

MAY 2025

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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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OR
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JUNE 9TH THROUGH AUGUST 1ST

M-F, 7:30-5:30PM



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WONDER JUNCTION

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear South River Church Family,

This is a wonderful month to celebrate our families of faith here at South River. We celebrate the conclusion of a wonderful year of growing in our faith through our GROW ministry and honor those who are vital in shaping the next generation of faith – our moms! Our staff is committed to South River being known for building strong families of faith.

We gather on Mother’s Day for a parent/child dedication. Small children and infants will be presented to the church and our Lord as dads and moms commit to raising their children in the fear of the Lord and according to His Word. Parents realize that these little ones are God’s gift to be presented back to Him.

Later in May we will celebrate with our children who have participated in GROW and hidden God’s Word in our heart. Plan now to come and support their hard work! That evening we will have a derby car race and church family fellowship. We express a special thank you to all the leaders and workers who have invested in teaching the children God’s truth. South River will be known as a church that sows the seed of God’s Word through all the years of childhood and the teen age years.

Speaking of children, I ask each one this probing question – What are you doing to ensure the faith is passed on to the next generation? You can make an investment in our children’s and preschool areas by caring for our little ones during the worship services. Please sign up to enable their parents to enjoy the worship and study of God’s Word.

Blessings,

Pastor Chris

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
Annabella Kilcoyne
6:00 PM Worship
Mady Christmas
Mary Jo Frye

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

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

MAY 4TH
8:00 AM
Martha McCoy - SP
Carol Sipes - FD
10:30 AM
Alyssa LeVan - FD
Kimberly Shoemaker - SP

MAY 11TH
8:00 AM
Bonnie Williams - SP
Maggie Baumberger - FD
10:30 AM
Mary Kirkpatrick - FD
Carol Barringer - SP

MAY 18TH
8:00 AM
Cindy Holloway - FD
Brenda Runkle - SP
10:30 AM
Kimberly Shoemaker - FD
Alyssa LeVan - SP

MAY 25TH
8:00 AM
Sandra Boan - SP
Eli Pope -FD
10:30 AM
Mary Kirkpatrick - SP
Carol Barringer - FD

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

Statement of Faith
Evan Garmon
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Statesville, NC 28625
(980) 434-4858

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Gabriel Karr, Jr.
301 Deerchase Cir
Statesville, NC 28625
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2024/25 MINISTRY BUDGET

YTD BUDGET GOALS	\$ 680,816.00
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE	\$ 670,214.96

PASTOR FOR MISSIONS & FAMILIES

Share the Gospel?

The words shared below are quotes from well-known preachers and words from Christ on the topic of Hell. As you read through these quotes ask yourself if you have a biblical view of Hell and does it reflect in the way you share the Gospel and serve in the church ministries.

“Share the Gospel. According to the Bible, it is every believer’s privilege and responsibility to share the Gospel. If we understand what lies ahead for those who do not know Christ, there will be sense of urgency in our witness.” David Jeremiah

“To deny hell is to deny the holiness of God and the seriousness of sin” Martyn Lloyd-Jones

“Hell is eternity in the presence of justice without mercy.” Donald Grey Barnhouse

“If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched-where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.” Jesus Christ

In Luke 16 Jesus states this about the rich man, “And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.” All the quotes found in this newsletter are true but the ones that should mold/correct our view of Hell are those giving by Christ. May we be found faithful ambassadors for Christ in our day to day lives.

How are they to call on one they have not believed in? And how are they to believe in one they have not heard of? And how are they to hear without someone preaching to them? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written,

*“How timely is the arrival of those who proclaim the good news.”
Romans 10:14-15*

“If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to hell over our dead bodies.” Charles Spurgeon

Pastor Scott Townsell,
Pastor for Missions & Families

DEEP & WIDE YOUTH MINISTRY

We are ramping up for summer! Booyah!

From bonfires to hiking to river tubing, this summer has plenty of fun for our youth!

As we grow as a group, friendship-wise, we will also be growing spiritually as part of the local body.

Summer GROW is always a relaxing and fun time because we get to dive into unique topics! With summer comes a lot of joy; that being said, I want to briefly focus on that.

Let’s read John 15:10-11
“10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love.
11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.” (John 15:10, ESV)

Jesus is not a killjoy.
He is that which brings supreme joy!

Jesus doesn’t settle for giving you some joy. He gives full joy, his joy!

Obedience to God is to be done joyfully, not begrudgingly.

Choose joy, my friends; choose daily to walk, run, rest, and sleep in the joy that it is to have Jesus.

We are victors in Jesus; let’s live like it!

