

Postmaster/Send Address Change to:

SOUTH RIVER
BAPTIST CHURCH

2659 South Chipley Ford Rd.
Statesville, NC 28625-8712

SouthRiverBaptist.com

Periodical

SEPTEMBER 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
 Heather Melton, Ministry Assistant
 Carole Ireland, Financial Secretary

704-876-1520
 704-880-3625
 980-829-3163
 704-397-6965
 336-707-2886
 704-876-1520
 704-876-1520

EACH SUNDAY

8:15 AM Morning Worship
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Morning Worship
 5:00 PM Worship Choir
 5:45 PM GROW Students/Kids
 6:00 PM Evening Worship

*South River Currents (USPS 019433) is published monthly by South River Baptist Church,
 2659 S. Chipley Ford Road, Statesville NC 28625. Periodical Postage Paid at Statesville, NC 28677.*

SOUTH RIVER
BAPTIST CHURCH

Volume 25, Number 1

CURRENTS

September 2024



Starting September 8th
 Classes on Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays
 See details inside

SouthRiverBaptist.com

2659 S. Chipley Ford Road, Statesville NC 28625 | Phone (704) 876-1520

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear South River Family,

Discipleship is not optional for the believer. Everyone is responsible for growing in the Christian faith and their personal faith. We have many opportunities to do just that starting in September when our GROW classes begin. Children, students, and adults can embrace an opportunity to ground themselves in God's Word and classes that will mature our faith.

Men, lead your families to church on Sunday nights and Wednesday nights to participate in GROW. We set the pace for our families and they need us to model before them how we are growing in our walk of faith. Ladies, God has designed you as nurturers, who have incredible influence to shape the faith in the lives of your precious little ones. Students, it is time to become young men and women, and to attempt great things for God. Do not settle for mediocrity in your walk of faith. Study to show yourselves approved as those not ashamed of the Word and our Lord.

May God bless our entire church as we take serious steps to be well grounded and fruitful as disciples of Jesus Christ.

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

No service

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 Worship

Terri Aiken
Salem Grace Lyles
Michelle Mullins

10:45 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 Worship

Kaitlyn Lyon
Daphne Jensen

6:00 PM Worship

Liz Deal
Robin Stewart

5TH SUNDAY

8:15 Worship

Mary Keever
Addison Carter

10:45 Worship

Abigail Kilcoyne
Stephanie Bennett

PM Worship

Donna Williams
Mady Christmas

1ST WEDNESDAY

Anita Long
Elizabeth Griffin

2ND WEDNESDAY

Donna Lyons
Amanda Meadows

3RD WEDNESDAY

Bonnie Hamilton
Heather Cannon

4TH WEDNESDAY

Amanda Meadows
Mary Cook
Alayna Cook

GREETERS

SEPTEMBER 1ST

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

SEPTEMBER 8TH

8:00 - Maggie Baumberger - FD
Sandra Boan - SP
10:30 - Bridget Merritt - FD
Kimberly Shoemaker - SP

SEPTEMBER 15TH

8:00 - Riley Elliott - FD
Cindy Holloway - SP
10:30 - Eli Pope - FD
Riley Elliott - SP

SEPTEMBER 22ND

8:00 - Sandra Boan - FD
Brenda Runkle - SP
10:30 - Carol Barringer - FD
Bridget Merritt - SP

SEPTEMBER 29TH

8:00 - Bonnie William - FD
Cindy Holloway - SP
10:30 - Alyssa LeVan - FD
Mary Kirkpatrick - SP

GRIEFSHARE MINISTRY

GRIEFSHARE

New GriefShare class is meeting now on Sundays @ 3 pm in FLC 6. Please contact Steve Jenkins @ (980) 263-4134 for information.



