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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

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

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear South River Church Family,

What an amazing start to summer at South River! Our Vacation Bible School was a wonderful success with hundreds of children and students learning God’s Word and how believers should praise the Lord from sunrise to sundown. Have you done that today? We express our appreciation for brother Timothy and the incredible ministry team that made VBS a blessing to so many!

We continue our exciting summer ministry to students through our Evangelistic Summer Camps. These daily activities afford parents a biblical based summer camp option where students have fun but more importantly are exposed to God’s Word. Encourage your children to sign up for one of the exciting children’s camps in July. This is an opportunity for them to be missionaries for Jesus in reaching other boys and girls right here in Statesville. Registration is available on our web-site. We are blessed to have many in our church family jumping in to serve as we reach many new young families and children.

Continue to pray for God to open new doors of ministry opportunity for our church family. The Missions Warehouse will be completed this month, and we will have a dedication ceremony at the end of the month. I am already praying for God to fill it up and expand the flow of His goodness and grace with the gospel to the communities surrounding us!

Blessings,

Pastor Chris

Psalm 34:8-9

PRE-SCHOOL

1ST SUNDAY
8:15 AM Worship
Melanie Townsell
Jonna Bentley
Molly Townsell
10:45 AM Worship
Alissa Coulombe
Rebecca Thorpe
6:00 PM Worship
Cricket Barnette
Patsy Burnette

2ND SUNDAY
8:15 AM Worship
Terry Reid
Kelly Hill
Amelia Fox
10:45 AM Worship
Addison Carter
Brenna Pence
6:00 PM Worship
Mady Christman
Mary Jo Frye

3RD SUNDAY
8:15 Worship
Salem Grace Lyles
Terry Aiken
Michelle Mullins
10:45 Worship
Kaitlyn Lyon
Stephanie Bennett
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
Chely Mahler
Daphne Jensen
6:00 PM Worship
No nursery due to
business mtg

1ST WEDNESDAY
No Services

2ND WEDNESDAY
Donna Lyons
Amanda Meadows

3RD WEDNESDAY
Tara Beatty
Heather Cannon

4TH WEDNESDAY
Maritza Anderson
Donna Williams

5TH WEDNESDAY
Elizabeth Griffin
Taylor Hedrick

GREETERS

JULY 6TH
8:00 AM
Martha McCoy - SP
Carol Sipes - FD
10:30 AM
Carol Barringer - FD
Kimberly Shoemaker - SP

JULY 13TH
8:00 AM
Cindy Holloway - SP
Maggie Baumberger - FD
10:30 AM
Mary Kirkpatrick - FD
Alyssa LeVan - SP

JULY 20TH
8:00 AM
Bridget Merritt - FD
Brenda Runkle - SP
10:30 AM
Kimberly Shoemaker - FD
Carol Barringer - SP

JULY 27TH
8:00 AM
Bonnie Williams - SP
Eli Pope - FD
10:30 AM
Mary Kirkpatrick - SP
Alyssa LeVan - FD

GRIEF SHARE MINISTRY

Next GriefShare class starts
Aug 17th - Nov 9th
Sundays @ 3 pm in FLC 6



Please contact
Steve Jenkins at (980) 263-4134
for more information.

NEW MEMBERS

By Baptism:
Luke Wyles
1816 N Minton Rd
Millers Creek, NC 28651

By Letter:
Bob & Kathy Ashley
638 Lackey Mountain Rd
Hiddenite, NC 20636

2024/25 MINISTRY BUDGET

YTD BUDGET GOALS	\$ 861,032.00
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE	\$ 827,264.77

PASTOR FOR MISSIONS & FAMILIES

Child Run Home?

I found this article while preparing to teach about the topic. I thought I would share a shortened version with you.

Who leads your home—you or your children? The one who makes the decisions ultimately holds the authority. Many well-meaning parents allow their homes to become child-run, where kids influence everything from meals and schedules to church attendance and social plans.

Children weren’t meant to carry the burden of family leadership. They need guidance and structure. When parents give in to constant negotiations or fear their child’s reaction, they surrender authority and create insecurity for their children. Kids feel safest when parents confidently lead with loving boundaries.

Some signs of a child-run home include: making separate meals for the kids, avoiding restaurants or events the children don’t prefer, skipping church because the child won’t sit through service, or changing schools or teachers based on a child’s dislike. These patterns reveal that the children—not the parents—are steering the home.

