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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
 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	5:00 PM	Worship Choir
336-707-2886	5:45 PM	GROW Students/Kids
704-876-1520	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
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CURRENTS

August 2024

Faith
FAMILY
 AND
FREEDOM
 CELEBRATION

20 24

GUEST SPEAKER LT. GOVERNOR MARK ROBINSON

6 PM ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH
MARTIN LUTHER KING PARK

► PRAISE AND WORSHIP STARTS AT 5:30 PM
 ► FREE CHICKEN PLATE TO FIRST 400 PEOPLE - STARTING AT 4:30 PM

*MLK PARK IS LOCATED AT 911 LAKEWOOD DR., STATESVILLE, NC 28677 | *FOR MORE INFO CALL: 704-876-1520

In the event of rain we will gather at
 SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH AT 2659 S. CHIPLEY FORD RD., STATESVILLE, NC.

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FROM THE PASTOR

South River Church Family,

We are less than 100 days from determining the course for our Republic! As salt and light, citizens of heaven living here on earth should influence the charting of that course. I want to see you in Martin Luther King Park on August 25th as we celebrate Faith, Family, and Freedom with guest speaker Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson. We often forget that Faith, Family, and Freedom go together! God wants everyone to experience these good things and we are not ashamed to declare that outside the walls of our church.

Faith is God's gift according to Ephesians 2:8. Faith gives us eternal life but also helps us establish a foundation for life and to see life in proper focus. America needs to return to the Christian faith evident in her founding documents and Constitution.

Family is God's first institution and should be the place where we experience God's goodness together. The family as defined by God is under attack by the culture. Our responsibility as the family of faith is to be the pillar for the truth and defend the biblical definition of family.

Freedom is something we enjoy in this great land. True freedom is experienced when one comes to know God's truth in Jesus Christ. Let us celebrate the liberty we have in Christ and the freedoms we enjoy in America!

Our Sunday evening service will be in the park on Sunday, August 25. We will have a meal at 4:30 for the first 400 and then worship in the amphitheater. Plan now to attend and bring someone with you. You will not want to miss this gathering!

Blessings,

Pastor Chris

PRE-SCHOOL

1ST SUNDAY

8:15 AM Worship

Melanie Townsell
Molly Townsell
Jonna Bentley

10:45 AM Worship

Tonda Lowman
Emily Lowman
Chely Mahler

6:00 PM Worship

Patsy Burnette
Cricket Barnette

2ND SUNDAY

8:15 AM Worship

Teri Reid
Taylor Hedrick
Kelly Hill

10:45 AM Worship

Brittany Griffin
Brenna Pence

6:00 PM Worship

Mary Jo Frye
Amelia Fox

3RD SUNDAY

8:15 AM Worship

Terri Aiken
Salem Grace Lyles
Michelle Mullins

10:45 AM Worship

Alissa Coulombe
Rebecca Thorpe
Cheri Horner

6:00 PM Worship

Kim Mersfelder
April Thompson
Sarah Beth Thompson

4TH SUNDAY

8:15 AM Worship

Sharon Hobbs
Savannah Mullins
Addison Carter

10:45 AM Worship

Kaitlyn Lyon
Daphne Jensen

6:00 PM Worship

No service here

1ST WEDNESDAY

Anita Long
Elizabeth Griffin

2ND WEDNESDAY

Donna Lyons
Abigail Kilcoyne

3RD WEDNESDAY

Ashley Benfield
Heather Cannon
Hailey Guilliams

4TH WEDNESDAY

Amanda Meadows
Mary Cook
Alayna Cook

GREETERS

AUGUST 4TH

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

AUGUST 11TH

8:00 - Lisa Watters - FD
Maggie Baumberger - SP
10:30 - Bridget Merritt - FD
Kimberly Shoemaker - SP

AUGUST 18TH

8:00 - Brenda Runkle - FD
Bonnie Williams - SP
10:30 - Riley Elliott - FD
Beth Weibley - SP

AUGUST 25TH

8:00 - Sandra Boan - FD
Cindy Holloway - SP
10:30 - Kimberly Shoemaker - FD
Mary Kirkpatrick - SP

GRIEFSHARE MINISTRY

GRIEFSHARE

New GriefShare classes will resume on August 11th. Please contact Steve Jenkins @ (980) 263-4134 for information.



2024 MINISTRY BUDGET

YTD BUDGET GOALS	\$ 957,157.92
YTD BUDGET RECEIPTS	\$ 899,254.15
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE	\$ 899,254.15

UPCOMING EVENT

A photograph of a table set for a social gathering. On the table are several bowls of finger foods, including shrimp, chips, and skewers. There are also board games like Taboo and Codenames, and a vase of flowers. The text is overlaid on the image in yellow and white.

