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EACH SUNDAY

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

EACH WEDNESDAY

6:40 PM GROW Students/Kids
 7:00 PM Prayer Service/GROW

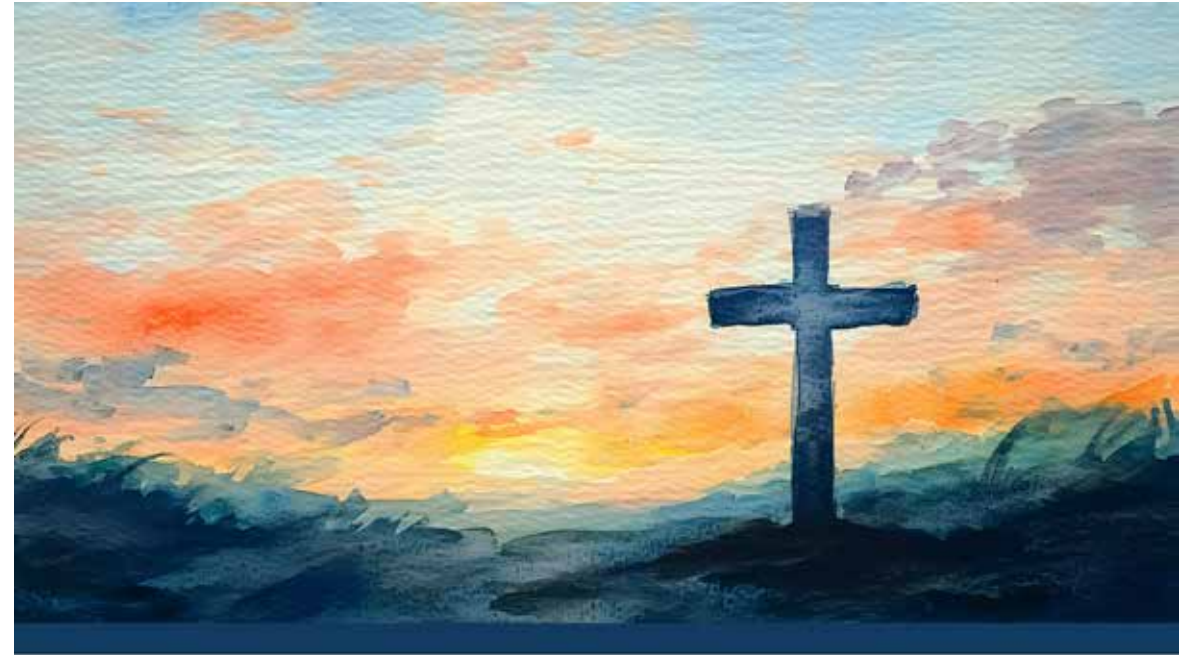
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CURRENTS

April 2025



HE IS ALIVE!
WORSHIP WITH US THIS EASTER

SOUTH RIVER
BAPTIST CHURCH

2025

6:45 AM / Sunrise Service
 8:15 AM / Celebration Worship
 10:45 AM / Celebration Worship

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear South River Church Family,

Spring is here and the celebration of Easter is before us! I look forward to gathering with you as we realize the Resurrection Hope that Jesus has given to us. I am certain we all know someone that does not possess resurrection faith. Pray for them and invite them to join us in worship.

Easter Services will be Sunday, April 20. We will have our Sunrise Service at 6:30 am followed by our annual breakfast served by our deacons in the Family Life Center. Then we will have our regular Sunday Morning schedule. Consider who you will bring with you to celebrate that Jesus is Alive!

Let us continue to pray that our great love for Jesus, our strong biblical convictions, our passionate worship of His name, and our desire to reach the world with the transforming gospel will usher in spiritual renewal and revival in our hearts, our homes, and our land.

