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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

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CURRENTS

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SOUTH RIVER
BAPTIST CHURCH



Bring your family and join us for fun and fellowship

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26
FROM 11-2PM

- ▶ Carnival Games, Food, Inflatables, Hay Rides, Family Fun & More!
- ▶ 2659 South Chipley Ford Rd., Statesville, NC 28625
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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear South River Family,

God presents South River with an incredible opportunity to be a channel of blessing to those who have experienced a great loss from the hurricane and floods that affected our region. Our church is embracing this moment and will be partnering with other churches in the western part of the state. Already, many local businesses have provided resources to enable our church to feed others in need and help them bring some order to the chaos they have experienced. Welcome this opportunity personally and consider how you can make a difference eternally!

I remind you that our mission efforts require individual faithfulness to tithe of God's blessings. God richly blesses us financially in the United States, the most prosperous nation in the world. But sadly, so few have discovered the joy of investing those blessings in the evangelistic efforts of the church and the advancement of His kingdom. Your support of our mission efforts here at South River, throughout our community, and overseas lays up treasure in heaven. Evaluate your investment priorities and discover a joy more precious than gold, seeing someone come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Thank you for the privilege to serve as your pastor and witness your hunger to grow in Christ and to reach our community for Him.

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

Cricket Barnette
Patsy Burnette

2ND SUNDAY

8:15 AM Worship

Terry Reid
Taylor Hedrick
Kelly Hill

10:45 AM Worship

Brittany Griffin
Daphne Jensen

6:00 PM Worship

Mary Jo Frye
Amelia Fox

3RD SUNDAY

8:15 AM Worship

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
Abigail Kilcoyne

6:00 PM Worship

Liz Deal
Robin Stewart

1ST WEDNESDAY

Elizabeth Griffin
Anita Long

2ND WEDNESDAY

Donna Lyons
Amanda Meadows

3RD WEDNESDAY

Bonnie Hamilton
Heather Cannon

4TH WEDNESDAY

Amanda Meadows
Mary Cook
Alaina Cook

5TH WEDNESDAY

Tara Beatty
Bonnie Hamilton

GREETERS

OCTOBER 6TH

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

OCTOBER 13TH

8:00 - Sandra Boan - FD
Maggie Baumberger - SP
10:30 - Riley Elliott - FD
Bridget Merritt - SP

OCTOBER 22ND

8:00 - Brenda Runkle - FD
Bonnie Williams - SP
10:30 - Carol Barringer - FD
Bridget Merritt - SP

OCTOBER 29TH

8:00 - Cindy Holloway - FD
Riley Elliott - SP
10:30 - Mary Kirkpatrick - FD
Alyssa LeVan - SP

GRIEF SHARE MINISTRY

GRIEF SHARE

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



WELCOME

LETTER

Garrett Bradford 289 Ford Farm Rd Statesville NC 28625 980-829-3034

STATEMENT

Cierra Bradford 289 Ford Farm Rd Statesville NC 28625 402-710-3249

BAPTISM

Mattox Johnson 1124 Snow Creek Rd Statesville, NC 28625 704-880-1029

Salem Grace Lyles 125 Foxglove Dr Statesville, NC 28677 336-468-7336

Ethan Mersfelder 288 Clements Rd Statesville, NC 28677 980-635-1576

1/25

2024/25 MINISTRY BUDGET

YTD BUDGET GOALS	\$ 80,096.00
YTD BUDGET RECEIPTS	\$ 74,643.71
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE	\$ 74,643.71

RIPPLE KIDZ MINISTRY

What is Our Witness at Home?

The Lord has recently brought to my attention the importance of the witness I display of Christ in the privacy of my home. As we do the witness part of GROW on Wednesday nights, I'm reminded that it's not only our witness at school, at church, or at work, but it's also our witness within the home that matters. Children and parents alike. When we hear the word witness I'm afraid we only think of our persona outside our homes, in the public eye, shall we say. We wouldn't think of saying some of the things we say at home in public (or at church). Nor would we act out in some of the same ways if our favorite people from church were with us. I think that's true of everyone. Have we acquired a misconstrued idea of what our witness is to be? Or rather, where we are supposed to be a witness for Christ? Does your witness at home measure up to your witness in the workplace or even in your friend circle? I am guilty of it too, church. We all struggle with it. Therefore, we all need to consider this. What is the message we send to our kids and families if and when they see two totally different people in us at home and at church? A friend recently shared something with me that read,

“Christian life can be faked. Bible reading, prayers, church attendance, religious talk...”

