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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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CURRENTS

March 2025

SPORTSMANS DAY
MENS EVENT

SATURDAY APRIL 5 / 2-8PM

HIX HIDEAWAY
353 TATUM ROAD, OLIN, NC

SCHEDULE

1:30-2PM Check-In
2-5PM Target Shooting Competition
5-6PM Worship & Testimony from Fred Bradburn
6-8PM Supper / Fellowship

**SKEET SHOOTING, HANDGUNS, ARCHERY,
 AND GUEST SPEAKER FRED BRADBURN!**

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear South River Church Family,

I need your help! As you read this issue of currents, you will find critical information about ministries that are shaping lives within our church, our community, and our country. How many lives do you think we touch in a single week with biblical truths and compassionate ministry? I would estimate well over 2,000 different people are directly engaged through one of our ministry efforts. That is almost ten percent of our surrounding community. If we were suddenly snatched away by the Lord, those residing in Iredell County would know something and someone was missing.

So how can you help? We have a way to serve every day through one of our ministries. Have you found your place? If you have then I want you to email me at chris@southriverbaptist.com or text me at 704-619-3458 as soon as you read this and tell me where you are serving so that I can pray for you and the work you do. I would love for my phone to be on fire with God's people sharing with their pastor how they are serving in our church family. Our pastoral staff wants to equip you for ministry as God has instructed us (See Ephesians 4:11-13).

It will take less than a minute to share with me where you are working. If you haven't found a way to serve, then text me and let me help you find a place. That would bring great joy to my heart!

May God bless you as you serve Him and expand His fame and kingdom.

Pastor Chris Thompson

And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.
Ephesians 4:11-13

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
Kelly Hill

10:45 AM Worship

Brenna Pence
Annabella Kilcoyne

6:00 PM Worship

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
Debbie Sloan

10:45 AM Worship

Daphne Jensen
Rebecca Thorpe

6:00 PM Worship

Kim Mersfelder
Robin Stewart

5TH SUNDAY

8:15 AM Worship

Savannah Mullins
Alisha Johnson
Addison Carter

10:45 AM Worship

Abigail Kilcoyne
Alissa Coulombe

6:00 PM Worship

Donna Williams
Mary Jo Frye

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

MARCH 2ND

8:00 AM

Martha McCoy - SP
Carol Sipes - FD

10:30 AM

Kimberly Shoemaker - SP
Carol Barringer - FD

MARCH 9TH (DAYLIGHT SAVINGS)

8:00 AM

Maggie Baumberger - FD
Eli Pope - SP

10:30 AM

Riley Elliott - FD
Mary Kirkpatrick - SP

MARCH 16TH

8:00 AM

Sandra Boan - FD
Carol Sipes - SP

10:30 AM

Kimberly Shoemaker - FD
Riley Elliott - SP

MARCH 23RD

8:00 AM

Cindy Holloway - FD
Brenda Runkle - SP

10:30 AM

Alyssa LeVan - FD
Carol Barringer - SP

MARCH 30TH

8:00 AM

Eli Pope - FD
Sandra Boan - SP

10:30 AM

Riley Elliott - FD
Mary Kirkpatrick - 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.



NEW MEMBERS

By Letter:
Bill Lamb
130 King Home Ln
Statesville, NC 28625
704-880-4024

By Baptism:
Mike & Marilyn Hatley
173 Kingswood Dr
Statesville, NC 28625
704-785-0592

2024/25 MINISTRY BUDGET

YTD BUDGET GOALS	\$ 500,600.00
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE	\$ 491,499.32

PASTOR FOR MISSIONS & FAMILIES

A Servant of The Lord!

Matthew 28:19-20 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Romans 10:14-15 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!



So many commands but so few workers. Are you as a believer making the most of the platform God has giving you? Are we going? Are we walking in the Spirit each day? Are we preaching the Good News? Are you?

Pastor Scott Townsell, Pastor for Missions & Families

(scan the barcode on this page to enter your name for a prize)



DEEP & WIDE YOUTH MINISTRY

We have started our study in Jude for Wed GROW!

