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EACH SUNDAY

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

EACH WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM Prayer Service/GROW

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FROM THE PASTOR

South River Church Family,

Righteousness is bold as a lion! Consider how that has been on display this past week nationally. It is right that there are two genders. It is right that we reward lawful activity and prosecute illegal activity. It is right that life is precious in the womb and should be protected at all costs. It is right to not enslave a generation with national debt and curb the overspending proclivity of our current government. These are righteous actions that our new administration has demonstrated in just a few days. We should be encouraged by these sweeping changes when they are consistent with sound biblical precepts and principles.

The church corporately and believers individually should be as bold living righteously and seeking God's righteousness in their community. We too have a responsibility to do the right thing to those made in God's image. We are those who pursue the kingdom of God and the righteousness that goes with it. If Jesus is our Lord, then His righteous scepter rules over our hearts and we should champion and celebrate righteousness everywhere, including when our governing leaders do the right thing.

Continue to pray for our new governing authorities to have a healthy and holy reverence for God and to defend righteousness in the public square. As the wise man said in Proverbs 29:2, When the righteous rule, the people rejoice!

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

Brenna Pence
Annabella Kilcoyne
Mady Christmas

Amelia Fox

3RD SUNDAY

8:15 AM Worship

Salem Grace Lyles
Michelle Mullins
Terry Aiken

10:45 AM 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
Addison Carter

10:45 AM 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
Mary Cook
Alaina Cook

GREETERS

FEBRUARY 2ND

8:00 AM

Martha McCoy - FD
Carol Sipes - SP

10:30 AM

Kimberly Shoemaker - FD
Carol Barringer - SP

FEBRUARY 9TH

8:00 AM

Maggie Baumberger - SP
Sandra Boan - FD

10:30 AM

Alyssa LeVan - SP
Eli Pope - FD

FEBRUARY 16TH

8:00 AM

Brenda Runkle - FD
Cindy Holloway - SP

10:30 AM

Bridget Merritt - FD
Carol Barringer - SP

FEBRUARY 23RD

8:00 AM

Riley Elliott - FD
Sandra Boan - SP

10:30 AM

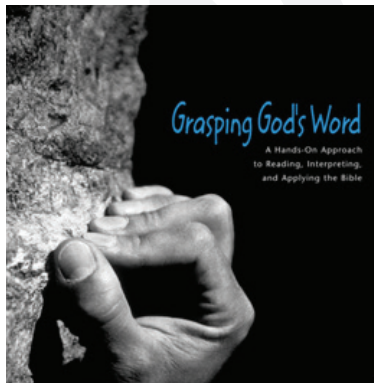
Riley Elliott - SP
Mary Kirkpatrick - FD

GRIEF SHARE MINISTRY

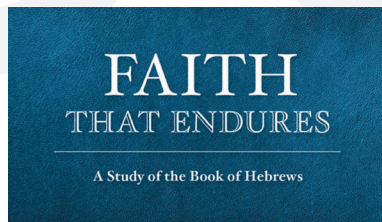
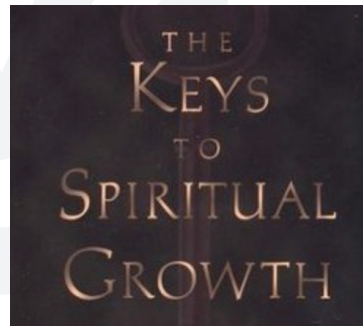
GriefShare class meets on
Sundays @ 3 pm in FLC 6.
Next class starts Feb 2nd
Please contact
Steve Jenkins at (980) 263-4134
for information.



NEW PODCASTS



New Podcasts
Available on most
major platforms:
Apple, Amazon,
Spotify, Pandora,
iHeartRadio



2024/25 MINISTRY BUDGET

YTD BUDGET GOALS	\$ 420,504.00
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE	\$ 413,318.02

PASTOR FOR MISSIONS & FAMILIES

Thankful for the 2nd Adam...

