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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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CURRENTS

April 2026

Easter
2026

MATTHEW 28:6

HE IS NOT HERE HE IS RISEN
Celebrate with us!

EASTER SERVICES

Sunrise Service	6:30 AM
First Celebration Service	8:15 AM
Sunday School	9:30 AM
Second Celebration Service	10:45 AM

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear South River Church Family,

Spring is here and the celebration of Easter and our Savior's redemption is nigh! This is the time to share with others the amazing grace we have experienced, and which is available to all who will call out for salvation. Jesus hasn't changed. He remains the only One who can radically change the lives of individuals in our land. **Easter Services will be Sunday, April 5.** Ask God now who you will bring with you to worship that Sunday as we celebrate Christ's resurrection and our new life in Him.

Plan to be at South River on **Sunday, April 12 for a special luncheon to plan on Leaving a Legacy.** Philanthrocorp will join us that day to provide an informational meeting on how to develop an end-of-life plan according to a biblical worldview. They guide families through developing wills, powers of attorney, and an estate plan. That means you decide who you will bless and how you will bless at the end of your life. Also, you identify those individuals who will take care of you and your estate. It is critical for everyone to have a plan in place to ease that time for their children and grandchildren. **Reserve your seat for lunch with Heather in the church office.**

Let's continue to pray that our great love for Jesus, our strong biblical convictions, our passionate worship of His name, and our desire to reach the world with the transforming gospel will usher in spiritual renewal and revival in our hearts and our land.

Blessings,

Pastor Chris

PRE-SCHOOL

SUNDAY SERVICES

APRIL 5TH (EASTER)

8:15 AM Worship

Salem-Grace Lyles
Michelle Mullins
Terry Aikens

10:45 AM Worship

Gracie Melton
Heather Melton
Chely Mahler

6:00 PM Worship

No PM Services

APRIL 12TH

8:15 AM Worship

Terry Reid
Sharon Hobbs

10:45 AM Worship

Rebecca Thorpe
Keri Mankos

6:00 PM Worship

Robin Stewart
Brenna Pence

APRIL 19TH

8:15 AM Worship

Kelly Hill
Debbie Sloan

10:45 AM Worship

Cheri Horner
Melanie Townsell

6:00 PM Worship

Cyndi Cook
Mary Jo Frye

APRIL 26TH

8:15 AM Worship

Karli Townsell
Molly Townsell

10:45 AM Worship

Amelia Fox
Liz Deal

6:00 PM Worship

April Thompson
Heather Melton

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

APRIL 1ST

Anita Long
Tara Beatty

APRIL 8TH

Heather Cannon
Donna Lyons

APRIL 15TH

Maritza Anderson
Amanda Meadows

APRIL 22ND

Tara Beatty
Nicky Robertson

APRIL 29TH

Heather Cannon
Elizabeth Griffin

GREETERS

APRIL 5TH

8:00 AM

Martha M. - SP
Carole S. - FD

10:30 AM

Kimberly S. - SP
Carole B. - FD

APRIL 12TH

8:00 AM

Brenda R. - SP
Bonnie W. - FD

10:30 AM

Kate D. - FD
Jenna S. - SP

APRIL 19TH

8:00 AM

Sandra B. - FD
Eli P. - SP

10:30 AM

Mary K. - FD
Bridget M. - SP

APRIL 26TH

8:00 AM

Brenda R. - SP
Cindy H. - FD

10:30 AM

Abigail K. - FD
Kimberly S. - SP

GRIEF SHARE MINISTRY

Please contact Steve Jenkins
at (980) 263-4134 for more
information about next
GriefShare Class



NEW MEMBER

By Letter:

Cailee Wenzel - 3/1/2026

2025/26 MINISTRY BUDGET

YTD BUDGET GOALS	\$ 598,650.00
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE	\$ 632,740.80

PASTOR FOR MISSIONS & FAMILIES

Faithful Provision and Open Doors

The Lord has continued to open doors for us to serve throughout our community and beyond. From schools to neighborhoods, from families in need to organized outreach efforts, we have seen firsthand how God is moving and how God continually invites us/you to be a part of it.