Jude writes his letter with a deep concern for Christians to contend for the faith (the Word of God/Gospel message), the faith that Jesus has given us through the Apostles. For, ever since Jesus ascended back to Heaven to the right hand of the Father, there have been many antichrists, false teachers, and false prophets who have come! Look at Jude 3-4:

3 Dear friends, although I have been eager to write to you about our common salvation, I now feel compelled instead to write to encourage you to contend earnestly for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints.

4 For certain men have secretly slipped in among you—men who long ago were marked out for the condemnation I am about to describe—ungodly men who have turned the grace of our God into a license for evil and who deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

The question lingers: **How do we fight?**

The answer: **The Word of God—(See 1 Pet 1:13 and 2 Tim 3:16-17 below).**

Therefore, get your minds ready for action by being fully sober, and set your hope completely on the grace that will be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed. - 1 Pet 1:13

Every scripture is inspired by God and useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the person dedicated to God may be capable and equipped for every good work. - 2 Tim 3:16-17

Let's fight, brothers and sisters, till our last breath; let's fight.

(If you've read this and were encouraged, shoot me a text at 757-373-8221!)

-Best regards, Colt Christmas

BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

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|----|---|----|--|
| 1 | Shane Barnette
Cathy Mitchell
Larry Morrison
Wesley Sipes | 16 | Benny Pittman
Stephanie Wilhelm |
| 2 | Gene Dellinger
Crystal Gibson
Linda Moose
Rikki Ober | 17 | Lori Martin
Frankie Stewart |
| 3 | Laura Campbell
Mary Dellinger | 18 | Katie Gwaltney
Matthew Smith
Myles Johnson |
| 4 | Kari Dixon
Alauna Wilson | 19 | Tiffany Layne
Gracie Melton |
| 5 | Zach Hamilton | 20 | Elijah Thompson |
| 6 | Chely Mahler | 22 | Joshua Porch
Shawna Wilson |
| 7 | Samuel Harrell
Livia Hennessey | 23 | Darlene Estes |
| 8 | Allaine McGee | 24 | Cole Hedrick
Sharon Hobbs
Genevieve Karr
Dallas Robertson |
| 9 | Brian Boan
Roy Love | 25 | Billy Pope III
Greg Templeton
Elijah Sprinkle |
| 10 | Trace Hedrick | 26 | Carter Hill |
| 11 | Brandon Lefever
Amanda Meadows | 27 | Harrison Layne |
| 13 | Brandon Dishmond
Hanna Lefever
Nathan Payne
Judith Park | 28 | Terry Aiken
Amanda Johnson |
| 14 | Ken Marsh | 29 | Linda Bowes
James Campbell
Mary Clendenin
Emily Johnson |
| 15 | Belle Craver
Joseph Kirkpatrick
Jaron Wenzel
Dorian Peterson | 30 | Kim Drum
Scott Harrell
Carla Winebarger |

ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH

- | | |
|----|-----------------------|
| 7 | Ashley & Lorie Weston |
| 29 | Mark & Beverly Carter |

RIPPLEKIDZ MINISTRY

The Blessing of Parenting

I believe you all know I am not a father at this point in my life. I don't have any children of my own yet, and it doesn't look like I will anytime soon. But that will all come in due time.

Seeing as how I am not a parent, I wouldn't begin to tell you how to be one. All I can do right now is come alongside you and teach your children God's Word, and keep pointing you to it as you raise your youngsters. You know it's a goldmine for wisdom and guidance in the daily grind of parenting, and I want to point you to biblically based resources that will assist you in the most important task you have as a human being outside of being a child of God. I am always looking for things I can share with you as parents to encourage you in this season of blessing with your children.

