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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,

Summer is upon us and so are unique opportunities to reach our community for Christ. Vacation Bible School is our prime opportunity to reach beyond our walls to the communities around us. We need your help to reach **300 children** for VBS. Consider your neighbors, family, and friends who have children that you can invite to join us starting **June 1st, Sunday evening**. Vacation Bible School is for all ages, because we always can learn about our incredible God!

As our **Missions Warehouse** is constructed, we are praying about the expanded scope of our evangelistic and mission efforts. I am often amazed at how God supplies and empowers our small church to leave the impact of His love through gracious service to those in need. I want to encourage you to pray for God to reveal where we can bring hope and help to those in need and share the love of Christ.

Exciting things are happening, and it is a joy to serve with you as we march toward our God's throne. Let us keep moving forward in faith!

Blessings,
Pastor Chris

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.
Galatians 6:9-10

PRE-SCHOOL

1ST SUNDAY

8:15 AM Worship

Melanie Townsell
Molly Townsell
Jonna Bentley

10:45 AM Worship

Alissa Coulombe
Chely Mahler

6:00 PM Worship

Cricket Barnette
Patsy Burnette

2ND SUNDAY

8:15 AM Worship

Terry Reid
Kelly Hill
Amelia Fox

10:45 AM Worship

Brenna Pence
Cheri Horner

6:00 PM Worship

Mady Christmas
Mary Jo Frye

3RD SUNDAY

8:15 AM Worship

Salem Grace Lyles
Terry Aiken

10:45 AM 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

10:45 AM Worship

Daphne Jensen
Rebecca Thorpe

6:00 PM Worship

Kim Mersfelder
Robin Stewart

5TH SUNDAY

8:15 AM Worship

Alisha Johnson
Addison Carter

10:45 AM Worship

Bonnie Hamilton
Alissa Coulombe

6:00 PM Worship

Taylor Hedrick
Mary Jo Frye

1ST WEDNESDAY

Elizabeth Griffin
Anita Long

2ND WEDNESDAY

Donna Lyons
Amanda Meadows

3RD WEDNESDAY

Tara Beatty
Heather Cannon

4TH WEDNESDAY

Maritza Anderson
Donna Williams

GREETERS

JUNE 1ST

8:00 AM

Martha McCoy - FD
Carol Sipes - SP

10:30 AM

Carol Barringer - SP
Kimberly Shoemaker - FD

JUNE 8TH

8:00 AM

Bonnie Williams - FD
Maggie Baumberger - SP

10:30 AM

Alyssa LeVan - FD
Kimberly Shoemaker - SP

JUNE 15TH

8:00 AM

Sandra Boan - FD
Eli Pope - SP

10:30 AM

Bridget Merritt - FD
Mary Kirkpatrick - SP

JUNE 22ND

8:00 AM

Martha McCoy - SP
Brenda Runkly - FD

10:30 AM

Bridget Merritt - SP
Carol Barringer - FD

JUNE 29TH

8:00 AM

Cindy Holloway - FD
Brenda Runkle - SP

10:30 AM

Mary Kirkpatrick - FD
Alyssa LeVan - SP

GRIEF SHARE MINISTRY

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

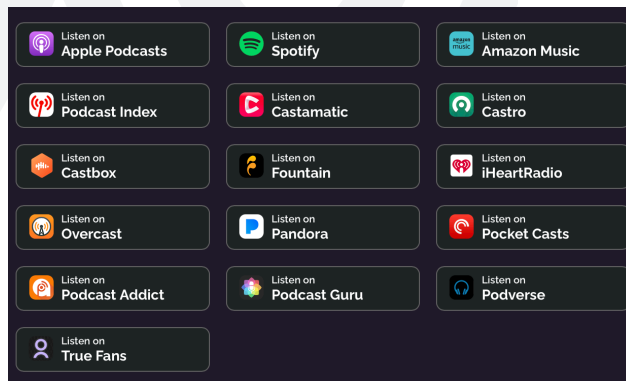
Please contact
Steve Jenkins at (980) 263-4134
for more information.



PODCASTS AVAILABLE

The following podcasts are available on the platforms pictured below:

A Faith That Endures
Grow Or Die
Grasping God's Word
Parenting - 14 Gospel Principles
Forgiveness
Sacred Marriage Conference
A Study of God's Attributes
Economics For Everybody



2024/25 MINISTRY BUDGET

YTD BUDGET GOALS	\$ 760,912.00
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE	\$ 742,416.70

PASTOR FOR MISSIONS & FAMILIES

What are we doing?

This past month we have been busy proclaiming the Gospel to thousands of people through something as small as a chicken plate. Where has a chicken leg ¼, beans, slaw, roll and cookie found themselves this past month?