One of the greatest blessings has been the increase in **face-to-face gospel conversations**. These moments are the very reason for everything we do. Whether it's across a serving line, in a school hallway, or standing beside someone in need, the opportunity to share Christ has been constant and intentional. We are not just meeting physical needs, we are pointing people to the only One who can meet their greatest need.

In just this past month alone, God has allowed us to help **feed nearly 15,000 people**. Along the way, we have also been able to assist multiple families with specific needs and partner with several local schools to support students and staff. Each meal served and each act of kindness becomes another bridge for the gospel.

We are also incredibly thankful for how God continues to provide the **tools and resources** needed for this growing ministry. With the addition of the **22' reefer box truck and the 48-foot mobile kitchen**, our ability to respond, serve, and go where needed has expanded tremendously. These are not just pieces of equipment, they are instruments for ministry, helping us reach more people more effectively.

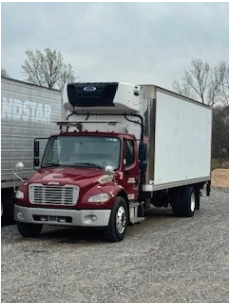
Of course, none of this happens without the people God brings alongside us. We are grateful for the faithful volunteers who give their time, energy, and heart to serve. Your willingness to step in, often behind the scenes, is making an eternal difference.

As we look ahead, we are reminded of this truth:
God's provision always follows His calling.

Thank you for praying, giving, and serving. The impact is real, the need is great, and the gospel is going forward.

Therefore, as it is written: "Let him who boasts boast in the Lord." 1 Corinthians 1:31

Pastor Scott, Pastor for Missions & Families



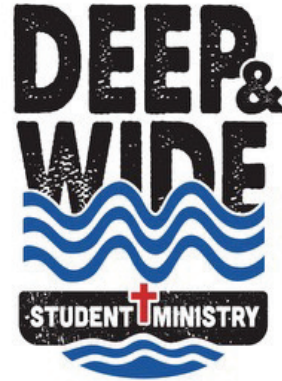
DEEP & WIDE YOUTH MINISTRY

Why We Can Trust God's Word

Wednesday nights we have begun a new series centered on a foundational question: **Can we trust the Bible?** In a world filled with skepticism and shifting truth, it is more important than ever that our students, and our families, are grounded in the assurance of God's Word.

We are building this study on 2 Peter 1:16-20 and around a helpful quote from the late Voddie Baucham, who states:

"I choose to believe the Bible because it is a reliable collection of historical documents written by eyewitnesses during the lifetime of other eyewitnesses. They report supernatural events that took place in fulfillment of specific prophecies and claim that their writings are divine rather than human in origin."



From this, we are walking through five key points:

- Reliable Historical Documents - The Bible is rooted in real history, not mythology.
- Eyewitness Testimony - The writers saw and experienced what they recorded.
- Early Accounts - The message of Christ was written while eyewitnesses were still alive.
- Fulfilled Prophecy - God's Word reveals His sovereignty through prophecy fulfilled.
- Divine Inspiration - Scripture is not merely human, it is God-breathed.

Parents, this is not just a student ministry emphasis, it is a family foundation. God's Word is a sure and steady guide for every season of life. Whether you are leading your home, walking through difficulty, or offering counsel to others, Scripture is sufficient, trustworthy, and true.

As Charles Spurgeon once said:

"Defend the Bible? I would just as soon defend a lion. Just turn the Bible loose. It will defend itself."

May we be a church that not only believes God's Word but builds our lives upon it.