WELCOME

STATEMENT

Elizabeth McDonald 831 Midway Rd Statesville, NC 28625 704-957-6606

1/25

2024/25 MINISTRY BUDGET

YTD BUDGET GOALS	\$ 1,036,921.00
YTD BUDGET RECEIPTS	\$ 969,834.72
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE	\$ 969,834.72

UPCOMING EVENT



DEEP & WIDE STUDENT MINISTRY

Another New Year

No, I am not confused, I am talking about a new church year. The older I get the quicker the years come and go, like the waves of the ocean. Time goes by so fast; James would say that our lives are like a vapor, here today and gone tomorrow. Paul would remind us in Ephesians that we are to make the most of our time, buying back because the days are evil! Jesus would remind the bride all through the Gospels that The Day is coming that He would return for His bride and take us home. The head scratcher though, is that Christians constantly quote these scripture references but the way they spend their time would speak otherwise. Matthew 5:18 Jesus would say to the religious people of the day “These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me.” Where is your heart in serving the One who saved you? I love music, I must confess though I don’t remember groups names, song titles or lyrics very well at all. I also love all genres of music. There is a song I have been listening to called “No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus” by Steffany Gretzinger. One of the lines of the song says, “Let my children tell their children, Let this be their memory, That all my treasure was in heaven, And you were everything to me.” Would that be the testimony as a believer that could be left to your children? Could that be said of you because of how you spend your time, talent and tithe serving the One you say means everything to you? Remember if you’re not growing, then you’re dying! Wake up Believer and let’s Serve!



Pastor Scott Townsell,
Student & Parent Discipleship

BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER

- | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Savannah Mullins | 22 Hunter Baldwin |
| 3 Hilda Cook | Michael Johnson |
| 4 Alena Dowdle | 23 Kevin Robertson |
| Charlene Thompson | 24 Cyndi Cook |
| 5 Brittany Dixon | Michael Jensen |
| Aaron Johnson | David Johns |
| Nicole Johnson | Jessica Park |
| 6 Walter Cook | 25 Cindy Gibson |
| Claire Johns | Peyton Johnson |
| 7 Steven Baldwin | Matthew Mersfelder |
| Dylen Bevins | 26 Trevor Mahler |
| Janice Estes | Mary Jane Ribelin |
| 9 Cricket Barnette | 27 Clara Paige Beatty |
| 12 Mary Kirkpatrick | Danny Williams |
| Vanessa Hunter | 28 Patricia Gordon |
| 14 Roger Clement | Hannah Kilcoyne |
| Danny Griffin | Penny Lippard |
| 16 Mark Carter | 29 Nelson Cook |
| Mady Christmas | Tammy Pearman |
| 18 Sabrina Cook | Abbie Robertson |
| 19 Tara Beatty | Emery Sprinkle |
| Westin Fox | |
| Kevin Johnson | |
| 20 Kelly Hill | |
| 21 Eric Davidson | |
| Raylan Mills | |

ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER

- | |
|---------------------------------|
| 3 Matthew & Kimberly Mersfelder |
| 4 Scott & Melani Harrell |
| 5 John & Shawna Wilson |
| 6 Billie & Sherrie Haithcox |
| 7 Mike & Sherri Oliver |
| 8 Todd & Chris Carter |
| 11 Shane & Erica Barnette |
| Gregory & Alissa Coulombe |
| 14 Eric & Tammy Davidson |
| 17 Gabriel & Natalie Karr |
| Brett & Andrea Thomas |
| 18 Lynn & Linda Moose |
| 19 Rick & Maggie Baumberger |
| Ken & Kinnan Johnson |
| Sandra & Raymond Ketchem |
| Jason & Jenna Sherrill |
| 22 Dewayne & Penny Lippard |
| Kevin & Nicky Robertson |
| 23 Matthew & Sierra Massey |
| 25 Randy & Tamatha Stewart |
| 27 Brian & Sandra Boan |
| David & Melissa Earnest |
| 28 Johnny & Jean Isenhour |



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.southernriverbaptist.com

griefshare.org

RIVER WORSHIP CHOIR

1st AM	The River of the Lord	PM	No service
8th AM	Who Is Like Lord/Find Us Faithful	PM	Because He Lives (Amen)
15th AM	Endless Praise	PM	Unite Our Hearts
22nd AM	Lord Of All	PM	The River
29th AM	Tabernacle	PM	I Will Always Sing of the Cross