So if you are reading this, please message me so I can share an article with you. My number is 704-928-9882, or send an email to timothy@southriverbaptist.com

God bless you,

Timothy Clendenin, Children's Ministry Associate

WORSHIP MINISTRY

RIVER WORSHIP CHOIR

2nd AM Where He Leads I Will Go
9th AM The River of the Lord
16th AM Ancient Words
23rd AM Jesus Thank You
30th AM Exalted Forever

PM Hallelujah for the Cross
PM Your House Is Holy
PM Show the World
PM At the Name of Jesus
PM All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

SPECIAL MUSIC

2nd AM Sherwin Johnson
9th AM Jerry Long
16th AM Sidney Leonard
23rd AM Praise Team
30th AM Lydia Thorpe

PM Jimmy Williams
PM River Choir
PM Darlene Estes
PM Belle Craver
PM Salem-Grace Lyles

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 & 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

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

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

Biblical Masculinity led by Tony Craver
Mar 8th & 22nd

Special event scheduled April 5th (see cover)

UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS



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

A colorful poster for "2025 Summer Camp Fun". The text includes "2025 Summer Camp Fun", "FUN & CREATIVE ACTIVITIES!", "JUNE 9TH THROUGH AUGUST 1ST", "M-F, 7:30-9:30PM", and "REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!". Pricing information is listed as "\$150 PER WEEK OR \$40 PER DAY / 7 DAY MINIMUM" and "\$36 REGISTRATION FEE PER FAMILY". The poster also features a QR code and the South River Baptist Church logo.



Mark Your Calendars

April

- 5th Yokefellow Outreach
- 5th Men's Sportsmen Day
- 12th Easter for Thousands Outreach
- 14th Widow & Widowers Lunch
- 20th Easter 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@southeribaptist.com; <https://headwaters-academy.com/volunteer/>

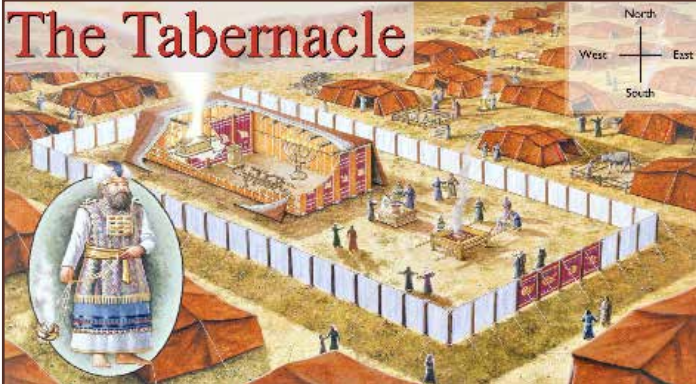


Other ways you can help support Headwaters:

>>> 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



Galatians Study

March 7- May 9

Fri. 10:00-11:30am

Signup in the hallway or call the church office

Knowing God by Name

Mar 19- May 7

Wed. 7:00-8:00 FLC Classroom

Signup in the hallway or call the church office.

Ladies Prayer Groups

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

Please let one of the group leaders know if you are interested in participating in this great opportunity for growth and connecting.

Cathy Mitchell- 704.437.6285

Linda Niemann- 704.437.1793

Michelle Kilcoyne- 317.363.1587

Robin Stewart- 336.601.5636

Love Baskets

Thanks to everyone who contributed towards our Seniors "Love Baskets". We pray these will be a blessing to those receiving and delivering these goodies.

Remember to
encourage + pray
for your
Secret Sister



2025

March

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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AM Lord's Supper 3:00 pm GriefShare 5:45 pm GROW 2			6:45 pm GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 5		10am Women's Bible Study 7	8:00 am Men's Bible Study 8	
3:00 pm GriefShare 5:45 pm GROW 9	6:00 pm Youth Event 10		6:45 GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 8:00 pm Stewardship Mtg 12	Youth Missions 13	Youth Missions 10am Women's Bible Study 14	Youth Missions 15	
3:00 pm GriefShare 5:45 pm GROW 16		3:00 pm Senior Adult Food Boxes 17	HCA Chapel 6:45 pm GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study 19		10am Women's Bible Study 21	Church Workday 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 22	
23 3:00 pm GriefShare 5:45 pm GROW 30	24	6:00 pm Headwaters Volunteer Dinner 31	6:45 pm GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study 26		10am Women's Bible Study 28		29