- We started the month off with cooking 3,000 pieces of chicken and serving 2800 people on the first Thursday of the month.
- On May 2nd we invited folks from our local neighborhood to come by and pick up a free plate of chicken. Over 50 plates were picked up that day.
- The week of May the 9th we had the opportunity to feed 450 teachers for Teacher Appreciation Week.
- That same week was Nurses Day and we fed Hospice Care of Iredell County.
- The following week we had the opportunity to host and serve the end of year banquet for the West Iredell Baseball team.
- May 16th we served our local law enforcement 400 plates of chicken and cooked chicken for the Lake Norman FFA Banquet.
- May 24th we found ourselves in Wilkes County feeding a local farm league baseball team.
- May 29th we will have over 100 teachers/law enforcement stopping in at our church to pick up a free plate of chicken. It's our way of once again showing them appreciation but also inviting them to our church.

We will also kick June off with an event where we will be in our Jerusalem handing out 400 free plates of chicken.

With all that said, it's amazing how doors were opened during each of these events/out-reaches to share and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. By the time this month is over we possibly could have the opportunity to share with over 5,000 people, all through a plate of chicken.

God is GOOD!

Pastor Scott Townsell
Pastor for Missions & Families



DEEP & WIDE YOUTH MINISTRY

The One Anotherness of 1st John

We know that we have crossed over from death to life because we love our fellow Christians. The one who does not love remains in death. Everyone who hates his fellow Christian is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him. We have come to know love by this: that Jesus laid down his life for us; thus we ought to lay down our lives for our fellow Christians. - 1st John 3:14-16

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, are you loving each other? Are you loving those in our local church or those believers who are in other local churches?

Unity and love in The Truth are paramount in reaching the lost and making disciples. If the Body parts are tearing each other up, and cutting of certain limbs out of hate or envy than we will never fulfill the great commission! Unbiblical disunity with in a local church body is like gangrene! It kills, it makes limbs useless, it gives fever and pain to the whole body.

Let this not be said of us!

Loving other Believers is actual proof that you are saved, for doing the opposite is murder, and murderers do not inherit eternal life!

What is love? In our culture today, even in Christian circles this definition gets confused. Love is not acceptance of sinful lifestyles. Love is not always agreeing with someone, being a “yes-man”. Love is unconditional service, and ultimate love is laying down ones life physically to protect and preserve another.

Believer, if when I ask “Would you serve that one person” (The person you find so infuriating and have felt deep hurt by) and your response is “no”, I can only quote verse 14: *“We know that we have crossed over from death to life because we love our fellow Christians. The one who does not love remains in death.”*

To intentionally withhold service from a fellow Believer because of hate, turns you into a hypocrite and instead of pointing to your professed adoption into God’s family, it actually points towards the possibility of you being an enemy of God!

Let me leave you with 1st John 4:7-8 - *“Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been fathered by God and knows God. The person who does not love does not know God because God is love.*

-Best regards, Colt Christmas

BIRTHDAYS

JUNE

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|----|--------------------|----|-----------------|
| 1 | Erin Bowman | 16 | Gary Stewart |
| | Peggy Koch | | Kathy Stewart |
| | Ashley Weston | 17 | Bob Horner |
| 4 | Emerson Moss | 19 | Dianne Griffith |
| | Eli Murdock | | Cooper Johnson |
| 5 | Mike Oliver | 20 | Carl Aiken |
| 6 | Linda Eason | 21 | Andrew Lyon |
| | Howard Martin | 24 | Bentley Pearson |
| 7 | Miranda Schrinier | 25 | Anna Beatty |
| 9 | Steve Gladden | | Janet Johnson |
| | Gabriel Karr | | Josh Kilcoyne |
| | Caleb Long | | Lewis Myers |
| | Jason Sherrill | | Gabe Winebarger |
| 10 | Judy Callaway | | |
| | James Snyder | | |
| 11 | Adam Merritt | | |
| 14 | Ashley Benfield | | |
| | Jon Bowman | | |
| | Elizabeth Coulombe | | |
| | Brian Stewart | | |

ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE

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|----|----------------------------|
| 2 | Bobby & Connie Campbell |
| 4 | Jason & Michelle Mullins |
| 6 | Matthew & Brenna Pence |
| | Steve & Geraldine Dixon |
| 9 | Kevin & Teresa Campbell |
| | Scotty & Brenda Greene |
| | Jody & Cathy Mitchell |
| 10 | Robert & Teresa Snider |
| 11 | Sonny & Jennifer Hedrick |
| 12 | Michael & Nicole Johnson |
| 15 | Doug & Renee Holland |
| | Michael & Daphne Jensen |
| 17 | Tony & Anita Craver |
| 18 | Hal & Cindy Gibson |
| | Brian & Robin Stewart |
| 21 | Billy & Sheri Pope III |
| 22 | Larry & Libby Campbell |
| | Lynn & Alisha Johnson |
| | Tony & Crystal Smith |
| 24 | Daniel & Emily Fisher, Jr. |
| 25 | Eric & Heather Boogie |
| | Jack & Wilma Huffman |
| 26 | Mat & Miranda Schrinier |
| 28 | Eric & Leona Dixon |
| 30 | Gary & Carol Stewart |

RIPPLEKIDZ MINISTRY



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



2025 Summer CAMP FUN

ONLY \$150 PER WEEK* OR \$40 PER DAY / 2 DAYS MINIMUM

\$50 REGISTRATION FEE PER FAMILY

*Discounts available for multiple weeks.