Regaining parental leadership isn’t impossible, but it requires intentionality. If you’ve unintentionally handed over the reins, take steps now to reclaim your God-given role. Your children will benefit greatly from your steady, loving authority.

Pastor Scott Townsell
Pastor for Missions & Families

Child Run Home Podcast - Part 1



Child Run Home Podcast - Part 2



DEEP & WIDE YOUTH MINISTRY

What does it mean to be great?

“At that time the disciples came to Jesus saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” 2 He called a child, had him stand among them, 3 and said, “I tell you the truth, unless you turn around and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven! 4 Whoever then humbles himself like this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 5 And whoever welcomes a child like this in my name welcomes me.” – Matt 18:1-5

Two world views, one question: What makes one great in God’s eyes? We know from other parts of the Gospels that the disciples were known to think in man-centered, arrogant, and selfish ways. Jesus answers with conflict, antithesis. The world’s (disciples in this moment) view of greatness has to do with sociological or economic status, a title, physical strength, knowledge, sharp clothes, or a silver tongue. The Kingdom and the King have a different view. Jesus draws a little one to him, opens his mouth, and says, “Great men or women are determined by their faith. Love, service, humility, these and these alone make one great in God’s eyes” (My summary of what Jesus said). Nothing else matters. Does your faith produce love, service, and humility? Do you view greatness through a God-centered lens or a man-centered lens? Oh, to be great in the eyes of God! If this be your longing, brothers and sisters, let us, from today on, be “great” men and women in Christ, for the glory of Christ. Is Jesus not worthy of such obedience?!

-Best regards, Colt Christmas

BIRTHDAYS

JULY

- 1

Teresa Campbell
Henley Wilhelm
- 3

Kami Gregory
Cathy Johnson
Abigail Waugh
- 5

Garrett Bradford
Vance Colvert
Craig Grant
- 6

Kathy Ashley
- 7

Cindy Holloway
- 8

Almedia Campbell
Natalie Schriner
- 9

Tim Burris
- 10

Joshua Lyons
- 11

Mattox Johnson
Wayne Mason
- 12

J.J. Faulk
- 13

Natalie Karr
Anthony Smith
- 14

Mike Hayes
Noah Winebarger
- 17

Morgan Cook
- 19

Gabe Dishmond
- 20

Renee Holland
- 21

Skyleigh Mullins
- 22

April Thompson
- 23

Paxton Mills
- 24

David Hayes
Lyndsey Johnson
- 27

Kendron T Johnson
David Salmonsens
- 28

Gregory Coulombe
Wyatt Jensen
Curtis Ribelin
- 30

Fred Bradburn
Chrissy Dishmond
Brenna Pence
- 31

Craig Morrison

ANNIVERSARIES

JULY

- 1

John & Donna Gallina
- 3

Jeff & Carla Winebarger
- 4

Scott & Tammy MacLean
- 14

Josh & Michelle Kilcoyne
- 15

Daryl & Kristen Martin
Danny & Donna Williams
- 19

Donnie & Linda Niemann
- 20

Jeff & Patsy Weston
- 25

Eric & Stephanie Peterson
- 30

Steve & Vickie Jenkins

RIPPLEKIDZ MINISTRY

Priority in Service

“Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.”
Genesis 8:20

It’s tempting in our day and time to allow our bible reading, prayer life, and serving in the church to fall on the back burner when we have so much other work to do. It’s easy to let family duties push our childhood duties of worshipping and serving God to the side. However, that is not the example I see from Noah. He certainly needed to build a house, get water, gather food, and other such things. But the first thing we see him do is put all his work aside and put his less important responsibilities on pause long enough to do what was most important: *Worship and serve God. Noah put worshipping God before any of his pressing duties.*

Privileged to serve,
Timothy Clendenin

WORSHIP MINISTRY

RIVER WORSHIP CHOIR

6th AM My Jesus
13th AM Worthy Worthy
20th AM Thank You Jesus For The Blood
27th AM Friend In Jesus

PM Deeper Deeper
PM Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us
PM Show The World
PM No Choir Song

SPECIAL MUSIC

6th AM Praise Band
13th AM Erin Bowman
20th AM Lydia Thorpe
29th AM River Choir

PM Jimmy Williams
PM Belle Craver
PM Men’s Chorus
PM Women’s Ensemble

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



SUMMER GROW CLASSES



Summer GROW Schedule

What Does God's Word Say?

