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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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CURRENTS

August 2025

Evening of Worship
 August 10th @ 6:00 PM

Taking Recommendations!

Join us for an evening of teaching and
 admonishing one another in psalms, hymns,
 and spiritual songs, singing with gratefulness
 in our hearts to God.

Send recommendations to
 (336) 830-1670 or wynston@southriverbaptist.com

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear South River Church Family,

We have been enjoying some wonderful worship services this summer at South River as we continue to walk by faith. How exciting to see our new warehouse going up and being completed. God continues to bless our efforts of reaching our community for Christ and leading the next generation to embrace the faith.

I want to see you Sunday evening on August 10 as our wonderful vocalists and instrumentalists bless us with an evening of worship. Brother Wynston is taking requests for psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs for that evening. You can email your favorite to him at wynston@southriverbaptist.com.

As summer winds down, it will be time to get back in the routine as our children head back to school. I hope that your family routine includes worship, discipleship, and service at South River. There are some exciting things on the horizon for our church family. I encourage you to make God a priority in your daily and weekly activities.

Blessings,
Pastor Chris

PRE-SCHOOL

AUGUST 3RD **8:15 AM Worship**

Melanie Townsell
Amelia Fox

10:45 AM Worship

Taylor Hedrick
Cheri Horner

6:00 PM Worship

Cricket Barnette
Patsy Burnette

AUGUST 10TH **8:15 AM Worship**

Terry Reid
Kelly Hill

10:45 AM Worship

Keri Mankos
Daphne Jensen

6:00 PM Worship

April Thompson
Emily Johnson

AUGUST 17TH **8:15 AM Worship**

Salem Grace Lyles
Debbie Sloan

10:45 AM Worship

Heather Melton
Grace Melton

6:00 PM Worship

Cyndi Cook
Mary Jo Frye

AUGUST 127TH

Amanda Meadows
Tara Beatty

AUGUST 24TH **8:15 AM Worship**

Savannah Mullins
Michelle Mullins

10:45 AM Worship

Alissa Coulombe
Liz Deal

6:00 PM Worship

Robin Stewart
Sharon Hobbs

AUGUST 31ST **8:15 AM Worship**

Alisha Johnson
Mary Keever

10:45 AM Worship

Addison Carter
Brenna Pence

6:00 PM Worship

Kim Mersfelder
Rebecca Thorpe

AUGUST 6TH

Elizabeth Griffin
Anita Long

AUGUST 13TH

Heather Cannon
Donna Lyons

AUGUST 20TH

Maritza Anderson
Nicky Robertson

GREETERS

AUGUST 3RD **8:00 AM**

Martha McCoy - FD
Carol Sipes - SP

10:30 AM

Kimberly Shoemaker - SP
Bridget Merritt - FD

AUGUST 10TH **8:00 AM**

Maggie Baumberger - SP
Brenda Runkle - FD

10:30 AM

Mary Kirkpatrick - SP
Carol Barringer - FD

AUGUST 17TH **8:00 AM**

Eli Pope - FD
Bonnie Williams - SP

10:30 AM

Alyssa LeVan - FD
Bridget Merritt - SP

AUGUST 24TH **8:00 AM**

Brenda Runkle - SP
Sandra Boan - FD

10:30 AM

Mary Kirkpatrick - SP
Kimberly Shoemaker - FD

AUGUST 31ST **8:00 AM**

Cindy Holloway - FD
Eli Pope - SP

10:30 AM

Carol Barringer - FD
Alyssa LeVan - SP

GRIEF SHARE MINISTRY

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

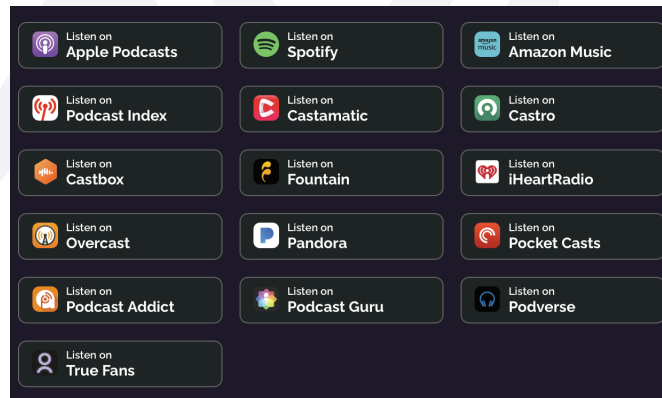
Please contact
Steve Jenkins at (980) 263-4134
for more information.



South River Podcasts

The following podcasts are available on the platforms pictured below:

- A Faith That Endures
- Grow Or Die
- What Does God's Word Say?
- Grasping God's Word
- Key's To Spiritual Growth
- Parenting - 14 Gospel Principles
- Forgiveness
- The Art of Marriage Conference
- A Study of God's Attributes
- Economics For Everybody



2024/25 MINISTRY BUDGET

YTD BUDGET GOALS	\$ 941,128.00
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE	\$ 935,219.33

PASTOR FOR MISSIONS & FAMILIES

A Proverb a Day!

Over the past 10 years at South River Baptist Church, one truth I've consistently learned from my pastor is this: **we need wisdom**. Not just any wisdom but the kind that comes from the Lord, found in His Word, especially in the Book of Proverbs.

When we began shaping what is now known as the **GROW** program, we originally considered naming it WUK an acronym for Wisdom, Understanding, and Knowledge. Though reversed in order, this reflects the pattern found throughout Proverbs: before we can walk in godly wisdom, we must first grow in knowledge and understanding. Godly wisdom is rooted in the fear of the Lord. It honors Him and leads to a holy life shaped by eternal values. In contrast, worldly wisdom seeks self-advancement and aligns with temporary, earthly priorities. True wisdom allows us to see life from God's perspective and live as citizens of His kingdom.