FUN & CREATIVE ACTIVITIES!




<p>WEEK 1: SCIENCE WEEK / June 9-13 Field trip to Greensboro Science Center.*</p> <p>WEEK 2: CHEF WEEK / June 16-20 Field trip to Makato Japanese Rest. in Boone.*</p> <p>WEEK 3: ART WEEK / June 23-27 Field trip to Museum of Illusions in Charlotte.*</p> <p>WEEK 4: SPORTS WEEK / July 7-11 Including a Mr. Bounce Day!</p>	<p>WEEK 5: LEGO/MINECRAFT WEEK / July 14-18 Field trip to Bricked in Salisbury.*</p> <p>WEEK 6: CHRISTMAS IN JULY / July 21-25 Field trip to Cookie factory in Clemmons.*</p> <p>WEEK 7: TECH WEEK / July 28-August 1 Field trip to Spare Time Entertainment in Huntersville.*</p> <p><small>*Field trips are subject to change.</small></p>
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REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!

SOUTH RIVER
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WORSHIP MINISTRY

RIVER WORSHIP CHOIR

1st AM	Tabernacle	PM	NO CHOIR (VBS)
8th AM	He Is Our God	PM	O Love That Will Not Let Me Go
15th AM	Hallelujah For The Cross	PM	No PM Services
22nd AM	Your House Is Holy	PM	The King Is Coming
29th AM	Why Do The Heathen Nations Vainly Rage (Psalm 2)	PM	No PM Services

SPECIAL MUSIC

1st AM	Sherwin Johnson	PM	NO SPECIAL (VBS)
8th AM	Sidney Leonard	PM	Jimmy Williams
15th AM	Praise Band	PM	No PM Services
22nd AM	Jerry Long	PM	Darlene Estes
29th AM	River Choir	PM	No PM Services

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



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STEP INTO THE WATER!
 INSPIRATION. PROCLAMATION. TRANSFORMATION.
 A RADIO MINISTRY OF SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

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

July

2nd - No PM Services

7th - 12th Youth @ SWO

27th - Annual Business Mtg

August

9th - Widow & Widowers Lunch

13th - Headwaters School Begins

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/>

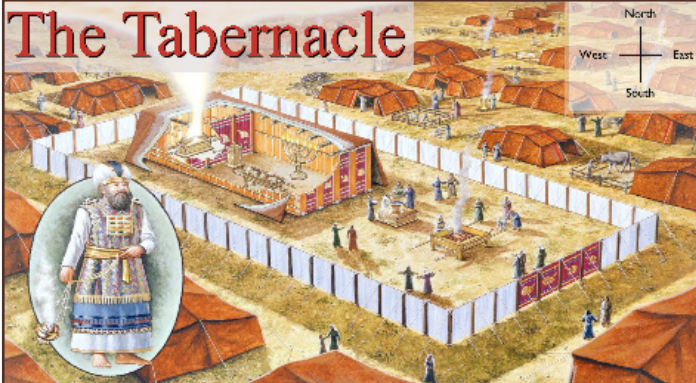


Other ways you can help support Headwaters:

>>> 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**

VBS June 1st - June 5th



**JUNE 1ST - JUNE 5TH
6PM TO 8:45PM**



**REGISTER YOUR CHILD OR YOUTH NOW TO
AVOID THE CHECK IN LINE!!!**

2025

JUNE

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

6:00 pm VBS 1	6:00 pm VBS 2	6:00 pm VBS 3	6:00 pm VBS 4	6:00 pm VBS 5		
5:45 pm GROW 8	Summer Camp Week 1 9		6:40 pm GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Bible Study in Choir Rm 11	Youth Super Summer Outing Hiking 12		
Father's Day NO PM Services 15	Summer Camp Week 2 16	3:00 pm Senior Adult Food Boxes 17	6:40 GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm RippleKidz Council Mtg 7:00 pm Bible Study in Choir Rm 8:00 pm Stewardship Mtg 18	Youth Super Summer Outing Jump Park - Skating Rink 19		
12:00 pm Sunday School Teacher Mtg 5:45 pm GROW 22	Summer Camp Week 3 23		6:40 pm GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Bible Study in Choir Rm 25	Youth Super Summer Outing Creeper Trail 26		
8:00 am Patriots Day NO PM Services 29	No Summer Camp 30					