Blessings,

Pastor Chris

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1:3-5

PRE-SCHOOL

1ST SUNDAY

8:15 AM Worship

Melanie Townsell
Molly Townsell
Jonna Bentley

10:45 AM Worship

Bonnie Hamilton
Chely Mahler

6:00 PM Worship

Cricket Barnette
Patsy Burnette

2ND SUNDAY

8:15 AM Worship

Terry Reid
Taylor Hedrick
Terry Aiken

10:45 AM Worship

Brenna Pence
Annabella Kilcoyne
Mady Christmas

6:00 PM Worship

Amelia Fox

3RD SUNDAY

EASTER SUNDAY

8:15 Worship

Salem Grace Lyles
Michelle Mullins
Kelly Hill

10:45 Worship

Kaitlyn Lyon
Stephanie Bennett
Cheri Horner

6:00 PM Worship

Liz Deal
April Thompson
Sarah Beth Thompson

4TH SUNDAY

8:15 AM Worship

Sharon Hobbs
Mary Keever
Debbie Sloan

10:45 Worship

Daphne Jensen
Rebecca Thorpe

6:00 PM Worship

Kim Mersfelder
Robin Stewart

1ST WEDNESDAY

Elizabeth Griffin
Anita Long

2ND WEDNESDAY

Donna Lyons
Amanda Meadows
Bonnie Hamilton

3RD WEDNESDAY

Tara Beatty
Heather Cannon

4TH WEDNESDAY

Maritza Anderson
Donna Williams

5TH WEDNESDAY

Elizabeth Griffin
Bonnie Hamilton

GREETERS

APRIL 6TH

8:00 AM

Martha McCoy - FD
Carol Sipes - SP

10:30 AM

Kimberly Shoemaker - FD
Carol Barringer - SP

APRIL 13TH

8:00 AM

Bonnie Williams - FD
Maggie Baumberger - SP

10:30 AM

Lisa Watters - FD
Alyssa LeVan - SP

APRIL 20TH EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 AM

Sandra Boan - FD
Eli Pope - SP

10:30 AM

Carol Barringer - FD
Martha McCoy - SP

APRIL 27TH

8:00 AM

Cindy Holloway - SP
Brenda Runkle - FD

10:30 AM

Mary Kirkpatrick - FD
Riley Elliott - SP

GRIEF SHARE MINISTRY

GriefShare class meets on
Sundays @ 3 pm in FLC 6.
Please contact
Steve Jenkins at (980) 263-4134
for information on when
the next class starts.



GROW CELEBRATION NIGHT



SAVE THE DATE!

DERBY, BBQ, CAKE AND PIE COOK OFF MAY 18TH STARTING AT 5PM MORE DETAILS TO COME...



2024/25 MINISTRY BUDGET

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| YTD BUDGET GOALS | \$ 600,720.00 |
| TOTAL GIVING TO DATE | \$ 589,511.63 |

PASTOR FOR MISSIONS & FAMILIES



The first three months of 2025 are already over and before we know it the month of April will come and go as well. I was singing Christmas songs the other day and realized it was only so many months away. I say all that to remind us of the fact that time does fly. As Christians we need to be making the most of our time and be found faithfully serving our Savior. James said life is like a vapor, here one day and gone the next. Paul said it best in *Ephesians 5 - See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God.* May we be wise with our time this each minute, each hour, each day, each month, and each year. *James 1:17 "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."*

If you like the new logos, we will have shirts available in the next few weeks.

Pastor Scott Townsell,
Pastor for Missions & Families



Christians Make Disciples

“Christians are disciple makers, people!” This phrase has been on my mind this week, and after a discussion with some students on discipleship, I found it necessary to touch on it briefly here. Let me quickly provide a perfect text on this topic:

Matthew 28:18-20

18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." – Matthew 28:16-20 – NASB

This is the “Great Commission.” All Christians are commanded to make “disciples of all nations,” and yet so many of us do not know how. The command is clear, and maybe even our desires for it are present, but how do we practically do this?

Verses 19-20 explain this process: evangelism, baptism, and teaching.

Notice that evangelism is not directly in the text but is inferred due to one first needing to submit and receive the gospel to start being a disciple. So the process is as follows: 1st, evangelize; 2nd, baptize the new disciple; 3rd, teach them to follow Jesus.

The 3rd and final step is the lifelong discipleship journey. Christians never outgrow being discipled and discipling others! Want to learn how to disciple? Go read the Gospels. Jesus demonstrated it throughout his life with his disciples, doing life together, intentionally asking good questions, and pointing them to the Scripture. You’re never too old or too young to be discipled and to disciple! Go therefore and make disciples.