Pastor Scott, Pastor for Missions & Families

BIRTHDAYS

APRIL

- | | | | |
|----|------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1 | Jean Morrison | 15 | Karen Warricks |
| 2 | Tyler Goodman | | Gabriel Karr, Jr. |
| | Aaron Morrison | 16 | Lee McClure |
| | Terry Reid | 17 | Mary Morrison |
| 3 | Taylor Hedrick | | Pearson Fox |
| 4 | John Martin | 18 | Maddie Lippard |
| | Carol Sipes | | Allison Cook |
| | Jeffrey Ober | | Lisa Watters |
| | Anita Long | | Scott MacLean |
| | Kate Dewey | 20 | Jimmy Williams |
| | James Martin | 21 | Patsy Burnette |
| 5 | Ethan Mersfelder | | Randy Galliher |
| | Donna Worrell | | Jack Huffman |
| | Shane Bentley | | Nathan Schriner |
| | Cailee Wenzel | 22 | Scott Carter |
| | Ethan Mersfelder | | Mat Schriner |
| 6 | Marie Chrastina | | Rhea Lamb |
| 7 | Belle Lippard | 23 | Rodney Estes |
| | Jeremy Johnson | 25 | Andrew Clendenin |
| | Althea Moore | | Danielle Moody |
| 9 | Don Johnson | | Mia Townsell |
| | Robert G Miller | 26 | Ray Griffith |
| | Jody Mitchell | 27 | Grayson Stewart |
| | Jim Trent | 28 | Norma Love |
| | Alissa Coulombe | | Chris Thompson |
| 11 | Lloyd Johnson | 29 | Karen Porch |
| | Tammy Carter | | Brooke Craver |
| 13 | Buddy Hemric | 30 | Ernie Taylor |
| | James Cook | | Carol Barringer |
| 14 | Joyce Bradburn | | |

ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL

- | | |
|----|--------------------------|
| 1 | Wesley & Carol Sipes |
| 2 | Bob & Cheri Horner |
| 3 | Ed & Brenda Runkle |
| 5 | John & Alice Redmond |
| | Aaron & Emily Johnson |
| | Gerald & Debbie Sloan |
| 14 | Fred & Joyce Bradburn |
| 15 | Jeff & Beth Fox |
| 17 | Rocky & Lori Martin |
| 18 | Ray & Dianne Griffith |
| 20 | Stephen & Sharon Hobbs |
| 24 | Matthew & Amanda Johnson |
| 26 | Steven & Ellen Pope |
| 30 | Chris & Rhonda Keever |

RIPPLEKIDZ MINISTRY

Truth Without God is Dead

The most interesting thing I learned this month was a portion of an article I read talking about the word Truth. Here is part of that article.

The Hebrew word for truth is **emet**, and it is made up of three Hebrew letters: **aleph, mem, tav...**



...which is also the first letter, the middle letter, and the last letter of the Hebrew aleph-bet. Essentially, truth is the beginning and the end and everything in between. What becomes significantly interesting is that if you remove the first letter (an aleph) from the word emet, you are left with the Hebrew root word met (**mem, tav**)...



...and **met** means to **die**. The letter aleph in the pictographic aleph-bet was the symbol of an ox, indicating the strong one or the first one. It was also the first letter of God in Hebrew, **Elohim**... also indicating the First One or the Strong One. Removing the aleph out of truth is like removing God from it... leaving you with death. In other words, there is no truth without God, only death. [HebrewWordLessons.com]

Privileged to serve,

Timothy Clendenin, Children's Associate

WORSHIP MINISTRY

RIVER WORSHIP CHOIR

5th AM The Risen Lamb Of God

12th AM All The Praise

19th AM I Will Always Sing Of The Cross

26th AM Worthy Worthy

PM No PM Services

PM At The Name Of Jesus

PM GROW Celebration

PM No Choir - Business Meeting

SPECIAL MUSIC

5th AM Sherwin Johnson

12th AM Darlene Estes

19th AM Lydia Thorpe

26th AM South River Quartet

PM No PM Services

PM Salem-Grace Lyles

PM GROW Celebration

PM Taylor Hedrick

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



WOMEN'S EVENT & GROW SCHEDULE



Ladies Brunch
Saturday - April 25
10:00-12:00

South River Family Life Center

We would like to invite the ladies of our church to a refreshing time of fellowship. Come and enjoy brunch, worship, and our special guest speakers.