-Best regards, Colt Christmas

BIRTHDAYS

MAY

- 1

Ethan Holland
Johnny Martin
Noah Sherrill
- 2

Paxton Cook
Harold Harmon
Stephen Hobbs
- 3

Sheila Cox
Addison Fox
- 4

Kim Williams
- 5

Mary Keever
Jen Wall
- 6

Debbie Sloan
Tamatha Stewart
Lorie Weston
- 7

Scott W. Townsell
- 8

Patricia Johnson
- 9

Cierra Bradford
Madison Johnson
Andrea Thomas
- 10

Nicky Robertson
- 11

Camila Chege
- 14

Cheryl Wenzel
- 16

Jonna Bentley
Stacy Johnson
Ty Smith
- 17

Todd Benfield
Jordan McGahan
Cadence Wenzel
Emmett Wilhelm
Nan Woollard
- 18

Colt Christmas
Jenna Sherrill
Sandra Wallace
Jeff Winebarger
- 21

Hunter Williams
- 22

Evan Garmon
- 23

Vickie Jenkins
Donnie Niemann
- 24

Avery Colvert
Addison Goforth
Sidney Leonard
- 26

Eric Barnes
Isabella Dishmond
- 27

Rocky Martin
- 28

Eric Dixon
Amanda Hennessey
Micah Kilcoyne
- 29

Jerry Long, Sr.
Colin Mersfelder
- 30

Rick Baumberger
Jonathan Thompson
- 31

Harold Sprinkle

ANNIVERSARIES

MAY

- 1

John & Dawn Waugh
- 3

James & Heather Melton
- 6

Larry & Sheila Cox
Steve & Tannice Gladden
Lloyd & Patricia Johnson
- 9

Garrett & Cierra Bradford
Robert & Vicki Miller
- 10

Danny & Elizabeth Griffin
- 12

Raymond & Patsy Burnette
Harold & Carolyn Sprinkle
- 13

Carol & Steve Barringer
- 15

Brandon & Chrissy Dishmond
- 18

Jon & Erin Bowman
Jamin & Rebecca Thorpe
- 19

Matt & Christy Estes
- 21

Adam & Bridget Merritt
- 24

Addison & Amelia Fox
Steve & Karen Warricks
- 25

Scott & Tammy Carter
- 25

Jacob & Liz Deal
- 27

Bryan & Kimberly Shoemaker
- 28

David & Crystal Johns
Ty & Shonna Smith6
- 30

Andrew & Mary Clendenin

RIPPLEKIDZ MINISTRY

In studying the story of Joseph, I came to a particular section that made me realize something: *Joseph clearly understood God’s redemptive power.* After he was taken out of prison, interpreted the Pharaoh’s dreams, and was made ruler over Egypt, God blessed him and his wife with two sons during the seven years of plenty in Egypt. He will even see this when his brothers appear in Egypt to buy food from him. Now the circumstances in which a child was born had great effects on what the child would be named. So the Bible tells us,

Joseph named the firstborn Manasseh, “For,” he said, “God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father’s household.” He named the second Ephraim, “For,” he said, “God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction.” Genesis 41:51-52

For the believer, this world is the land of our affliction. But we have the promise that one day God will cause us to forget all our troubles. We have been given hope that one day God will make all things new, and that even now, He is working all things out for our good. It would do us well to imitate Joseph in this way. He understood the New Testament principle that declares *God will wipe away every tear, right every wrong, and that the old things will one day pass away and the new will be our forever reality Revelation 21:4.*

“And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.”

Romans 8:28

Privileged to serve,
Timothy Clendenin

WORSHIP MINISTRY

RIVER WORSHIP CHOIR

4th AM	The God I Serve	PM	Come Thou Mighty King
11th AM	I Will Always Sing Of The Cross	PM	No Services
18th AM	Who Is Like The Lord	PM	GROW Celebration
25th AM	Jesus Saves	PM	No Services

SPECIAL MUSIC

4th AM	Sherwin Johnson	PM	Jimmy Williams
11th AM	Jerry Long	PM	No Services
18th AM	Praise Band	PM	GROW Celebration
25th AM	Lydia Thorpe	PM	No 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



GROW CLASSES



**Stay Tuned for
Summer GROW Schedule**

**We will have classes
for all ages on
Sunday and Wednesday
Nights through the
Summer Months**

GROW YEAR 2 CELEBRATION EVENT



GROW CELEBRATION

DERBY, BBQ, CAKE AND PIE COOK OFF

MAY 18TH STARTING AT 5PM

(TEST YOUR CARS MAY 16TH

FROM 5:30PM TO 7PM)



Mark Your Calendars

June

1st - 5th VBS

9th Summer Camp Begins

15th Father's Day

NO PM Services

29th Patriots Day Service

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

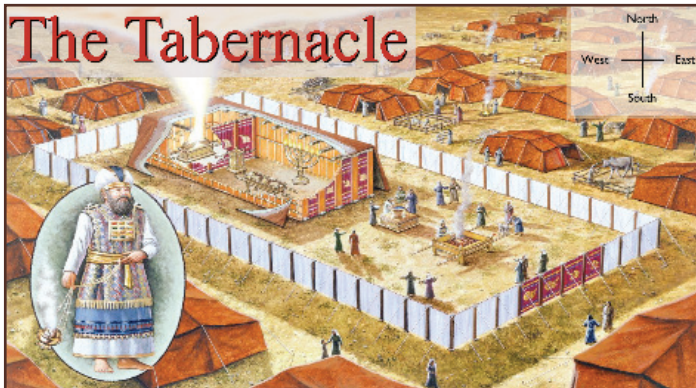


Other ways you can help support Headwaters:

>>> 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**

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.

We will meet starting at 5:30.

216 Johnson
Farm Rd.
Hiddenite

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

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.

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 sign up in the hall.
You are welcome to invite a friend!



Bible Studies

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

2025

MAY

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

				11 am-6 pm HCA BBQ Fundraiser	Headwaters Teacher Workday 10 am Women's Bible Study 6 pm VBS Craft Night	
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9:30 am Riverwalk 3 pm GriefShare 5:30 pm GROW			6:40 pm GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study		10 am Women's Bible Study	Youth Bonfire - Colverts
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Mother's Day 9:30 am Riverwalk 10:45 am Parent/Child Dedication NO PM Services			6:40 GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm RippleKidz Prayer Mtg 8:00 pm Stewardship Mtg			10 am Women's Ministry Brunch 5:30 pm Youth Games
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:30 am Riverwalk 5 pm GROW Celebration		3:00 pm Senior Adult Food Boxes	HCA Chapel 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting		Headwaters Last Day of School	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Memorial Day 10:45 am Graduation Service NO PM Services	Church Office Closed		7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm RippleKidz Prayer Mtg			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31