-Best regards, Colt Christmas

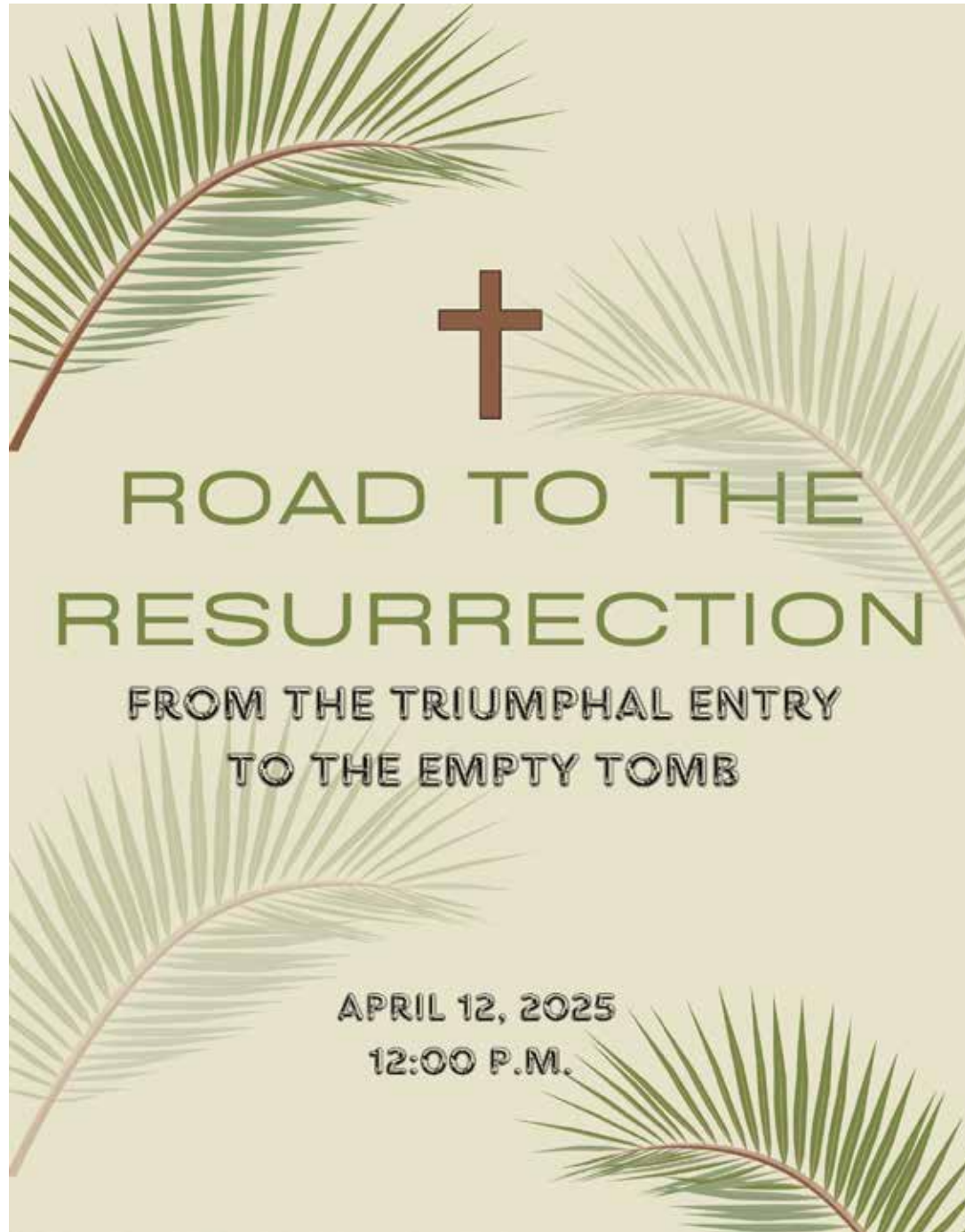
APRIL

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| 1 Jean Morrison | 16 Lee McClure |
| 2 Ethan Dowdle | 17 Pearson Fox |
| Tyler Goodman | Elizabeth McDonald |
| Aaron Morrison | Mary Morrison |
| Terry Reid | 18 Allison Cook |
| 3 Taylor Hedrick | Maddie Lippard |
| 4 Kate Dewey | Scott MacLean |
| Anita Long | Lisa Watters |
| John Martin | 20 Jimmy Williams |
| James Martin | 21 Patsy Burnette |
| Jeffrey Ober | Randy Galliher |
| Carol Sipes | Jack Huffman |
| 5 Shane Bentley | Nathan Schrinier |
| Ethan Mersfelder | 22 Scott Carter |
| 5 Donna Worrell | Rhea Lamb |
| Marie Chrastina | Mat Schrinier |
| 6 Emily Johnson | 23 Rodney Estes |
| 7 Jeremy Johnson | 25 Andrew Clendenin |
| Belle Lippard | Mia Townsell |
| Althea Moore | 26 Ray Griffith |
| 9 Alissa Coulombe | 27 Grayson Stewart |
| Don Johnson | 28 Norma Love |
| Robert G Miller | Chris Thompson |
| Jody Mitchell | 29 Brooke Craver |
| 11 Tammy Carter | Karen Porch |
| Lloyd Johnson | 30 Carol Barringer |
| 13 James Cook | Ernie Taylor |
| Buddy Hemric | |
| 14 Joyce Bradburn | |
| 15 Gabriel Karr , Jr. | |
| Jill Murdock | |
| Trevor Park | |
| Karen Warricks | |

APRIL

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| 1 Wesley & Carol Sipes |
| 2 Bob & Cheri Horner |
| 3 Ed & Brenda Runkle |
| 5 Aaron & Emily Johnson |
| John & Alice Redmond |
| Gerald & Debbie Sloan |
| 14 Fred & Joyce Bradburn |
| 15 Jeff & Beth Fox |
| 17 Rocky & Lori Martin |
| 18 Ray & Dianne Griffith |
| 20 Stephen & Sharon Hobbs |
| 24 Matthew & Amanda Johnson |
| 26 Steven & Ellen Pope |
| 30 Chris & Rhonda Keever |

RIPPLEKIDZ MINISTRY



WORSHIP MINISTRY

RIVER WORSHIP CHOIR

6th AM Lead Me to the Rock
13th AM When the Ememy Comes In
20th AM Christ is Still The King
27th AM Bound For Glory

PM Make Your Praise Glorious
PM I'd Rather Have Jesus
PM No Services (Easter)
PM No Choir (Bus Mtg)

SPECIAL MUSIC

6th AM Sherwin Johnson
13th AM Sidney Leonard
20th AM River Choir
27th AM Erin Bowman