GROW Schedule

GROW Kids: April 29th

May 3rd, 6th, 13th, 17th, 20th & 27th

GROW Adults: Women's Bible Study

Jeremiah: Daring to Hope

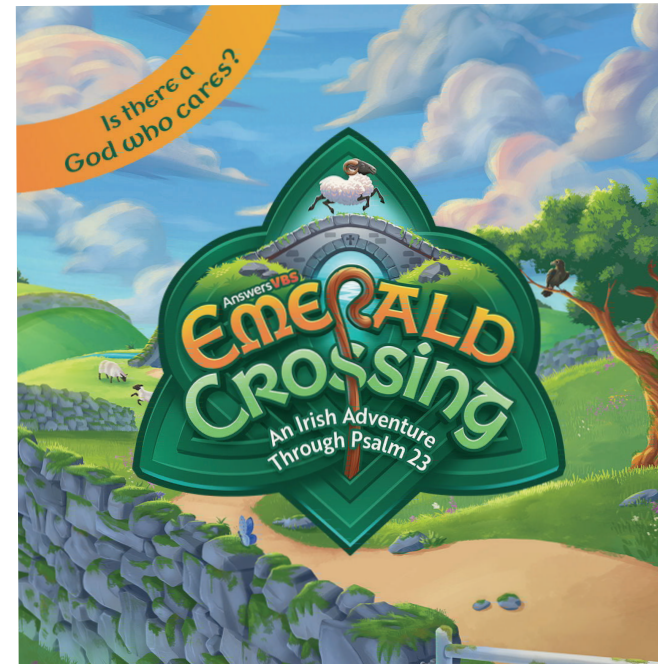
in An Unstable World

By: Melissa Spoelstra

Starts Wed April 1st

Cost is \$12

VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN



2026 VBS
MAY 31ST - JUNE 4TH
(SCAN TO REGISTER)



Mark Your Calendars

May

7th - Headwaters BBQ Fundraiser

10th - Child Dedication Service/No PM Service

15th - VBS Craft Night

17th - VBS Volunteer Workshop

22nd - Headwaters Senior Graduation

24th - Graduation Sunday/No PM Service

HEADWATERS ACADEMY



HEADWATERS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
PATRIOTS

Registration is OPEN for the 2026-2027 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:
The Blessed Attributes:
A Study on Beatitudes**

with
Pastor Chris

**Wednesdays
@ 7:00 pm**

2026 SUMMER CAMP

2026

SUMMER CAMP ONLY

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!
\$50 REGISTRATION FEE PER FAMILY

\$150 PER WEEK*

\$40 PER DAY / 2 DAYS MINIMUM

*Discounts available for multiple weeks.

**FROM LIGHT SABERS TO LEGOS,
THIS WILL BE OUR MOST EPIC CAMP YET!**



JUNE 8TH THROUGH JULY 31ST M-F, 7:30-5:30PM

WEEK 1: SPORT WEEK / June 8-12

WEEK 2: CHEF WEEK / June 15-19

WEEK 3: LEGO WEEK / June 22-26

WEEK 4: WATER WEEK / June 29-July 3

WEEK 5: STARWARS WEEK / July 13-17

WEEK 6: CHRISTMAS WEEK / July 20-24

WEEK 7: GAME WEEK / July 27-31

No camp during the week following the fourth (July 6th-10th)

BUILT ON TRUTH!

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APRIL

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

			6:40 pm GROW Week 25 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study		Headwaters - Easter Break	
			1	2	3	4
Easter Services NO PM Service	Headwaters - Easter Break	Headwaters - Easter Break	Headwaters - Easter Break 6:40 pm GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study 8:00 pm Stewardship Mtg	Headwaters - Easter Break	Headwaters - Easter Break	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12:00pm Financial Planning (Wills & Estates) 3:00 pm GriefShare 5:30 pm GROW Week 26			6:00 pm RippleKidz Council Mtg 6:40 pm GROW Week 26 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study		Youth - Winston-Salem Dash Game	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
3:00 pm GriefShare 5:00 pm GROW Celebration/ Derby		3:00 pm Senior Food Boxes	7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study		6:00 pm VBS Craft Night	Women's Luncheon
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
3:00 pm GriefShare 6:00 pm Business Mtg			7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study			
26	27	28	29	30		