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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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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear South River Church Family,

We have marched into a new month full of exciting ministry opportunities and it all begins with some spring cleaning around the church on March 7th. Plan to give an hour or two to help add fresh paint, tidy up our classrooms, and do minor projects around the church. Call Heather in the church office to let us know you can help.

I hope you have refined your theological understandings as we continue through our sermon series on theological essentials for the Christian believer. This is what we can look forward to in March as we study the doctrine of God.

March 1	GOD IS TRIUNE
March 8	GOD'S GREAT ATTRIBUTES
March 15	GOD'S GOOD ATTRIBUTES
March 22	GOD OUR CREATOR
March 29	THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD

This is a wonderful opportunity to invite others to come and discover who are God is and what He is like as we dive into His Word each week. Be intentional to invite someone to join you in worship this month. There is a famine for hearing the Word of God out there.

Let us 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

MARCH 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

MARCH 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

MARCH 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

MARCH 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

MARCH 29TH

8:15 AM Worship

Alisha Johnson
Mary Keever

10:45 AM Worship

Karli Townsell
Molly Townsell

6:00 PM Worship

Gracie Melton
Heather Melton

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

MARCH 4TH

Elizabeth Griffin
Anita Long

MARCH 11TH

Heather Cannon
Donna Lyons

MARCH 18TH

Maritza Anderson
Tara Beatty

MARCH 25TH

Nicky Robertson
Amanda Meadows

GREETERS

MARCH 1ST

8:00 AM

Martha M. - FD
Carole S. - SP

10:30 AM

Bridget M. - FD
Carole B. - SP

MARCH 8TH

8:00 AM

Brenda R. - FD
Bonnie W. - SP

10:30 AM

Kate D. - FD
Abigail K. - SP

MARCH 15TH

8:00 AM

Martha M. - FD
Cindy H. - SP

10:30 AM

Jenna S. - FD
Kimberly S. - SP

MARCH 22ND

8:00 AM

Brenda R. - FD
Sandra B. - SP

10:30 AM

Carole B. - FD
Mary K. - SP

MARCH 29TH

8:00 AM

Bonnie W. - FD
Eli P. - SP

10:30 AM

Abigail K. - FD
Bridget M. - 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

NEW MEMBER

By Statement:

Quinn Shaw - 2/22/2026

2025/26 MINISTRY BUDGET

YTD BUDGET GOALS	\$ 498,875.00
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE	\$ 525,098.31

PASTOR FOR MISSIONS & FAMILIES

Bringing the Good News?

These verses are more than words printed on a T-shirt. They are the heartbeat of who we are.

Paul's questions in Epistle to the Romans 10 are not rhetorical for the church, they are personal. *How will they hear?* The answer is simple: through us. Through willing feet. Through generous hearts. Through faithful prayers. Through a church that understands we are not called merely to gather—but to go.

This past month, during the snow/ice storm that shut much of our area down for several days, schools were out for 9+ days, you lived out Romans 10. Because of your support and the faithfulness of our mission team, we were able to feed nearly **600 students over a two-week period** while school was out. Those meals were more than food; they were reminders that Christ sees, Christ provides, and Christ sends His people.

It is not always overseas. Sometimes it is across town. Sometimes it is packing boxes in our FLC. Sometimes it is delivering plates in the cold. Sometimes it is praying quietly at home.

The gospel still must be shared. Our community still needs Christ. And beautiful feet still require a church willing to send them.

Thank you for praying, giving, serving and sending.

May we never forget, missions is not an event, it is our calling.

Pastor Scott, Pastor for Missions & Families



DEEP & WIDE YOUTH MINISTRY

Putting Off Anger — Living What We Teach

Over the past few weeks in our Deep&Wide student ministries, we have been walking carefully through what God's Word says about salvation and the assurance that a Christian should have, how we should be applying the Word and not just reading it, and this past Wednesday we started a study on the topic of anger. In Colossians 3:8, Paul instructs believers to "put aside anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech." That language is intentional. These attitudes belong to the old man, not the new life we have in Christ.

Regardless of what society says today, as parents, we must remember something sobering and encouraging at the same time: our students are watching how we respond. They are learning from how we handle frustration, conflict, disappointment, and correction. Proverbs 16:32 reminds us that "he who is slow to anger is better than the mighty." Strength in God's eyes is not loud reactions or emotional outbursts, it is Spirit-controlled restraint.

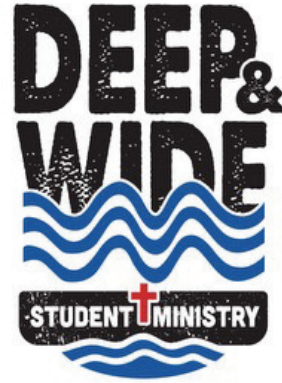
Scripture makes a clear distinction between righteous indignation and sinful anger. Ephesians 4:26 tells us, "Be angry, and yet do not sin," and then warns us not to give the devil an opportunity. Unchecked anger opens doors that should remain closed. Proverbs 25:28 says a person without self-control is like a city without walls, vulnerable and unprotected.

James 1:19 gives us the practical pathway; be quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger. That is not weakness; that is maturity. It is also discipleship in action.

As we teach our students to "put off" anger, we must model what it looks like to entrust justice to the Lord (Romans 12:19), to overlook an offense (Proverbs 19:11), and to respond with gentleness (Proverbs 15:1).

Let's lead the way at home so they see Christ in us.

Pastor Scott, Deep & Wide Student Ministry



BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

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|----|-----------------|----|--------------------|
| 1 | Rikki Ober | 18 | Belle Craver |
| | Elijah Sprinkle | | Joseph Kirkpatrick |
| | Alauna Wilson | | Jaron Wenzel |
| | Shawna Wilson | 19 | Lori Martin |
| 2 | Dorian Peterson | | Stephanie Wilhelm |
| | Benny Pittman | 20 | Frankie Stewart |
| 3 | Matthew Smith | 22 | Katie Gwaltney |
| 5 | Cathy Mitchell | | Myles Johnson |
| 6 | Shane Barnette | 23 | Gracie Melton |
| 7 | Larry Morrison | 24 | Darlene Estes |
| 8 | Linda Moose | | Tiffany Layne |
| | Wesley Sipes | | Joshua Porch |
| 9 | Gene Dellinger | | Elijah Thompson |
| | Crystal Gibson | 25 | Cole Hedrick |
| 10 | Laura Campbell | | Sharon Hobbs |
| 11 | Mary Dellinger | | Genevieve Karr |
| | Kari Dixon | | Dallas Robertson |
| 13 | Livia Hennessey | | Greg Templeton |
| | Chely Mahler | 27 | Carter Hill |
| | Allaine McGee | | Harrison Layne |
| 15 | Brian Boan | 28 | Terry Aiken |
| | Trace Hedrick | | Amanda Johnson |
| | Brandon Lefever | 29 | Linda Bowes |
| | Roy Love | | James Campbell |
| 16 | Hanna Lefever | | Mary Clendenin |
| | Amanda Meadows | | Emily Johnson |
| 17 | Brandon Dismond | 30 | Raelyn Price |
| | Nathan Payne | | Carla Winebarger |

ANNIVERSARIES

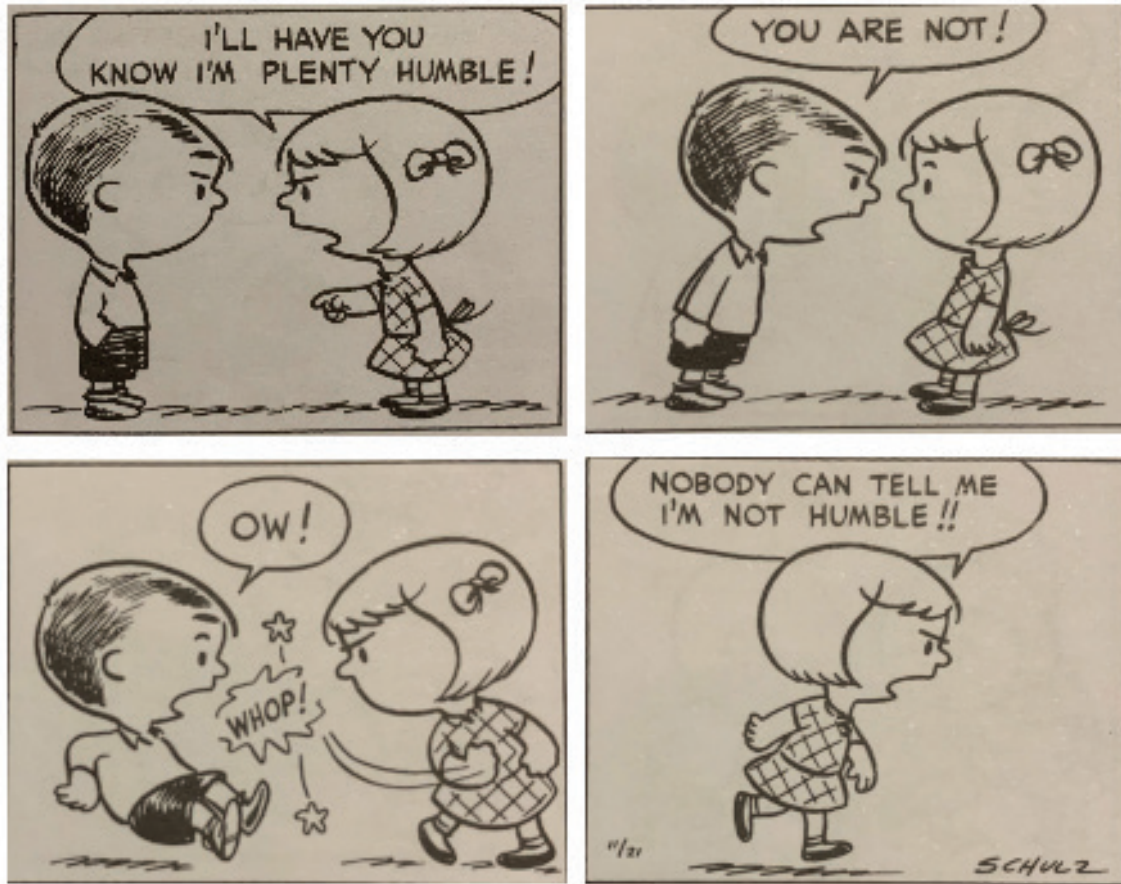
MARCH

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| 7 | Ashley & Lorie Weston |
| 29 | Mark & Beverly Carter |

RIPPLEKIDZ MINISTRY

Let's not let our piety surpass our humility

This is a comic strip from Peanuts in 1950.



Is our humility something people see in us, or do we have to point it out to them? #Peanutstheology

Privileged to serve,

Timothy Clendenin, Children's Associate

WORSHIP MINISTRY

RIVER WORSHIP CHOIR

1st AM My One Comfort

8th AM Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

15th AM How Great Is Your Love

22nd AM Because Of Who You Are

29th AM Where Were You

PM Psalm 27: Whom Shall I Fear?

PM Psalm 32

PM Psalm 34: Taste And See That He Is Good

PM Psalm 37: The Earth, Possess

PM Psalm 39: I Will Guard My Ways

SPECIAL MUSIC

1st AM Lydia Thorpe

8th AM Sherwin Johnson

15th AM Sidney Hedrick

22nd AM Southern Gospel River Quartet

29th AM Jerry Long

PM Jimmy Williams

PM River Choir

PM Belle Craver

PM Aaron Morrison

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 MINISTRY



Mar 2026

Women's Ministry

Spring Newsletter

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
Robin Stewart
Linda Niemann
Michelle Kilcoyne



March 20&21

Information and sign-up sheet located at the Women's Ministry Table

Gather & Getaway

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 15



Jeremiah

Daring to Hope in an Unstable World



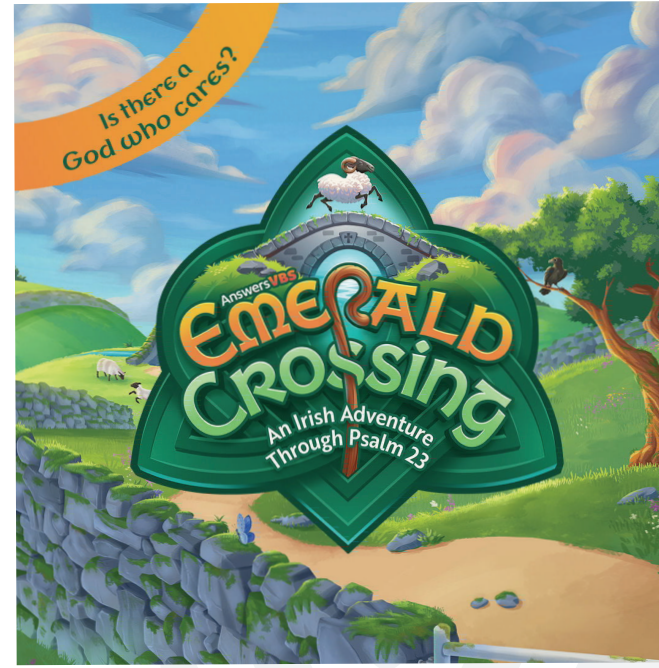
Starting April 1

Annual Ladies Brunch

April 25 @ 10:00

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

April

- 5th - Easter Services (no PM service)
- 12th - Financial Planning (Wills & Estates)
- 19th - GROW Celebration/Derby
- 24th - Youth Night
- 25th - Women's Luncheon

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@southeriverbaptist.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**

2026 SUMMER CAMP

2026
SUMMER CAMP
ONLY
\$150 PER WEEK*
\$40 PER DAY / 2 DAYS MINIMUM
REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!
\$50 REGISTRATION FEE PER FAMILY

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



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

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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MARCH

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

9:30 am RiverWalk 12:00 pm Sunday School Teacher Mtg 3:00 pm GriefShare 5:30 pm GROW Week 21 1	2	3	6:40 pm GROW Week 21 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 4	5	6	Church Wide Spring Cleaning Youth Work Day 7
9:30 am RiverWalk 3:00 pm GriefShare 5:30 pm GROW Week 22 8	Headwaters - No School 9	Headwaters - No School 10	6:40 pm GROW Week 22 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 8:00 pm Stewardship Mtg 11	12	13	14
9:30 am RiverWalk 3:00 pm GriefShare 5:30 pm GROW Week 23 15	16	3:00 pm Senior Food Boxes 17	6:00 pm RippleKidz Council Mtg 6:40 pm GROW Week 23 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 18	19	20	Road to the Resurrection 10:00 am - 2:00 pm 21
9:30 am RiverWalk 3:00 pm GriefShare 5:30 pm GROW Week 24 22	23	24	6:40 pm GROW Week 24 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 25	26	6:00 pm VBS Craft Night 27	Easter for Thousands 28
Lord's Supper 3:00 pm GriefShare 5:30 pm GROW Week 25 29	30	31	6:40 pm GROW Week 25 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting		Headwaters - Easter Break	