PM Jimmy Williams
PM Taylor Hedrick
PM No Services (Easter)
PM River of Life Quartet

RADIO MINISTRY SCHEDULE Mon-Fri Programming

5am & 12pm (5min) Reading By The River
6:30am Love Worth Finding - Dr. Adrian Rogers
8am Running To Win - Dr. Ervin Lutzer
6pm Grace To You - Dr. John MacArthur
8pm Turning Point Daily - Dr. David Jeremiah
10pm Wretched Radio Daily - Todd Friel

Weekend Programming

Sat @ 12pm Washington Watch Weekly
Sun @ 7am Turning Point Weekend - Dr. David Jeremiah
Sun @ 8am Love Worth Finding Weekend - Dr. Adrian Rogers
Sun @ 12pm & 7pm South River Baptist Church
Sun @ 5pm Grace To You Weekend - Dr. John MacArthur

Music Genre Schedule

12am - 3am Contemporary Christian
3am - 7am Gospel
7am - 6pm Contemporary & Gospel Mix
6pm - 9pm Gospel
9pm - 12am Contemporary Christian



ADULT GROW CLASSES



2025 Spring Adult GROW Schedule

Sundays @ 6 PM in the Choir Room

Grasping God's Word by J. Scott Duvall & J. Daniel Hays
led by Pastor Scott Townsell

Wednesdays @ 7 PM Bible Studies

Leadership and Emotional Sabotage
led by Jacob Deal in Choir Room

Ladies Bible Study

led by Carol Barringer & Janet Johnson in FLC 5

Fridays @ 10 AM in the Choir Room

Living in the Guidance and Power of the Holy Spirit
led by Bonnie Hamilton

RIPPLEKIDZ SUMMER EVENTS

A colorful poster for "Wonder Junction" VBS. The main title "Wonder Junction" is in large, stylized yellow and blue letters. Above it, "Answers VBS" is written in a smaller font. Below the title, a blue and red train is shown. The tagline "Marvel at Jesus, Live for His Glory" is at the bottom. To the right, there's a section for "2025 Summer Camp Fun" with "FUN & CREATIVE ACTIVITIES!". It lists dates "JUNE 9TH THROUGH AUGUST 1ST" and times "M-F, 7:30-5:30PM". Pricing is listed as "\$150 PER WEEK" or "\$40 PER DAY / 7 DAYS MINIMUM" with a "\$36 REGISTRATION FEE PER FAMILY". A QR code and "REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!" are also present. The South River Baptist Church logo and "RIPPLEKIDZ" logo are at the bottom right.