Our witness for Christ is not to be based on where we are but on who we are. I'm reminded of what our family pastor says, “If you're not gonna be real, then don't be at all.” So let me encourage you church family to be real, to be a worthy example, and to be a bold witness, whether inside or outside the comfort and acceptance of our homes.

Timothy Clendenin,
Children's Associate

MISSIONS MINISTRY

So David would not remove the ark of the LORD unto him into the city of David: but David carried it aside into the house of Obededom the Gittite. And the ark of the LORD continued in the house of Obededom the Gittite three months: and the LORD blessed Obededom, and all his household. And it was told king David, saying, The LORD hath blessed the house of Obededom, and all that pertained unto him, because of the ark of God. So, David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obededom into the city of David with gladness.

May we all be found faithfully serving where God has gifted and called each of us to serve. Serving and sharing first and foremost in our Jerusalem and then eventually to the uttermost parts of the earth. So that one day to hear the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant".

Pastor Scott Townsell,
Missions & Families

THERE IS NOTHING
CONVENIENT
ABOUT SERVING
GOD! BUT THE
BLESSINGS
ARE AMAZING,
JUST ASK OBED-EDOM.
2 SAMUEL 6

BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER

- | | | | |
|----|------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1 | Brett Thomas | 16 | Veronica Coulombe |
| 3 | Kalyn Melendez | | Jeremy Stewart |
| 4 | Lesley Colvert | 17 | Samuel Thompson |
| 5 | Mandy Pittman | 18 | Steve Jenkins |
| 6 | Mary Bowman | | Doris Marsh |
| | Billie Haithcox | | Laura Waddill |
| | Chris Keever | 19 | Bryce Weston |
| | Michael Lyon | 20 | Tonda Lowman |
| | Daryl Martin | | Carson Weston |
| 7 | Dallas Evans | 21 | Libby Campbell |
| | Paul Corriher | 22 | Ethan Booie |
| | Dennis Stewart | 23 | Kayli Booie |
| | John Wilson | 25 | Melissa Alejandro |
| 8 | Cambrie Hobbs | | Addy Wenzel |
| | Jerry Long | | Evy Wenzel |
| | Matthew Pence | 26 | Joan Nixon |
| | Dorothy Privette | | Ellen Pope |
| | Kaylie Robertson | 27 | Teddy Campbell |
| 9 | Cassandra Chege | | Jeff Fox |
| | Steven Graham | | Jennifer Hedrick |
| 10 | Salem Estes | | Linda Hermoso |
| | Riley Fernandez | | Tony Smith |
| | Emily Fisher | 29 | Walter Chrastina |
| | Brittney Griffin | | Sherri Oliver |
| | Toyie Templeton | | Eric Peterson |
| 11 | Ty Jensen | 30 | Tammy Davidson |
| | Carolyn Sprinkle | | Lydia Thorpe |
| | Jeff Weston | | |
| 12 | Ethan Barnes | | |
| 13 | Matthew Massey | | |
| | Robbie Taylor | | |
| 14 | Noah Paul | | |
| 15 | Jeff Doan | | |
| | Molly Townsell | | |

ANNIVERSARIES

OCTOBER

- | | |
|----|-----------------------------|
| 2 | Joseph & Mary Kirkpatrick |
| 3 | Brandon & Hanna LeFever |
| 5 | Larry & Cathy Johnson |
| | Josh & Jen Wall |
| 6 | Tyler & Anna-Lisa Goodman |
| 7 | Jeff & Tammy Bowie |
| | Walter & Marie Chrastina |
| 8 | Gene & Mary Dellinger |
| 10 | Elijah & Eli Pope |
| 13 | Joshua & Brittany Johns |
| 14 | Canaan & Alyssa Levan |
| | Ridge & Mary Zittle |
| 15 | Jerry & Peggy Koch |
| | David & Nancy Snyder |
| 17 | Howard & Julie Martin |
| 23 | Michael & Stephanie Wilhelm |
| 24 | Charles & Almedia Campbell |
| 25 | Robert & Lesley Colvert |

MISSIONS EVENT

Join the river of blessing

AUCTION AND ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

OCT. 5

\$10/person

Breakfast served 6 am to Noon
Auction Begins at 8 am



Proceeds support ministries throughout Iredell County and entire Southeast Region

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WORSHIP MINISTRY

RIVER WORSHIP CHOIR

6th AM	Fighting For You	PM	All the Praise
13th AM	Come Almighty/Friend in Jesus	PM	I'd Rather Have Jesus
20th AM	Sing To the Lord	PM	Make Your Praise Glorious
27th AM	Calvary Covered It All	PM	The God I Serve