Here are just three of over fifty verses in Proverbs that speak to the pursuit of godly wisdom:

Proverbs 3:13-14 – "Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding, for the gain from her is better than gain from silver and her profit better than gold."

Proverbs 4:7 – "The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever you get, get insight."

Proverbs 16:16 – "How much better to get wisdom than gold! o get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver."

The question is: Are we pursuing it?

Pastor Scott Townsell - Pastor for Missions & Families

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

AUGUST

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|--|---|
| 1 Walker Estes
Jean Isenhour | 14 Teresa Snider
16 Brooklynn Bowman
Lily Martin |
| 2 Jason Mullins
Teresa Stroud | 17 Dan McGee
21 Anita Craver |
| 3 Julie Wilhelm
4 Eric Booie
Ava Shoemaker | 22 Kinley Merritt
Patsy Weston |
| 5 Makayla Maffucci
6 Raymond Burnette
Robert Colvert
John Gallina
Brayden Hill
Tim Moss | 23 Anna-Lisa Goodman
Wesley Johnson
Vicki Miller |
| 7 Logan Hennessey
Marcell Souther
Randy Stewart | 24 Allie Pence
David Shook
26 Gene Cashion
Karen Lyon |
| 8 Campbell Grace Johnson
9 Allen Stroud | 27 Bridget Merritt
28 Linda Wallace
29 Blake Goodman
Michael Lyles |
| 10 Kimberly Shoemaker
Donna Williams | 30 Lizzie Cook
Elijah Pope
Isaac Thorpe |
| 11 Eden McGahan
12 Tony Craver
David Earnest
Julie Martin | 31 Gregory Coulombe
Magnus Peterson |
| 13 Teresa Hawks
Wilma Huffman
Brenda Runkle | |

AUGUST

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| 1 Chris & April Thompson |
| 2 Nelson & Cyndi Cook |
| 3 Mike & Bobbie Hayes |
| 9 Tim & Crystal Moss
Scott & Melanie Townsell |
| 12 Jason & Cheryl Wenzel |
| 13 James & Connie Cook |
| 14 Curtis & Mary Jane Ribelin |
| 18 Trevor & Chely Mahler |
| 25 Wayne & Kelly Hill
Pete & Darlene Jones |
| 26 Carl & Terry Aiken
Jimmy & Kim Williams |
| 30 Eric & Crystal Barnes
Alton & Hilda Cook
Wayne & Jenny Mason |

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

3rd AM Find Us Faithful
10th AM Lead Me To The Rock
17th AM How Great Thou Art
24th AM Praise Is The Offering
31st AM Thou O Lord

PM All The Praise
PM Worship Night
PM Let The Church Rise
PM You've Already Won
PM No PM Services

SPECIAL MUSIC

3rd AM Sherwin Johnson
10th AM Praise Team
17th AM Erin Bowman
24th AM Darlene Estes
31st AM Lydia Thorpe

PM Jimmy Williams
PM Worship Night
PM Taylor Hedrick
PM Belle Craver
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



SUMMER GROW CLASSES



Summer GROW Schedule

What Does God's Word Say?

Pastor Scott Townsell

June 11th - August 27th

Wednesday 7pm - Choir Room

Summer GROW for Youth & Kids

Sundays 5:45pm &

Wednesdays 6:40pm

GROW Year 3 Begins - September 14th

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Aug 3rd - 24th



Mark Your Calendars

September

7th - 12pm Sunday School Teacher Mtg

14th - GROW - Digital Dangers

19th - 21st Men's Conference @ SWO

HEADWATERS ACADEMY



HEADWATERS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
PATRIOTS

We have openings in some 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/>

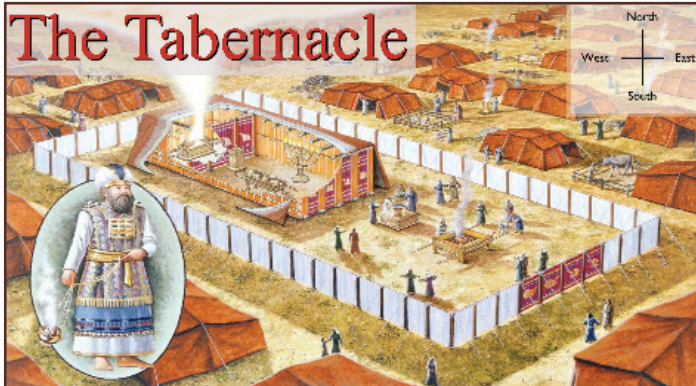


Other ways you can help support Headwaters:

>>> 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**

SAVE THE DATE

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*Join the river
of blessing!*

**AUCTION AND ALL YOU
CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



OCT. 4

\$10/person

Breakfast served 6 am to Noon
Auction Begins at 8 am

Proceeds support ministries throughout Iredell County and entire Southeast Region

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2025

AUGUST

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

9:30 am River Walk 5:45 pm GROW 3	4	5	6:40 pm GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Bible Study in Choir Rm 6	6:00 pm HCA New Family Orientation 7	1 8	2 9
9:30 am River Walk 6:00 pm Worship Night 10	6:00 pm HCA Open House 11	12	HCA 1st Day of School 6:40 GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Bible Study in Choir RM 8:00 pm Stewardship Mtg 13	14	15	16
9:30 am River Walk 3pm GriefShare 5:45 pm GROW 17	18	3:00 pm Senior Adult Food Boxes 19	6:40 pm GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Bible Study in Choir Rm 20	21	22	23
24 9:30 am River Walk 3:00 pm GriefShare No PM Service on 31st 31	25	26	6:40 pm GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Bible Study in Choir Rm 27	28	3:00 pm Boston Butt pickup begins 29	30