Romans 5:12-21 teaches us why we should be thankful for the justification that can only be found through the second Adam. Below is a great comparison chart that helps us better understand the reason we should be appreciative of Christ great Gift. Take some time and read through Romans 5, take special note of what each ADAM brought to us.

1st Adam

act of sin - vv. 12, 14, 16
offense - vv. 15-18
disobedience - v. 19

2nd Adam - Christ

act of grace - v. 15
act of righteousness - v.18
obedience - v. 19

Physical Results

death on all - vv. 12,14-15,17

life for all - vv.17-18, 21

Moral Results

sin enters for all - v. 12
sin reigns on all - v. 21

grace enters for all - v.15
grace reigns for all - v. 21

Legal Results

all made sinners - v. 19
judgement for all - v. 18
condemnation for all - vv.16,18

all made righteous - v. 19
gift for all - v. 18
justification for all - vv. 16, 18

We are a people born condemned, that can only be justified through the ONE righteous act!



Pastor Scott Townsell, Pastor for Missions & Families

DEEP & WIDE YOUTH MINISTRY

The Local Church, What Is It?

In one of my Realm emails, I posed three questions: “What is the local church? How is it supposed to operate? And why does it matter for you personally?”. I intended to answer that here briefly, according to Acts 2:42-47, Acts 4:32-37, Acts 20:29-31, and 1 Cor 12:12-31.

Here are the 3 marks, according to the texts above, that constitute a local church:

The marks of a true local church:

1. **Consistent agree upon time and day for gathering to koinonia and worship.**
2. **The preaching/teaching of the Word of God/Sound doctrine (Requires a Pastor)**
3. **Right administration of the ordinances (Baptism and The Lord’s Supper).**

(Koinonia is a special fellowship only Christians can experience within the Body of Christ, this includes and necessitates **encouraging, rebuking, exhorting, addressing one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, and most importantly, pointing and addressing one another to Jesus with the Gospel message**)

Operating a church in an unbiblical or unwise way can be detrimental to the gospel message in your geographical area because just as the individual Christian affects the reception of the gospel through living a sinful life to those around him, so can a local church by something as simple as elevating the traditions of man over the Word of God.

Consider this quote:

“The universal church “shows up” in local congregations. Yet it should also “show up” in every church’s disposition to partner with other churches, even as we see among churches in the New Testament. The New Testament churches shared love and greetings (Rom. 16:16; 1Cor. 16:19; 2Cor. 13:13; etc.). They shared preachers and missionaries (2Cor. 8:18; 3 John 5-6a). They supported one another financially with joy and thanksgiving (Rom. 15:25-26; 2 Cor. 8:1-2). They imitated one another in Christian living (1Thes. 1:7; 2:14; 2Thes. 1:4). They cared for one another financially (1Cor. 16:1-3; 2Cor. 8:24). They prayed for one another (Eph. 6:18). And more.” – Jonathan Leeman.

This last quote is very radical. Most churches today do not operate like this, but this is how the early church operated. The local church is not called to autonomy but to unity and partnership as one part, pointing to the whole for the glory of God. This is hard to do and requires much wisdom due to the existence of unbiblical churches, but this must not stop us from pressing on to do so.

-Best regards, Colt Christmas

BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY

- | | | | |
|----|-------------------|----|--------------------|
| 1 | Bobbie Hayes | 18 | Sandra Boan |
| | Dawn Waugh | | Tannice Gladden |
| 3 | Matt Estes | | Johnny Isenhour |
| 4 | Alisha Johnson | | Levi Williams |
| 6 | Gwendolyn Estes | 19 | Lynn Moose |
| | Wynston Lyles | 20 | Colton Wall |
| | Ed Runkle | 23 | Doug Holland |
| 8 | Timothy Clendenin | | Bonnie Williams |
| | Karli Townsell | 24 | Alivia Christopher |
| 9 | Riley Elliott | | Sonny Hedrick |
| 10 | Luke Baldwin | | Danielle Sprinkle |
| | Macie Cook | 25 | Sage Jensen |
| | Jerry Koch | | Crystal Smith |
| 11 | Sam Beatty | 27 | Sheila Hemric |
| 12 | Grayson Shoemaker | 28 | Terri Burris |
| 13 | Cloey E Stewart | | Caden Dishmond |
| | Alice Redmond | | Elliott Lefever |
| 15 | Tobey Wenzel | | JoAnn Wallace |
| 16 | Crystal Moss | | Ridge Zittle |
| 17 | Will Pence | 29 | Rebecca Thorpe |

