunity to learn 28 memory verses and new/old Worship Songs each week. Each song complimented the lesson for the night. All this information can be found on our South River app under the Grow Logo. The password to get in is [srbcgrow](#). We are already getting ramped up for GROW Year 2, be looking for the new lessons for year 2 on the app. **If you aren't Growing, you are Dying! Let's GROW.**



Pastor Scott Townsell,  
Student & Parent Discipleship

# BIRTHDAYS

## MAY

- |    |   |    |   |
|----|---|----|---|
| 1  | Ethan Holland<br>Johnny Martin<br>Noah Sherrill                                     | 18 | Jenna Sherrill<br>Sandra Wallace<br>Jeff Winebarger                 |
| 2  | Paxton Cook<br>Ashley Frye<br>Lincoln Graham<br>Harold Harmon<br>Stephen Hobbs      | 19 | Christopher Thompson  |
| 3  | Sheila Cox<br>Addison Fox   | 21 | Hunter Williams   |
| 4  | Dylan Barnette<br>Cohen Fulbright<br>Kim Williams                                   | 23 | Vickie Jenkins<br>Donnie Niemann<br>Christopher Poole               |
| 5  | Mary Keever<br>Jennifer Wall  | 24 | Avery Colvert<br>Addison Goforth<br>Sidney Leonard                  |
| 6  | Debbie Sloan<br>Tamatha Stewart<br>Lorie Weston                                     | 25 | Billy Lackey  |
| 7  | Joseph Craft<br>Scott Townsell  | 26 | Eric Barnes<br>Elsie Pitman   |
| 8  | Patricia Johnson  | 27 | Rocky Martin  |
| 9  | Madison Johnson<br>Andrea Thomas  | 28 | Eric Dixon<br>Danielle Graham<br>Amanda Hennessey<br>Micah Kilcoyne |
| 10 | Nicky Robertson   | 29 | Kyle Ingle<br>Jerry Long, Sr.<br>Collin Mersfelder                  |
| 13 | Maddox Murdock  | 30 | Rick Baumberger<br>Jonathan Thompson                                |
| 14 | Cheryl Wenzel   | 31 | Josh Bost<br>Harold Sprinkle  |
| 16 | Dewey Johnson<br>Stacy Johnson  |    |   |
| 17 | Todd Benfield<br>Jordan McGahan<br>Cadence Wenzel<br>Emmett Wilhelm<br>Nan Woollard |    |   |

# ANNIVERSARIES

## MAY

- |    |   |
|----|---|
| 4  | Ken & Doris Marsh   |
| 6  | Larry & Sheila Cox<br>Steve & Tannice Gladden<br>Lloyd & Patricia Johnson |
| 9  | Robert & Vicki Miller   |
| 10 | Danny & Elizabeth Griffin   |
| 12 | Raymond & Patsy Burnette<br>Harold & Carolyn Sprinkle                     |
| 15 | Matt & Christy Estes<br>Brandon & Chrissy Dishmond                        |
| 18 | Jon & Erin Bowman<br>Jamin & Rebecca Thorpe                               |
| 19 | Jared & Christie Hance  |
| 21 | Adam & Bridget Merritt  |
| 24 | Addison & Amelia Fox<br>Harley & Summer Poole<br>Steve & Karen Warricks   |
| 25 | Jacob & Liz Deal<br>Bryan & Kim Shoemaker                                 |
| 28 | David & Crystal Johns   |
| 30 | Andrew & Mary Clendenin   |

## Wednesday Evening Meal Menus

5:30 - 6:45 pm Family Life Center  
All meals are \$3 each

May 1 No meal

May 8 Hot dogs w toppings, chips

May 15 Pizza, chips

May 22 Wendy's cheeseburger or chicken sandwich, chips

May 22 is the final Wednesday Meal for the summer

## VBS WORKERS INFORMATION



**June 2nd - 6th 6:00 - 8:45 pm**

We need help through the whole week of VBS in both the evenings and throughout the day for set-up. If you're able to give your time, please contact Tara Beatty @ 704-902-3454. For anyone who is helping during the evenings with children, we have two mandatory worker information meetings scheduled in sanctuary (attend one per Sunday):

Sunday, May 19th after 1st and 2nd services (Brief)

Sunday, June 2nd after 1st and 2nd services

(Please attend to receive VBS Shirt and last minute information)

## WORSHIP MINISTRY

### RIVER WORSHIP CHOIR

5th AM	The River	PM	And Can It Be
12th AM	Return	PM	No service
19th AM	Tabernacle	PM	No choir
26th AM	How Great Thou Art	PM	No service

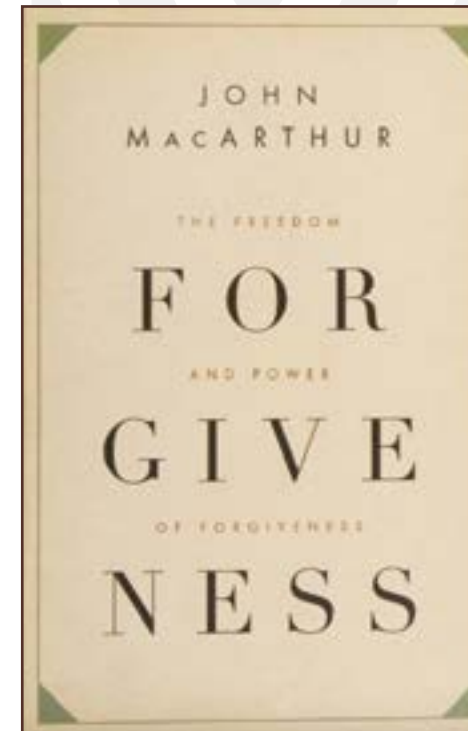
### SPECIAL MUSIC

5th AM	Lydia Thorpe	PM	Jimmy Williams
12th AM	The Olds Family	PM	No service
19th AM	Praise Team	PM	No solo
26th AM	Amanda Pauley	PM	No service

### WEDNESDAYS

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

## ADULT GROW CLASS



**Wednesdays 7:00 pm**  
**Choir Room**  
**Ending May 22nd**

**Open to all adults**

**A very important class**  
**to GROW in Christ**

**Taught by Tony Craver**

## LADIES' MINISTRY EVENT

*Sisters of Faith*



**Ladies Luncheon**

Saturday - May 18  
11:00- 1:00

South River Family Life Center

We would like to invite the ladies of our church to a refreshing time of fellowship. Come and enjoy lunch, worship and hearing words of encouragement from a special speaker.

**You are welcome to invite a friend!**



Signup sheet will be at the Women's Ministry table outside the sanctuary.

We will be collecting baby bath items & diapers/wipes to donate to the Pregnancy Resource Center.

South River Women's Ministry

## YOUNG AT HEART EVENT



**11:30 AM Family Life Center**

**Meal - hot dogs, hamburgers, nachos, popcorn, candy**



**Mark calendars - sign up in June**



**Mark Your Calendars**

June 30th - Patriots' Day Celebration AM Worship & Lunch  
August 11th - Jeff & Sheri Easter Concert - 6 PM

# 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](https://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/>

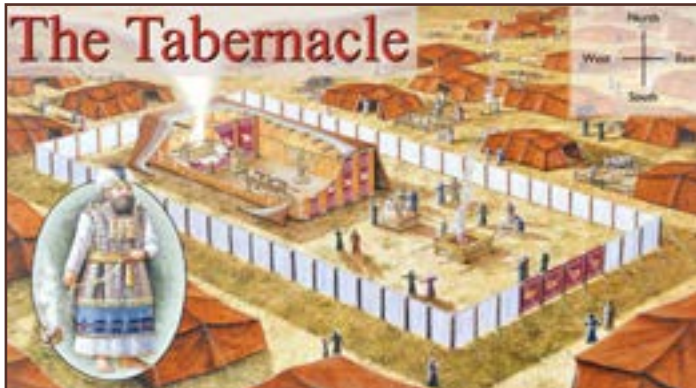
**Volunteers needed for kitchen, cleanup, teacher assistants, tutors, library, recess monitoring. Scan to apply or contact Kim Williams for more details at 704-881-1459** [kim@southriverbaptist.com](mailto:kim@southriverbaptist.com); <https://headwaters-academy.com/volunteer/>  
If you have available 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



**Come & Worship:  
A Study of the Tabernacle**

**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

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

**Wednesdays @ 7 PM**

The Freedom and Power of Forgiveness by John MacArthur  
Tony Craver (ending May 22nd)



# 2024

# may

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

			No Wednesday Meal 6:45 pm GROW Classes 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 1	HCA - No School - 3rd Barbecue Fundraiser 2		
3:00 pm GriefShare (FLC #5) 5:45 pm GROW 5			5:30 pm Wednesday Night Meal 6:45 pm GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 8:00 pm Stewardship 8			8:00 am Concealed Carry Handgun Class (Choir Rm) 11
Mothers' Day 10:45 am Parent-Child Dedication NO PM Service 12		Primary Election Run-Off (Choir Rm)	HCA Chapel 5:30 pm Wednesday Night Meal 6:45 pm GROW Classes 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 8:00 pm Stewardship Mtg 15		6:30 pm Young Adults (College Graduation Party) 17	11:00 am Women's Luncheon (FLC) 18
6:00 pm GROW Celebration 19		3:00 pm Senior Adult Food Boxes	5:30 pm Wednesday Night Meal 6:45 pm GROW Classes 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 22		HCA - last day of school 24	
No PM Worship 26	Church Offices Closed 27		No meals until August 6:00 pm Family Ministry Team 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 29			