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# JULY 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**

July 2024



**2024**  
**SUMMER CAMP FUN!**  
**Art/LEGO SPORTS Cooking ROBOTICS**  
**SPACE & AVIATION Music Chef**  
**AND MORE!**  
**JUNE 10 THROUGH AUGUST 2 / M-F, 8-5PM**  
*Only \$175 per Week, or \$40 per Day!*  
**REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!**  
**SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear South River Church Family,

Summer is in full swing, and our South River family has been busy already. Our Vacation Bible School was a great success introducing hundreds of children to God's plan of redemption. Thanks to Pastor Scott, Tara Beatty, Bridget Merritt, and the incredible ministry team that made VBS a blessing to so many!

As we celebrate our nation's freedom we are reminded of our personal spiritual freedom in Jesus Christ through His gospel. So many around us need to discover this truth for themselves. They are in darkness and need the light of God's Word to shine into their hearts.

Encourage your children to sign up for one of the exciting children's camps in July. This is an opportunity for them to be missionaries for Jesus in reaching other boys and girls right here in Statesville. Registration is available on our website. We are blessed to have many in our church family jumping in to serve as we reach new young families and children.

Continue to pray for God to open new doors of ministry opportunity for our church family. Let us all embrace our position of service and be found faithful doing our part in advancing the kingdom of Christ.

Blessings,

Pastor Chris  
Psalm 34:8-9

## PRE-SCHOOL

### 1ST SUNDAY

#### 8:15 AM Worship

Melanie Townsell  
Molly Townsell  
Bonnie Hamilton

#### 10:45 AM Worship

Tonda Lowman  
Emily Lowman

#### 6:00 PM Worship

Patsy Burnette  
Cricket Barnette

### 2ND SUNDAY

#### 8:15 AM Worship

Teri Reid  
Taylor Hedrick

#### 10:45 AM Worship

Brittany Griffin  
Brenna Pence

#### 6:00 PM Worship

Mary Jo Frye  
Amelia Fox

### 3RD SUNDAY

#### 8:15 Worship

Terri Aiken  
Salem Grace Lyles

#### 10:45 Worship

Alissa Coulombe  
Rebecca Thorpe

#### 6:00 PM Worship

Kim Mersfelder  
April Thompson  
Sarah Beth Thompson

### 4TH SUNDAY

#### 8:15 AM Worship

Sharon Hobbs  
Savannah Mullins

#### 10:45 Worship

Kaitlyn Lyon  
Daphne Jensen

#### 6:00 PM Worship

Liz Deal  
Robin Stewart

### 1ST WEDNESDAY

Anita Long  
Elizabeth Griffin

### 2ND WEDNESDAY

Donna Lyons  
Abigail Kilcoyne

### 3RD WEDNESDAY

Heather Cannon  
Hailey Guilliams

### 4TH WEDNESDAY

Mary Cook  
Alayna Cook

### 5TH WEDNESDAY

Tara Beatty  
Donna Williams

## GREETERS

### JULY 7TH

8:00 - Carol Sipes - FD  
Martha McCoy - SP  
10:30 - Beth Weibley - FD  
Kimberly Shoemaker - SP

### JULY 14TH

8:00 - Maggie Baumberger - FD  
Brenda Runkle - SP  
10:30 - Riley Elliott - FD  
Beth Weibley - SP

### JULY 21ST

8:00 - Bonnie Williams - FD  
Sandra Boan - SP  
10:30 - Jenna Sherrill - FD  
Bridget Merritt - SP

### JULY 28TH

8:00 - Cindy Holloway - FD  
Lisa Watters - SP  
10:30 - Mary Kirkpatrick - FD  
Riley Elliott - SP

## GRIEFSHARE MINISTRY

### GRIEFSHARE

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



## WELCOME

### BY LETTER

Shane & Jonna Bentley	224 Williamsburg Rd.	Olin, NC 28660	S- 704-500-5786 J- 704-622-1549
Colt & Mady Christmas	2649 S. Chipley Ford Rd.	Statesville, NC 28625	C-757-373-8221 M-334-363-9104

## 2024 MINISTRY BUDGET

YTD BUDGET GOALS	\$ 877,394.76
YTD BUDGET RECEIPTS	\$ 828,673.58
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE	\$ 828,673.58

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

### Pastor Chris Thompson



**July 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th**  
**Sundays 9:30 am**  
**Room 109**

## Smack Dab in the Middle of It . . .

Summer is here and halfway through; time truly flies by as one grows older. Seems like yesterday we were discussing snowtubing and wishing for snow. Now we have finished VBS, our 3rd week of KIDZ camp, and finished up our 3rd Super Summer Thursday. With time vanishing as quick as it does, we really should be making the most of our time each day. Ephesians 5:17-21 speaks clear on this, *“Therefore consider carefully how you live—not as unwise but as wise, taking advantage of every opportunity, because the days are evil. For this reason, do not be foolish, but be wise by understanding what the Lord’s will is. And do not get drunk with wine, which is debauchery, but be filled by the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making music in your hearts to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.”* As believers may we not be found **“killing time”** but taking advantage of every day. Be in the Word each day, be found faithfully serving and looking for His return!