SPECIAL MUSIC

6th AM	Lydia Thorpe	PM	Jimmy Williams
13th AM	Choir	PM	Trace Hedrick/Sidney Leonard
20th AM	Sherwin Johnson	PM	Jerry & Anita Long
27th AM	Wynston Lyles	PM	No solo

WEDNESDAYS

2nd No solo 9th No solo 16th No solo 23rd No solo 30th Dan McGee

A Blessing

Amanda and I are so blessed to have been able to serve South River Baptist Church for the last nine years in Worship and Senior Adult Ministry. And though the time has come where God has called us to serve another local church in St. Augustine, FL, part of our hearts will remain with you. We wish the very best for each one of you as God uses you to declare the one true Gospel which saves only through Jesus Christ. We trust you will continue lives of true worship before Almighty God. We pray you continue to surrender to Holy Spirit as He leads you into lives of deeper sanctification until He takes you home (or us collectively).

I would like to end with the words of Psalm 121 that alludes to the Aaronic blessing from Numbers 6:

- 1 I will lift up my eyes to the mountains; From where shall my help come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not allow your foot to slip; He who keeps you will not slumber.
- 4 Behold, He who keeps Israel Will neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The Lord is your keeper; The Lord is your shade on your right hand.
- 6 The sun will not smite you by day, Nor the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord will protect you from all evil; He will keep your soul.
- 8 The Lord will guard your going out and your coming in From this time forth and forever.

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)

FUTURE EVENTS



Mark Your Calendars

November

23rd - Thanksgiving for Thousands - All Day

24th - Thanksgiving Meal - 5:00 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@southriverbaptist.com; <https://headwaters-academy.com/volunteer/>



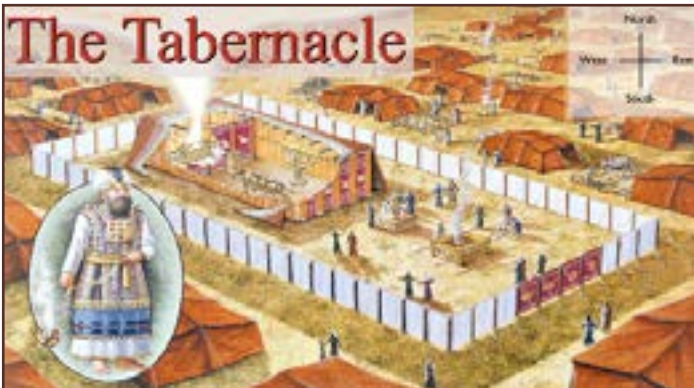
Other ways you can help support Headwaters:

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 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**

SPECIAL GRIEFSHARE EVENT

**The holidays are
challenging when you're
grieving a loss.**



GriefShare

**Surviving
the Holidays**

provides encouragement, support, and valuable tools to navigate the season.

Join us for this holiday seminar

Location	Date & time	Contact info
South River Baptist Church 2659 S. Chipley Ford Rd Statesville, NC	Sunday, November 17, 2024 3:00 - 5:00 pm Family Life Center Room 6	Steve Jenkins (980) 263-4134

griefshare.org/holidays

2024

o c t o b e r

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

			6:45 pm GROW 7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study (FLC 6) 7:00 pm Prayer Meeeting		10:00 am Ladies Bible Study (Choir Room)	6:00 am - Noon Mission Breakfast & Auction 2:00 pm Bridal Shower - Kami Johnson (Choir Room)
		1	2	3	4	5
3:00 pm GriefShare Class (FLC 6) 5:45 pm GROW starts	3:00 pm Good News Club (Central)		6:45 pm GROW 7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study (FLC 6) 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting	HCA Teacher Workdays - 11th	10:00 am Ladies Bible Study (Choir Room)	11:00 am - Yokefellow Outreach
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
3:00 pm GriefShare Class (FLC 6) 5:45 pm GROW	2:30 pm Good News Club Training (Choir Room)	3:00 pm Senior Adult Food Boxes	11:00 am HCA Chapel 6:00 pm Ripple Kidz/D&W Council 6:45 pm GROW 7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study (FLC 6) 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 8:00 pm Stewardship	11:00 am Feed the Farmers	10:00 am Ladies Bible Study (Choir Room)	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
3:00 pm GriefShare (FLC 6) 5:45 pm GROW	3:00 pm Good News Club (Central)		6:45 pm GROW 7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study (FLC 6) 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting		HCA - Teacher Workday	11:00 am - 2:00 pm Fall Festival Movie at The Barn
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
3:00 pm GriefShare (FLC 6) 6:00 pm Church Celebration	3:00 pm Good News Club (Central)		6:00 pm Family Ministry Team 6:45 pm GROW 7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study (FLC 6) 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting			
27	28	29	30	31		