SPECIAL MUSIC

1st AM	River of Life Quartet	PM	No service
8th AM	Choir	PM	Jimmy Williams
15th AM	Jerry Long	PM	Belle Craver
22nd AM	Praise Team	PM	Taylor Hedrick
29th AM	Erin Bowman	PM	Mary Cook

WEDNESDAYS

4th No solo 11th No solo 18th No solo 25th Dan McGee

Singing with Melody in Your Hearts

Colossians 3:12-17

12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. 14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Can you hear the tone of grace and goodness in these verses? Grace is what we pass on to others when we remember we have been the recipients of ultimate graciousness from God. Verse 15 bears the idea that when we fail to have peace, it is the Spirit that blows the whistle on us that something is wrong. Notice God calls us to build one another up with our songs of praise from right hearts, All of this is for the glory of the Lord Jesus!

1. Am I giving grace to others in the church because I have received abundant grace ?
2. Am I preparing for corporate worship by singing a melody in my heart first?

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 6)
Women's Bible Study - October 2nd - November 13th

Fridays @ 10 AM

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

GOOD NEWS CLUB MINIS-



Come be a part of
Good News Club
starting on Monday,
September 9th. Text or call
Liz Deal (704-880-5990)
for more information.
It is not too late
to be involved.



Mark Your Calendars

October -

5th - Mission Breakfast & Auction - 6:00 am - Noon

26th - Fall Festival - 11 am - 2 pm

HEADWATERS ACADEMY



HEADWATERS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
PATRIOTS

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

We have openings in most grades.

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 and interview.

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@southernriverbaptist.com; <https://headwaters-academy.com/volunteer/>



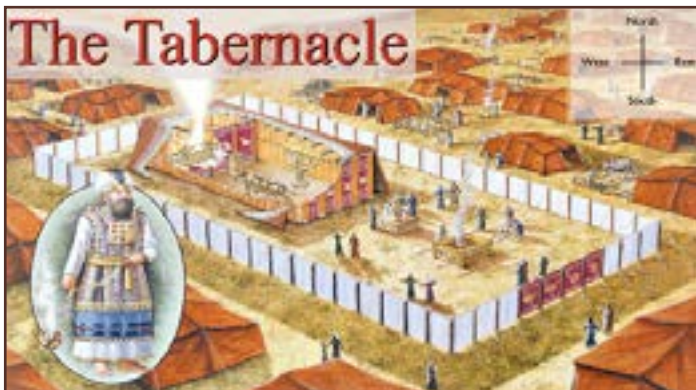
Other ways you can help support Headwaters:

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 by 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**

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Pastor Chris Thompson



**September 8th, 15th,
22nd and 29th**

Sundays 9:30 am

Conference Room in New Office Hall

2024

september

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

No PM Activities 1	Church Office Closed HCA Closed 2	3	4	5	10:00 am Ladies Bible Study (Choir Room) 6:00 pm Widow/Widowers - Finger Food & Games Pauley Home 6	7
9:30 am RiverWalk (Conference Rm) 3:00 pm GriefShare Class (FLC 6) 5:45 pm GROW starts 8	3:00 pm Good News Club (Central) 9	10	6:45 pm GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 8:00 pm Stewardship Mtg 11	12	10:00 am Ladies Bible Study (Choir Room) 13	14
9:30 am RiverWalk (Conference Rm) 3:00 pm GriefShare Class (FLC 6) 5:45 pm GROW 15	3:00 pm Good News Club (Central) 16	3:00 pm Senior Adult Food Boxes 17	11:00 am HCA Chapel 6:45 pm GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 18	19	Men's Snowbird Conference - 22nd HCA Teacher Workday 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study (Choir Room) 20	21
9:30 am RiverWalk (Conference Rm) 3:00 pm GriefShare (FLC 6) 5:45 pm GROW 22	3:00 pm Good News Club (Central) 23	24	6:00 pm Family Ministry Team 6:45 pm GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 25	26	10:00 am Ladies Bible Study (Choir Room) 27	28
9:30 am RiverWalk (Conference Rm) 3:00 pm GriefShare (FLC 6) 6:00 pm Church Celebration 29	3:00 pm Good News Club (Central) 30					