SAVE THE DATE
VBS @ South River



Mark Your Calendars

May

1st Headwaters BBQ Fundraiser

11th Mother's Day &

Parent Child Dedication

(NO PM SERVICES)

17th 10am Women's Ministry Brunch

25th Youth Senior Graduation

(NO PM SERVICES)

HEADWATERS ACADEMY



HEADWATERS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
PATRIOTS

Registration is NOW OPEN for the 2025-2026 School Year

We offer 3 day (Tue-Thu) and 5 day Pre-K (7:45 am to 11:30 am) and K-12th grade

See details online @ headwaters-academy.com

Please call if you would like additional information or to set up a tour and family 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@southeriverbaptist.com; <https://headwaters-academy.com/volunteer/>

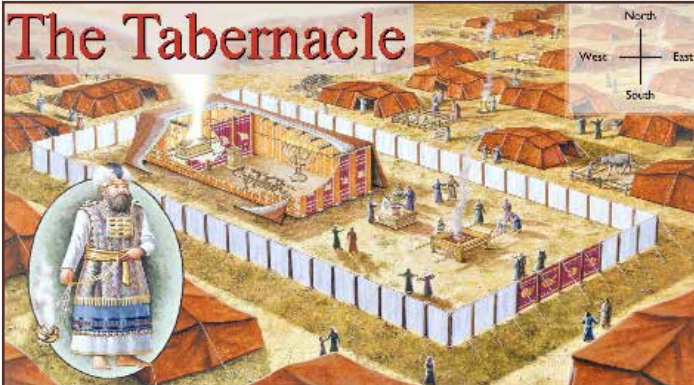


Other ways you can help support Headwaters:

>>> 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**

WOMEN'S MINISTRY INFORMATION

Women's Ministry



Upcoming Events & News

Tuesday- May 6



Carmen's Greenhouse

Join us for a fun evening of planting beautiful Spring flowers. You may bring your own planter or get one on site.

216 Johnson Farm Rd. Hiddenite

We will meet starting at 5:30.

Sign up in the hall so we know you are coming!

Remember to encourage + pray for your Secret Sister

With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:2-3

Ladies Brunch

Saturday - May 17

Time: 10:00

Family Life Center

We would like to invite the ladies of our church to a refreshing time of fellowship. Come & enjoy a delicious brunch, worship, and words of encouragement from our special speakers.

**Please signup in the hall.
You are welcome to invite a friend!**



Galatians Study

March 7- May 9

Fri. 10:00-11:30am

Knowing God by Name

Mar 19- May 7

Wed. 7:00-8:00 FLC Classroom

Prayer Groups

You are invited to join a group and enjoy the fellowship, time in prayer, and getting to know your sisters in Christ.

Sign-up sheet is located on the Women's ministry table.

2025

APRIL

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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| | | | 6:40 pm GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study | | 10am Women's Bible Study | 2pm-8pm Men's Sportsman Event |
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| 3:00 pm GriefShare 5:30 pm GROW | | 7 | HCA Chapel 6:40 pm GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm RK Prayer Meeting | | 10am Women's Bible Study | 8:00 am Easter for Thousands 12:00 pm RippleKidz Road to the Resurrection |
| 6 | | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| Lord's Supper 3:00 pm GriefShare 5:30 pm GROW | Headwaters - Easter Break | 3:00 pm Senior Adult Food Boxes Headwaters - Easter Break | 6:40 GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study 8:00 pm Stewardship Mtg Headwaters - Easter Break | Headwaters - Easter Break | 10am Women's Bible Study Headwaters - Easter Break | |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| Easter 6:45 am Sunrise Service 8:15 am Worship Service 10:45 Worship Service NO PM Services | Church Office Closed Headwaters - Easter Break | | 6:40 pm GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm RK Prayer Meeting | | 10am Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Youth Games | |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 9:30 am River Walk 3:00 pm GriefShare 5:30 pm GROW 6:00 pm Business Mtg | | | 6:40 pm GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study | | | |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |