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**SOUTH RIVER**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

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# FEBRUARY 2026

## OUR CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Chris Thompson, Senior Pastor  
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 Rev. Tony Craver, Church Administrator  
 Dr. Alton Cook, Pastor for Congregational Health  
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 704-881-1459  
 704-876-1520  
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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**

February 2026

**2026**  
**SUMMER CAMP ONLY**  
 JUNE 8TH THROUGH JULY 31ST  
 M-F, 7:30-5:30PM  
 \$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!**



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## FROM THE PASTOR

South River Church Family,

This is going to be an exciting month in the life of our church! We are through the introduction to our study on theological essentials for the Christian Faith on Sunday mornings. Now we move into the first doctrine to consider – the Doctrine of Revelation. God is revealing Himself to this world in order that we all might turn to Him. Be present every Sunday morning and meditate on the Scripture passage for the week as we build our lives on solid doctrine.

The snowstorm has caused us to move our quarterly ministry meeting to Sunday night, February 1st. We have a lot to celebrate from the past year as God has enabled our church to be a river of blessing to many in our community, county, and state. We will recount some of our achievements as well as consider what is on the horizon as we continue to flow with God's grace and goodness.

If you have not found a place of service, we have several needs in the body where you can have an influence. Let me or one of our pastors know that you want to do your part in growing the kingdom and serving at South River.

Blessings,  
Pastor Chris

## PRE-SCHOOL

### SUNDAY SERVICES

#### FEBRUARY 1ST

##### 8:15 AM Worship

Michelle Mullins  
Savannah Mullins

##### 10:45 AM Worship

Gracie Melton  
Chely Mahler

##### 6:00 PM Worship

Patsy Burnette  
Cricket Barnette

#### FEBRUARY 8TH

##### 8:15 AM Worship

Salem-Grace Lyles  
Terry Aiken

##### 10:45 AM Worship

Rebecca Thorpe  
Keri Mankos

##### 6:00 PM Worship

Cyndi Cook  
Brenna Pence

#### FEBRUARY 15TH

##### 8:15 AM Worship

Terry Reid  
Debbie Sloan

##### 10:45 AM Worship

Liz Deal  
Cheri Horner

##### 6:00 PM Worship

Robin Stewart  
Mary Jo Frye

#### FEBRUARY 22ND

##### 8:15 AM Worship

Sharon Hobbs  
Kelly Hill

##### 10:45 AM Worship

Amelia Fox  
Melanie Townsell

##### 6:00 PM Worship

April Thompson  
Heather Melton

### WEDNESDAY SERVICES

#### FEBRUARY 4TH

Elizabeth Griffin  
Anita Long

#### FEBRUARY 11TH

Heather Cannon  
Donna Lyons

#### FEBRUARY 18TH

Maritza Anderson  
Tara Beatty

#### FEBRUARY 25TH

Nicky Robertson  
Amanda Meadows

## GREETERS

#### FEBRUARY 1ST

##### 8:00 AM

Carol S. - FD  
Bonnie W. - SP

##### 10:30 AM

Jenna S. - FD  
Kimberly S. - SP

#### FEBRUARY 8TH

##### 8:00 AM

Cindy H. - FD  
Martha M. - SP

##### 10:30 AM

Carole B. - FD  
Bridget M. - SP

#### FEBRUARY 15TH

##### 8:00 AM

Sandra B. - FD  
Brenda R. - SP

##### 10:30 AM

Kimberly S. - FD  
Abigail K. - SP

#### FEBRUARY 22ND

##### 8:00 AM

Bonnie W. - FD  
Kate D. - SP

##### 10:30 AM

Mary K. - FD  
Jenna S. - SP

## GRIEF SHARE MINISTRY

Next GriefShare Class  
Feb 1st - May 3rd  
Sundays @ 3 pm in FLC 6



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

## PODCASTS

The following podcasts are available on the platforms pictured below (new one in bold):

**We Believe - A Study of Theological Essentials**

Seasons of Parenting - A Christian Perspective

No Sacred Cows

Path To Purpose - Ecclesiastes Study

A Faith That Endures

Grow Or Die

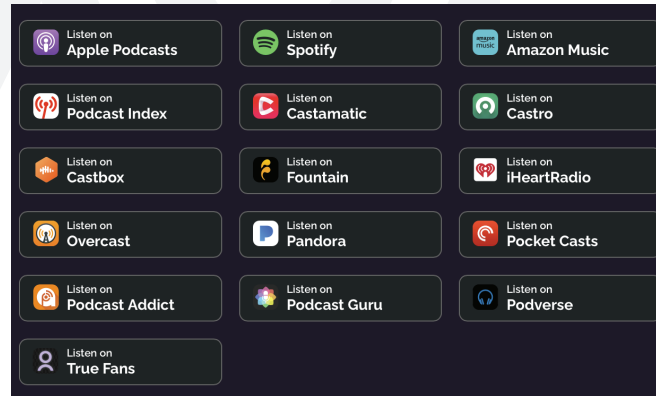
What Does God's Word Say?

Grasping God's Word

Key's To Spiritual Growth

Forgiveness

Economics For Everybody



## 2025/26 MINISTRY BUDGET

YTD BUDGET GOALS

\$ 419,055.00

TOTAL GIVING TO DATE

\$ 437,108.42

## PASTOR FOR MISSIONS & FAMILIES

Our Missions Warehouse has now been completed, and we are doing all we can to continue building contacts and partnerships that allow us to receive and distribute food and much-needed supplies for different times and different areas. Those needs can range from helping families recover after a hurricane, to meeting everyday needs within our own church, whether that be food or help around the home, to responding to what we are facing right now with ice storms, snow, and severe winter weather. Our goal is to ensure that we are prepared to care for both our church family and our surrounding community.



I am incredibly thankful for what God has already provided and for the resources we now have on hand to truly make a difference. I believe the church is called to be a light. While praying for God's hedge of protection is good and necessary, we must be careful not to become reclusive. The church is meant to shine within the community, and we are praying that this warehouse enables us to do just that—not only as a storage space, but as a hub for distribution and ministry.

Just this month alone, we have moved over 30 pallets of products to more than seven organizations. We are not only meeting the needs here locally, but we have also been able to serve organizations stretching from Andrews, North Carolina, to Lenoir, Wilkes County, Boone and down to Charlotte. It is amazing to see how God is using these efforts to enable us the hands and feet of Christ.

We are also continuing our senior adult food box giveaway every third week, as well as meeting needs through our Flock Ministry. Recently, when families were displaced due to the closing of the East Broad Street hotel, we were able to help furnish multiple apartments for those affected.

While food, furniture, and supplies are temporary, the hope we share is eternal. Our prayer is that lives are transformed through the lasting hope found only in Jesus Christ.

If you would like to know more about how to get involved with missions at South River Baptist Church, you are welcome to reach out to Pastor Scott at [scott@southriverbaptist.com](mailto:scott@southriverbaptist.com) or by cell at 980-829-3163.

Pastor Scott

# DEEP & WIDE YOUTH MINISTRY

## Orthopraxy?

Over the past few months in our Wednesday night Bible study, our student ministry has been focused on salvation, how we can **KNOW** whether or not we are truly saved, and if we are, how our lives should reflect that claim. Our journey has taken us through the book of **1 John**, and we are now walking through Sit, Walk, Stand by Watchman Nee, a short but powerful book built on Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Nee reminds us that the Christian life is not complicated, but it is deeply transformative when it is lived as God intended.

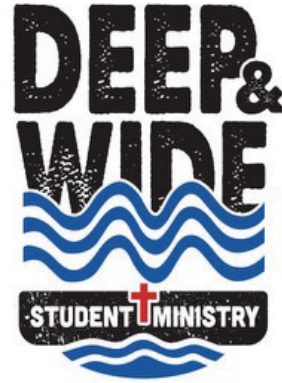
In **Ephesians chapters 1-3**, Paul teaches us what it means to **sit** in Christ. To sit is to rest in the finished work of Jesus. Our salvation is not earned, maintained, or improved by our effort. We are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, because of Christ alone. As Paul explains in Ephesians 2, we were dead in our sin, but God made us alive and seated us with Christ in the heavenly places. This posture of rest is foundational; there is nothing we can do to add to what Christ has already accomplished.

But Paul does not stop there. In **Ephesians 4**, he moves us from sitting to **walking**. Because we are already seated in Christ, we are now called to walk worthy of the vocation we have received. This walk is practical and **visible**. Paul describes a life marked by humility, patience, gentleness, kindness, forgiveness, and love. In other words, belief must lead to behavior. God's Word was never meant to be read only; it was meant to be lived.

Finally, in **Ephesians 6**, Paul calls us to **stand**. Standing reminds us that we live in a real spiritual battle, but we do not stand in our own strength. We stand in the power and victory of Christ, clothed in the armor God provides.

The challenge for our students, and for all of us, is simple but weighty: **Are we merely hearing God's Word, or are we putting it into practice?** May we be a church that rests in Christ, walks faithfully in obedience, and stands firmly in His strength.

Pastor Scott, Deep & Wide Student Ministry



# BIRTHDAYS

## FEBRUARY

- |    |                   |     |                 |
|----|-------------------|-----|-----------------|
| 1  | Bobbie Hayes      | 18  | Sandra Boan     |
| 3  | Matt Estes        |     | Tannice Gladden |
| 4  | Alisha Johnson    |     | Johnny Isenhour |
| 6  | Gwendolyn Estes   | 19  | Lynn Moose      |
|    | Wynston Lyles     | 20  | Colton Wall     |
|    | Ed Runkle         | 23  | Doug Holland    |
| 8  | Timothy Clendenin |     | Bonnie Williams |
|    | Karli Townsell    | 24  | Sonny Hedrick   |
| 9  | Riley Gwinn       | 25  | Sage Jensen     |
| 10 | Luke Baldwin      | 27  | Sheila Hemric   |
|    | Macie Cook        | 28  | Terri Burris    |
|    | Jerry Koch        |     | Caden Dishmond  |
| 11 | Sam Beatty        |     | Elliott Lefever |
| 12 | Grayson Shoemaker |     | JoAnn Wallace   |
| 15 | Tobey Wenzel      |     | Ridge Zittle    |
| 16 | Crystal Moss      | *29 | Rebecca Thorpe  |
| 17 | Will Pence        |     |                 |

# ANNIVERSARIES

## FEBRUARY

- 12 Michael & Karen Lyon

# RIPPLEKIDZ MINISTRY

## Thoughts on Psalm 8

Giving God the glory and praise must be people's primary objective in life. This was our Creator's intention for making us. Indeed, sin would be quite minimal if this were everyone's goal in the first place. And when sin would arise, people would certainly seek to make amends quickly to "bring God glory," and "praise his name" for things being made right.

The only way to do this in authenticity is to recognize him as "our Lord," only the person who is humble enough to address him as Lord will be able to see "how majestic is his name in all the Earth." The proud and heart do not want to see that; they do not even admit there is a God (Psalm 14:1). On the other hand, no one praised the Lord better than Christ. His whole and sole purpose was to praise and glorify His father. I said previously, this must be man's primary objective. No one can exercise his dominion properly as described in the chapter if his first goal is not to praise God in all he does. But what is praise? I keep saying the word, but do we truly understand it? Of course, it can be done with our mouths, but this cannot be all there is to it. Truly, the core part of what the poet writes here in Psalm Eight makes it obvious that the other side of the coin is action. But before we move on to the rest of man's purpose (dominion over creation), we must finish speaking to his doxology.

The praise man gives God comes from consideration of the way God, shall we say, burdens himself with man. True consideration of this should lead to a proper humility in a person's heart. There can be no praise where there is pride. Man must fully recognize and fully accept God's rule and authority over his creation before he can properly exhibit dominion over it himself. If praise does not define man's purpose first, he will rule as a tyrant rather than a trustee. Glorifying God is indeed paramount to man's rule over God's creation.

Privileged to serve,  
Timothy Clendenin  
Children's Associate

# WORSHIP MINISTRY

## RIVER WORSHIP CHOIR

1st AM	Thy Word	PM	Business Meeting
8th AM	We Are Still The Church	PM	Psalm 19: The Heavens Declare
15th AM	Exalted Forever	PM	Psalm 22: Why Have You Forsaken Me?
22nd AM	He Is Our God	PM	Psalm 23

## SPECIAL MUSIC

1st AM	Praise Team	PM	Jimmy Williams
8th AM	Sherwin Johnson	PM	Jerry Long
15th AM	Lydia Thorpe	PM	Salem-Grace Lyles
22nd AM	Southern Gospel River Quartet	PM	Darlene Estes

## 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 MINISTRY



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## The Secret Sisters

Winter Fellowship & Sister's Reveal  
February 20 @ 6:30

Location- Linda Niemann's Home  
Please signup if you plan to attend

If you are interested in participating in  
Secret Sisters, please get a new form  
from the ministry table.

Forms due in the drop box by **MAR 1**

Annual Ladies Brunch

**April 25**

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR

# WINTER Ladies Getaway

Location- Small Town in Central NC  
Signup & information at ministry table.

## Ladies Prayer Groups

Our ladies prayer groups  
will start back in January  
and you are invited to join  
a group and start the  
year off praying  
together!

Please let one of the  
group leaders know if  
you are interested in  
participating in this great  
opportunity for prayer &  
encouragement.

Cathy Mitchell- 704.437.6285  
Robin Stewart- 336.601.5636  
Linda Niemann- 704.437.1793  
Michelle Kilcoyne- 317.363.1587

but grow in the grace and knowledge of  
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Pet 3:18

# SAVE THE DATE



**2026 VBS**  
**MAY 31ST - JUNE 4TH**



## Mark Your Calendars

### March

**7th - Youth Work Day**

**8th - Daylight Savings Time Begins**

**20th - VBS Craft Night**

**27th - Road to Resurrection**

# 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](https://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](mailto: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:  
A Study of 1st Peter**

**with  
Pastor Chris**

**Wednesdays  
@ 7:00 pm**

## JAN-AUG SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES

# The Psalm Journey

Psalm 1 – 1/4	Psalm 69 – 5/10
Psalm 2 – 1/11	Psalm 73 – 5/17
Psalm 8 – 1/18	Psalm 78 – 5/24
Psalm 14 – 1/25	Psalm 84 – 5/31
Psalm 19 – 2/1	Psalm 90 – 6/7
Psalm 22 – 2/8	Psalm 91 – 6/14
Psalm 23 – 2/15	Psalm 96 – 6/21
Psalm 24 – 2/22	Psalm 100 – 6/28
Psalm 27 – 3/1	Psalm 101 – 7/5
Psalm 32 – 3/8	Psalm 103 – 7/12
Psalm 34 – 3/15	Psalm 115 – 7/19
Psalm 37 – 3/22	Psalm 119 – 7/26
Psalm 39 – 3/29	Psalm 121 – 8/2
Psalm 40 – 4/5	Psalm 128 – 8/9
Psalm 42 & 43 – 4/12	Psalm 139 – 8/16
Psalm 46 – 4/19	Psalm 145 – 8/23
Psalm 55 – 4/26	Psalm 147 – 8/30
Psalm 63 – 5/3	

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# 2026

# FEBRUARY

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

GROW at Home Week 17 6:00 pm Business Mtg 1	2	3	6:40 pm GROW Week 17 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 4	5	6	7
5:30 pm GROW Week 18 8	9	10	6:40 pm GROW Week 18 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 8:00 pm Stewardship Mtg 11	12	13	14
5:30 pm GROW Week 19 15	Headwaters - No School 16	3:00 pm Senior Food Boxes 17	6:00 pm RippleKidz Council Mtg 6:40 pm GROW Week 19 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 18	19	20	21
5:30 pm GROW Week 20 22	23	24	6:40 pm GROW Week 20 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 25	6:00 pm Headwaters Fine Arts Festival 26	Headwaters - No School 27	28