Pastor Scott Townsell,  
Student & Parent Discipleship

## JULY

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1 Teresa Campbell<br>Henley Wilhelm              | 17 Morgan Cook<br>Michele Graham                      |
| 3 Cathy Johnson<br>Kami Johnson<br>Abigail Waugh | 19 Gabriel Dishmond                                   |
| 5 Vance Colvert<br>Craig Grant                   | 20 Renee Holland<br>Chrissy Holman                    |
| 6 Matt Park                                      | 22 April Thompson                                     |
| 7 Cindy Holloway<br>Tiffany Read                 | 23 Matt Galliher<br>Paxton Mills                      |
| 8 Almedia Campbell<br>Natalie Schriner           | 24 Benjamin Craver<br>David Hayes<br>Lyndsey Johnson  |
| 9 Tammy Bowie                                    | 25 Chris Hamilton                                     |
| 11 Mattox Johnson<br>Wayne Mason                 | 26 Alexis Elliott<br>Scott Jenkins                    |
| 12 J.J. Faulk<br>John Redmond                    | 27 Ken Johnson<br>David Salmonsens<br>Tim Stroud      |
| 13 Natalie Karr<br>Anthony Smith                 | 28 Gregory Coulombe<br>Wyatt Jensen<br>Curtis Ribelin |
| 14 Mike Hayes<br>Summer Poole                    | 29 April Stroud                                       |
| 15 Stewart Hedgepeth<br>Misty Williams           | 30 Fred Bradburn<br>Chrissy Dishmond<br>Brenna Pence  |
| 16 Ethan Cook<br>Kelton Sprinkle                 | 31 Craig Morrison<br>Beya Papageorgiou                |

## JULY

- |   |
|---|
| 1 John & Donna Gallina                              |
| 3 Jeff & Carla Winebarger                           |
| 14 Josh & Michelle Kilcoyne                         |
| 15 Daryl & Kristen Martin<br>Danny & Donna Williams |
| 19 Donnie & Linda Niemann                           |
| 20 Jeff & Patsy Weston                              |
| 25 Eric & Stephanie Peterson                        |
| 30 Steve & Vickie Jenkins                           |



## 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.southernriverbaptist.com](http://www.southernriverbaptist.com)

[griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org)

## RIVER WORSHIP CHOIR

7th AM Tabernacle  
14th AM Endless Praise  
21st AM Unite Our Hearts  
28th AM Chain Breaker

PM Sing To the Lord  
PM Lead Me to the Rock  
PM Bound For Glory  
PM I'm Going Home w Jesus

## SPECIAL MUSIC

7th AM Amanda Pauley  
14th AM Praise Team  
21st AM Jerry Long  
28th AM Darlene Estes

PM Jimmy Williams  
PM No solo  
PM South River Quartet  
PM Taylor Hedrick

## WEDNESDAYS

3rd No service 10th No solo 17th No solo 24th No solo 31st Dan McGee

## Worship Before Serving

Luke 10:38-42

38 Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. 40 But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." 41 And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. 42 But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

We know this story, but let's look at some lessons. Martha is the hostess, but she is drawn away from enjoying Jesus' presence by the burden of her duties. She seems to be more bothered with not having help, than not hearing Jesus' teaching. In contrast, Mary appears to be a disciple of Jesus, because sitting at the master's feet is what characterizes true disciples. Jesus tells Martha that Mary has chosen the part which is better - her worship takes precedence over tending to cares in this world, even necessary cares. For a disciple, learning and obedience takes first place. Human needs are real, but the most important need is personal worship. Are you a disciple or are you distracted?

1. Am I taking time to worship and listen/hear Jesus speak before I serve Him?
2. If I am hearing Him speak, am I then obeying what He has said to take action?

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)

**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

**August 4th - Worship @ the Park - 6 PM**

# 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](https://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.

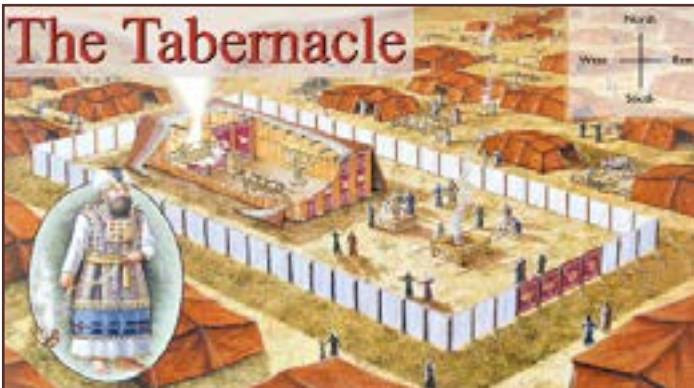
If you can volunteer between 8am and 2pm Mon – Fri, we can find a place for you to serve!  
Please fill out a volunteer form or contact me let us know of your interest. One or two days per week will go far to help this ministry of South River Baptist Church.

**Scan to apply or contact Kim Williams for more details**  
at 704-881-1459 [kim@southerbaptist.com](mailto:kim@southerbaptist.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

# july

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

			No Activities		Church Office Closed	
	1	2	3	4	5	6
9:30 am RiverWalk Class (Rm 109) 7	7:30 am - 5:30 pm Summer Camp - 12th Students to SWO - 13th 8	9	6:45 pm GROW Students 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 10	11	12	13
9:30 am RiverWalk Class (Rm 109) 14	7:30 am - 5:30 pm Summer Camp - 19th 15	3:00 pm Senior Adult Food Boxes 16	6:45 pm GROW Students 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 8:00 pm Stewardship Mtg 17	D&W Students - Super Summer Thursday 18	19	20
9:30 am RiverWalk Class (Rm 109) 21	7:30 am - 5:30 pm Summer Camp - 26th 22	23	6:45 pm GROW Students 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 24	D&W Students - Super Summer Thursday 25	26	27
9:30 am RiverWalk Class (Rm 109) 6:00 pm Church Celebration 28	7:30 am - 5:30 pm Summer Camp - Aug 2nd 29	30	6:00 pm Family Ministry Team 6:45 pm GROW Students 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 31			