ANNIVERSARIES

FEBRUARY

- | | |
|----|-----------------------|
| 5 | Andy & Jenny Mullis |
| 10 | Michael & Karen Lyon |
| 15 | Benny & Mandy Pittman |

RIPPLEKIDZ MINISTRY

What Grows In Your Child's Heart?

How much have you thought of your child's heart lately? Have you thought about how their heart is like a garden in which case, if bad seeds are allowed to germinate they can grow up into some pretty ugly characteristics in later years? I recently read an article titled "Gardening My Child's Heart" from Answers in Genesis and I encourage you to go read it.

Maybe you're reading this and your child is in prek, or maybe you're reading this and your kid is in 5th grade on the upper end of childhood. Regardless of their age, however, their heart is much like a garden and God has placed you in their lives as the gardener. The seeds that cause problems can come into your home in all different ways. Social media, YouTube, Children's games on smartphones, and more generally, the internet at large. Not to mention the movies, shows or other types of entertainment that are designed to make your children disrespectful and unruly most of the time. If you have watched any amount of Disney teen shows or anything like that you quickly see there is a theme of children being disrespectful, dishonoring, sassy, and rude to their parents or the other authorities in their life such as teachers and coaches. But there is certainly no encouragement to be submissive to authority and certainly no effort to make such character traits appealing to young minds. I would like to consider what Solomon encouraged parents to do:

"Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it." -Proverbs 22:6

This "training" he speaks of encompasses a great amount of responsibility. This most certainly includes guarding your young one's heart, being mindful of what can get in, and helping them process things through a Biblical worldview. Because Solomon would also say "foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child," and it's our job to help unravel that in a Biblical, loving way.

I say all this to encourage you as parents to be alert and to be proactive about what comes into your little one's heart through all the channels from the outside world. They only have one and Satan would love nothing more than to gain a foothold in their lives. Your precious child's heart is like a garden, what are you allowing to grow there?

Timothy Clendenin, Children's Ministry Associate

WORSHIP MINISTRY

RIVER WORSHIP CHOIR

2nd AM Crown Him With Many Crowns
9th AM Brethren We Have Met To Worship

16th AM I Stand Amazed
23rd AM Psalm 24

PM Lead Me To The Rock
PM Amazing Grace How Sweet The Sound
PM I'd Rather Have Jesus
PM Serve The Lord With Gladness

SPECIAL MUSIC

2nd AM Sherwin Johnson
9th AM Sidney Leonard
16th AM Erin Bowman
23rd AM River Choir

PM Jimmy Williams
PM Salem-Grace Lyles
PM Ladies Ensemble
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 Winter Adult GROW Schedule

Fridays @ 10 AM in the Choir Room

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

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 in the Choir Room

The Keys to Spiritual Growth by John MacArthur
led by Tony Craver

Feb & Mar - 2nd & 4th Saturday's @ 8am

Biblical Masculinity led by Tony Craver
Feb 8th & 22nd, Mar 8th & 22nd
Special event to follow in late March or early April

SAVE THE DATE



SAVE THE DATE
VBS @ South River
June 1st-5th



Mark Your Calendars

February

1st Summer Camp Registration Begins
7th-9th Pure & Holy (Youth Event)
17th 11am Widow & Widowers Luncheon
27th Headwaters Fine Arts Festival 6pm