Pastor Scott Townsell

June 11th - August 13th

Wednesday 7pm - Choir Room

Summer GROW for Youth & Kids

Sundays 5:45pm &

Wednesdays 6:40pm

NEW MEMBER CLASS



Mark Your Calendars

August

9th - Widow & Widowers Lunch

10th - Worship Service (6pm)

13th - Headwaters School Begins

29th - Youth Boston Butt Pick Up

HEADWATERS ACADEMY



HEADWATERS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
PATRIOTS

We have openings in classes 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/>

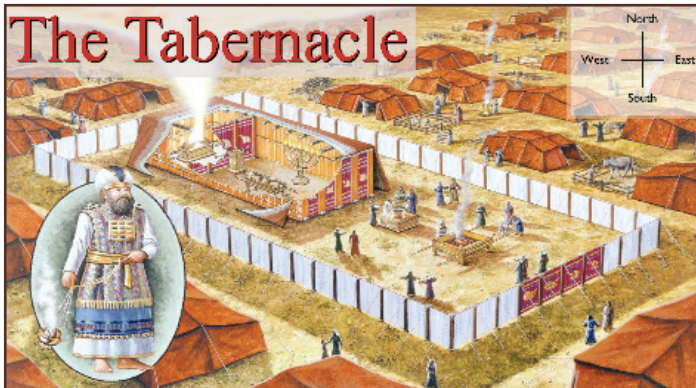


Other ways you can help support Headwaters:

>>> 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**

SUMMER CAMP - 4 WEEKS LEFT!!!



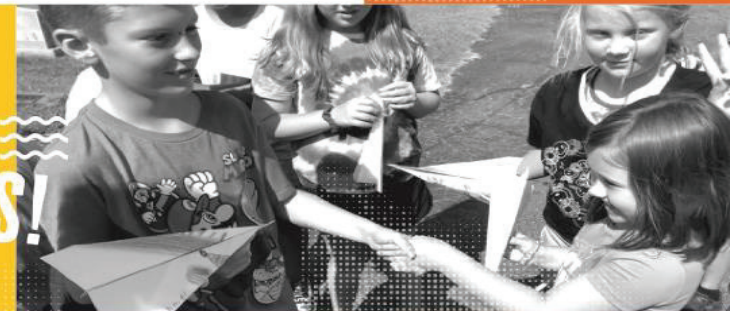
**JUNE 9TH
THROUGH
AUGUST 1ST
M-F, 7:30-5:30PM**



**2025
Summer
CAMP FUN**

**ONLY
\$150 PER WEEK*
OR
\$40 PER / 2 DAYS MINIMUM
\$50 REGISTRATION
FEE PER FAMILY**

*Discounts available for multiple weeks.



WEEK 1:
SCIENCE WEEK / June 9-13
Field trip to Greensboro Science Center.*

WEEK 2:
CHEF WEEK / June 16-20
Field trip to Makato Japanese Rest. in Boone.*

WEEK 3:
ART WEEK / June 23-27
Field trip to Museum of Illusions in Charlotte.*

WEEK 4:
SPORTS WEEK / July 7-11
Including a Mr. Bounce Day!

WEEK 5:
LEGO/MINECRAFT WEEK / July 14-18
Field trip to Bricked in Salisbury.*

WEEK 6:
CHRISTMAS IN JULY / July 21-25
Field trip to Cookie factory in Clemmons.*

WEEK 7:
TECH WEEK / July 28-August 1
Field trip to Spare Time Entertainment in Huntersville.*

*Field trips are subject to change.



**REGISTER
ONLINE
TODAY!**

SOUTH RIVER
BAPTIST CHURCH



2025

JULY

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

			No PM Services		Church Office Closed	
		1	2	3	4	5
5:45 pm GROW 6	Youth @ SWO Summer Camp Week 4 7	Youth @ SWO 8	Youth @ SWO 6:40 pm GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Bible Study in Choir Rm 9	Youth @ SWO 10	Youth @ SWO 11	Youth @ SWO 12
9:30 am River Walk 5:45 pm GROW 13	Summer Camp Week 5 14	3:00 pm Senior Adult Food Boxes 15	6:40 GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Bible Study in Choir Rm 8:00 pm Stewardship Mtg 16	Youth Super Summer Outing Hiking 17	18	19
9:30 am River Walk AM Lord's Supper 5:45 pm GROW 20	Summer Camp Week 6 21	22	6:40 pm GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Bible Study in Choir Rm 23	Youth Super Summer Outing River Tubing 24	25	26
9:30 am River Walk 6pm Business Mtg 27	Summer Camp Week 7 28	29	6:40 pm GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Bible Study in Choir Rm 30	31		