**Widow and Widowers
Finger Foods
and Game Fellowship
Friday, September 6th 6:00 pm**

**The Pauley Home
121 Postell Drive**

**Sign up in Ministry Hall or Sunday School
to bring your favorite finger food.
We will provide drinks.**

DEEP & WIDE STUDENT MINISTRY

The Perfect Revelation of the Lord - Psalm 19



The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun, which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber and rejoices like a strong man to run its race. Its rising is from one end of heaven, and its circuit to the other end; And there is nothing hidden from its heat. The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover, by them Your servant is warned, and in keeping them there is great reward. Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults. Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; Let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and I shall be innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer.

"Man has no excuse"

Pastor Scott Townsell,
Student & Parent Discipleship



BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST

- | | | | |
|----|------------------------|----|--------------------|
| 1 | Jean Isenhour | 16 | Brooklynn Bowman |
| 2 | Darlene Goforth | | Lily Martin |
| | Sierra Massey | 17 | Dan McGee |
| | Jason Mullins | 18 | Elena Weston |
| | Lexi Mullis | | Gabriella Weston |
| | Abram Stewart | 21 | Anita Craver |
| | Teresa Stroud | | Amber Grant |
| 3 | Julie Lynn Wilhelm | 22 | Kinley Merritt |
| 4 | Eric Booie | | Patsy Weston |
| | Aaron Harrell | 23 | Wesley Johnson |
| | Ava Shoemaker | | Vicki Miller |
| 5 | Makayla Maffucci | | Anna-Lisa Goodman |
| 6 | Raymond Burnette | 24 | Tucker Barnes |
| | Robert Colvert | | Allie Pence |
| | John Gallina | | Belinda Rowe |
| | Brayden Hill | | David Shook |
| | Tim Moss | 26 | Gene Cashion |
| 7 | Marcell Souther | | Karen Lyon |
| | Randy Stewart | 27 | Bridget Merritt |
| 8 | Campbell Grace Johnson | 28 | Linda Jean Wallace |
| | Micah Jones | 29 | Michael Lyles |
| 9 | Gloria Paul | 30 | Elizabeth Cook |
| | David Stroud | | Roger Hill Jr. |
| 10 | Kim Shoemaker | | Elijah Pope |
| | Donna Williams | | Isaac Thorpe |
| 11 | Eden McGahan | 31 | Gregory Coulombe |
| 12 | Tony Craver | | Lexis Myers |
| | David Earnest | | |
| | Julie Martin | | |
| | Lane Pearman | | |
| 13 | Jared Hance | | |
| | Teresa Hawks | | |
| | Wilma Huffman | | |
| | Brenda Runkle | | |
| | Cole Sprinkle | | |
| 14 | Teresa Snider | | |
| 15 | Jeannie Webber | | |

ANNIVERSARIES

AUGUST

- | | |
|----|----------------------------|
| 1 | Dr. Chris & April Thompson |
| 2 | Nelson & Cyndi Cook |
| 3 | Mike & Bobbie Jo Hayes |
| 7 | Allen & Janice Estes |
| 9 | Tim & Crystal Moss |
| | Scott & Melanie Townsell |
| 12 | Jason & Cheryl Wenzel |
| 13 | James & Connie Cook |
| 14 | Curtis & Mary Jane Ribelin |
| | Jay & Lorrie Murdock |
| 15 | Roger & Brenda Clement |
| 18 | Trevor & Chely Mahler |
| 25 | Wayne & Kelly Hill |
| | Pete & Darlene Jones |
| 26 | Carl & Terry Aiken |
| | Jimmy & Kim Williams |
| 30 | Eric & Crystal Barnes |
| | Alton & Hilda Cook |
| | Paul & Ovanell Corriher |
| | Ethan & Alena Dowdle |
| | Wayne & Jenny Mason |



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 3–5 p.m..
August 11–November 10, 2024
South River Baptist Church, (980) 263-4134
2659 S Chipley Ford Rd - Statesville, NC
www.southriverbaptist.com

griefshare.org

RIVER WORSHIP CHOIR

4th AM	All The Praise	PM	The Risen Lamb of God
11th AM	Calvary Covered It All	PM	Easters Concert
18th AM	Because of Who You Are	PM	Hallelujah For the Cross
25th AM	Come Thou Almighty King	PM	Worship @ the Park

SPECIAL MUSIC

4th AM	Sherwin Johnson	PM	Taylor Hedrick
11th AM	Praise Team	PM	Easters Concert
18th AM	Pastor Pauley	PM	Belle Craver
25th AM	Erin Bowman	PM	Worship @ the Park

WEDNESDAYS

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

Singing the Songs of Zion

Psalm 137:1-6

1 By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. 2 There on the poplars we hung our harps, 3 for there our captors asked us for songs, our tormentors demanded songs of joy; they said, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!" 4 How can we sing the songs of the Lord while in a foreign land? 5 If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand forget its skill. 6 May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, if I do not consider Jerusalem my highest joy.

This psalm is a song of lament during the Babylonian captivity. All the nations around Israel of that day knew the Jews to be a singing people, and they **sang together with harp accompaniment**. You see in verse 3 their captors mocking, demanding them to sing songs from their homeland, adding to their torment. God's people, the truly redeemed, have always been a singing people. Notice the psalmist states they had given up their songs because they were not at home. The truth is that they just realized they were in a foreign land. EVERY DAY we are in a foreign land, "pilgrims and sojourners" looking for another City. We should be singing the songs of heaven in our hearts and through our lives every day. The City we look forward to has been built and made by God. Don't forget your skill to sing praise or let your tongue be frozen for not remembering that heaven is your hope and prize, your highest joy!

1. Am I preparing my heart for a joyous day by singing the songs of redemption ?
2. Do my songs of worship help loose my tongue to declare Jesus to others?

Pastor Chris Pauley,
Worship & Senior Adults

ADULT GROW CLASSES



2024 Fall Adult GROW Schedule
Most Sessions start the week of September 8th
and run into November

Sundays @ 6 - 7 PM

Knowing God (Packer) - Fred Bradburn (Choir room)

Wednesdays @ 7 PM

Biblical Economics (Sproul) - Tony Craver (Choir room)
Isaiah: Striving Less and Trusting God More - Janet Johnson (FLC 5)
Women's Bible Study - October 2nd - November 13th

Fridays @ 10 AM (Begins August 16th)

Women's Bible Study - I, II, III John - Bonnie Hamilton (Choir room)

GOOD NEWS CLUB MINISTRY



Come be a part of
Good News Club
starting Mondays after
Labor Day. Some training
is required. Text or call
Liz Deal (704-880-5990)
for more information.



Mark Your Calendars

September 8th - Fall GROW Classes begin

HEADWATERS ACADEMY



HEADWATERS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
PATRIOTS

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

We have openings in all grades, but some are getting close to full!
We offer 3 day (Tu-Thu) and 5 day Pre-K & K (7:45 am to 11:30 am) and K-11th grade.

See details online @ headwaters-academy.com

Please call if you would like additional information or to set up a tour.

We can still do tours over the summer months.

New students should use this link > <https://headwaters-academy.com/register-new/>

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THIS MINISTRY! We need help in the lunchroom, cleanup crew, teacher assistants, tutors, library, recess monitoring.

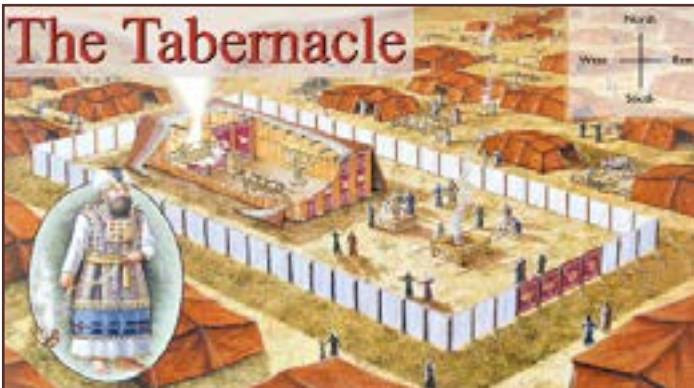
If you can volunteer between 8am and 2pm Mon – Fri, we can find a place for you to serve!
Please fill out a volunteer form or contact me let us know of your interest. One or two days per week will go far to help this ministry of South River Baptist Church.

Scan to apply or contact Kim Williams for more details
at 704-881-1459 kim@southriverbaptist.com; <https://headwaters-academy.com/volunteer/>



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



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

with
Pastor Chris

**Wednesdays
@ 7:00 pm**

SPECIAL CONCERT



Back for a Second Year! Don't miss it!

Sunday, August 11th 6:00 pm

South River Baptist Sanctuary

Concert free to public/A love offering will be collected

2024

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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

				D&W Students Pork Butt Sale starts		
4	5	5	7	8	9	10
3:00 pm GriefShare Classes begin (FLC 5) 6:00 pm Jeff & Sheri Easter Concert	6:00 pm HCA Open House Grades 6th - 11th		6:45 pm GROW Students 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting	6:00 pm HCA Open House Grades Pre-K thru 5th	10:00 am Ladies Bible Study starts (Choir Room)	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Sunday School Promostion 3:00 pm GriefShare (FLC 5)		3:00 pm Senior Adult Food Boxes	HCA Chapel 6:45 pm GROW Students 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting		10:00 am Ladies Bible Study (Choir Room)	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
3:00 pm GriefShare (FLC 5) Family , Family, Freedom in the Park 4:30 pm - Food; 5:30 pm Worship			6:00 pm Family Ministry Team 6:45 pm GROW Students 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting		D&W Students Pork Butt Pick-up 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study (Choir Room)	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31