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

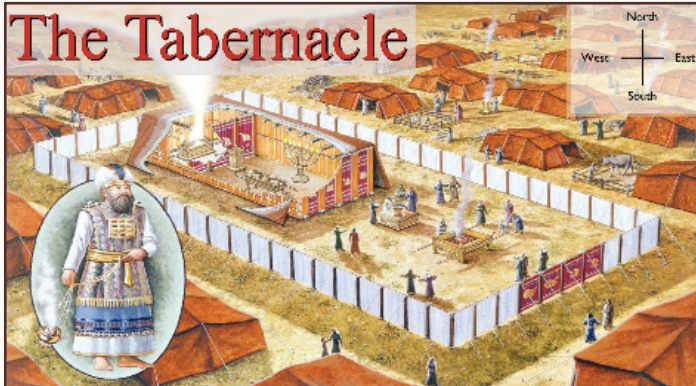


Other ways you can help support Headwaters:

>>> 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

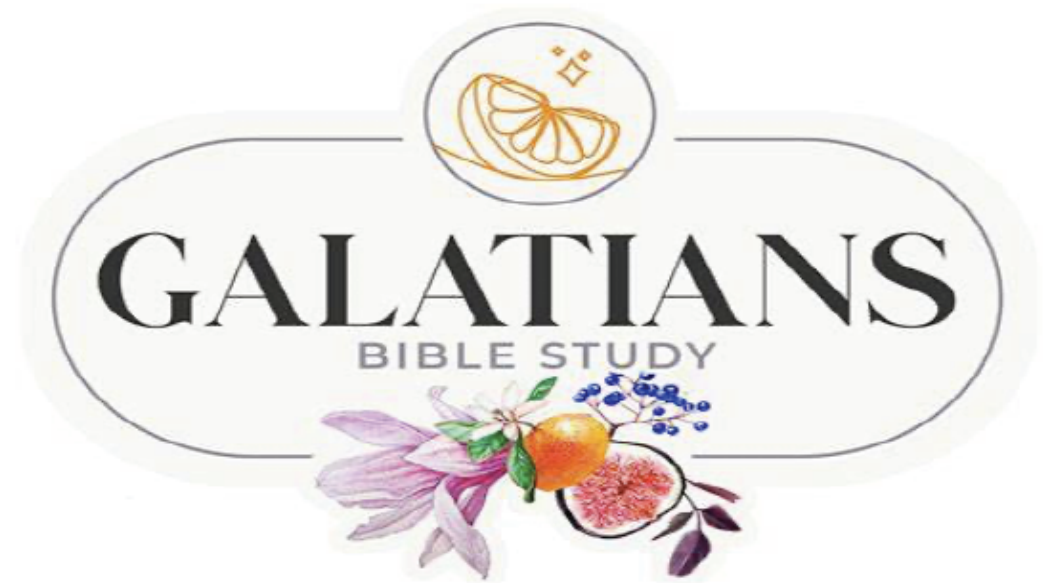


**Come & Worship:
A Study of the Tabernacle**

**with
Pastor Chris**

**Wednesdays
@ 7:00 pm**

COMMUNITY OUTREACH BIBLE STUDY



Ladies Bible Study

Living in the Guidance and Power of the Holy Spirit

Led by Bonnie Hamilton

Fridays 10:00 – 11:30 AM

March 7th – May 9th

At

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No cost for material
Community Outreach by

**SOUTH RIVER
BAPTIST CHURCH**

To register please call the church office at 704-876-1520

2025

February

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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9:30 Riverwalk Class 3:00 pm GriefShare 5:45 pm GROW 2			6:45 pm GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 5		Youth - Pure & Holy SWO 7	Youth - Pure & Holy SWO 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 8	
Youth - Pure & Holy SWO 9:30 Riverwalk Class 3:00 pm GriefShare 5:45 pm GROW 9			6:45 GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 8:00 pm Stewardship Mtg 12			Ziggy's Outreach 15	
9:30 am VBS Interest Mtg 12:30 VBS Interest Mtg 3:00 pm GriefShare 5:45 pm GROW 16	Headwaters Closed 11am Widow & Widowers Lunch 17	3:00 pm Senior Adult Food Boxes 18	HCA Chapel 6:45 pm GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 19			8:00 am Men's Bible Study 22	
3:00 pm GriefShare 5:45 pm GROW 23			6:45 pm GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 26	6pm Headwaters Fine Arts Festival 27	Headwaters Closed 28		