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# MAY 2026

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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**

May 2026



HEADWATERS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY  
**PATRIOTS**

## 6th Annual BBQ Fundraiser and Vendor Fair

**Plate includes BBQ Chicken leg quarter,  
slaw, beans, roll and dessert**

**Thursday May 7th, 2026**

**11am until 6pm**

**Family Life Center**

**South River Baptist Church**

**2659 S Chipley Ford Rd, Statesville NC**

**Delivery and Take Out Available**

**Will Deliver for Orders of 8 or more in Statesville area**

**Accepting delivery orders thru Monday, May 4th**

**Call 704-876-4890 or Scan the QR code or use this link for Delivery or  
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**NOW to reserve your plates**

**<https://headwaters-academy.com/bbq/>**

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## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear South River Church Family,

God is so amazing! He continues to shower our church family with His blessings as we faithfully complete the work assigned to us. In our quarterly church meeting, we recounted God's provisions for our educational enrichment ministry and missions endeavors. God has grown Headwaters Christian Academy so quickly and now we have our first graduating class! He has provided a mission's warehouse complete with trucks and trailers, cookers and racking, and every other imaginable resource enabling ministry every day of the week. The latest addition is a 48-foot feeding trailer which can serve thousands of meals a day! We can't even begin to imagine what He is preparing us for to share His Word with the surrounding starving world.

I am encouraged to see how South River has influenced other churches to start schools and establish intentional outreach ministries within their communities in other parts of North Carolina. Thank you for your faithfulness to serve and to become an inspiration for sharing and showing God's grace and goodness. Pray as to how God will lead you and your family to serve in these different areas.

We will continue to flood our region with our Savior's love and change the stereotype of the modern Christian church. Lead your family to see the powerful hand of God work through you and our church family. You will be blessed and rewarded in ways you ever imagined!

Blessings,  
Pastor Chris

Psalm 90:15-16

## PRE-SCHOOL

### SUNDAY SERVICES

#### MAY 3RD

##### 8:15 AM Worship

Savannah Mullins  
Michelle Mullins

##### 10:45 AM Worship

Gracie Melton  
Chely Mahler

##### 6:00 PM Worship

Patsy Burnette  
Cricket Barnette

#### MAY 10TH

##### 8:15 AM Worship

Terry Reid  
Salem-Grace Lyles

##### 10:45 AM Worship

Rebecca Thorpe  
Liz Deal

##### 6:00 PM Worship

Happy Mother's Day  
No PM Services

#### MAY 17TH

##### 8:15 AM Worship

Sharon Hobbs  
Debbie Sloan

##### 10:45 AM Worship

Cheri Horner  
Kari Mankos

##### 6:00 PM Worship

Robin Stewart  
Brenna Pence

#### MAY 27TH

#### MAY 24TH

##### 8:15 AM Worship

Kelly Hill  
Terry Aiken

##### 10:45 AM Worship

April Thompson  
Mary Jo Frye

##### 6:00 PM Worship

No PM Services

#### MAY 31ST

##### 8:15 AM Worship

Alisha Johnson  
Mary Keever

##### 10:45 AM Worship

Melanie Townsell  
Amelia Fox

##### 6:00 PM Worship

No PM Services

### WEDNESDAY SERVICES

#### MAY 6TH

Anita Long  
Elizabeth Griffin

#### MAY 13TH

Maritza Anderson  
Donna Lyons

#### MAY 20TH

Heather Cannon  
Amanda Meadows

#### MAY 27TH

Tara Beatty  
Nicky Robertson

## GREETERS

#### MAY 3RD

##### 8:00 AM

Martha M. - FD  
Carole S. - SP

##### 10:30 AM

Kimberly S. - FD  
Carole B. - SP

#### MAY 10TH

##### 8:00 AM

Eli P. - FD  
Bonnie W. - SP

##### 10:30 AM

Kate D. - SP  
Jenna S. - FD

#### MAY 17TH

##### 8:00 AM

Brenda R. - FD  
Sandra B. - SP

##### 10:30 AM

Mary K. - SP  
Bridget M. - FD

#### MAY 24TH

##### 8:00 AM

Martha M. - FD  
Cindy H. - SP

##### 10:30 AM

Abigail K. - SP  
Jenna S. - FD

#### MAY 31ST

##### 8:00 AM

Sandra B. - FD  
Eli P. - SP

##### 10:30 AM

Mary K. - FD  
Bridget M. - SP

## GRIEF SHARE MINISTRY

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



## NEW MEMBER

By Baptism:

Peyton Johnson

Lauren Johnson

Grayson Stewart

## 2025/26 MINISTRY BUDGET

YTD BUDGET GOALS	\$ 678,470.00
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE	\$ 716,647.08

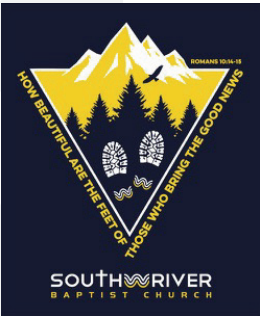
## PASTOR FOR MISSIONS & FAMILIES

### God Provides as He Opens Doors

As we continue from our last newsletter, we are reminded once again that **God is our great Provider**, not only meeting needs, but opening doors for His work to move forward. *“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want”* (Psalm 23:1). What a comfort it is to know that everything we need, for life and ministry, is found in Him.

### It was a great time to gather for our recent **Warehouse Dedication**

following the business meeting. It was encouraging to see firsthand how God has provided the resources, people, and opportunities to expand our ability to serve others in His name, not just in our community, but beyond. As we step into these opportunities, we are actively living out the command of Acts 1:8, being witnesses both near and far for the glory of God.



And the doors continue to open. In the days ahead, we will see the **Mobile Kitchen** rolling, we will be serving in schools, partnering with local organizations, and engaging in outreach efforts where we can share both food and the message of hope found in Christ. Each opportunity is a reminder that God's provision is not just about what He gives, but how He uses what He gives for His purposes.

As Scripture says, *“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.”* Ephesians 3:20-21

Thank you for being a church that trusts the Lord and faithfully walks through every door He opens.

Pastor Scott, Pastor for Missions & Families

# DEEP & WIDE YOUTH MINISTRY

## Deep & Wide Student Ministry Newsletter

We are currently walking through a 6-week study based on Ronnie Rogers book *“If Only You Would Ask”*, focusing on the role and reality of prayer in the life of a believer. Each week we challenge our students to think biblically and personally about what it means to truly seek the Lord:

- Week 1: Does God Even Want You to Ask? (Matthew 7:7-8)
- Week 2: The “If” Factor (2 Chronicles 7:14)
- Week 3: Does God Really Change His Mind? (Exodus 32:14)
- Week 4: Praying with Confidence (Hebrews 4:16)
- Week 5: When God Says Wait—or No (2 Corinthians 12:8-9)
- Week 6: A Life of Prayer (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Our aim is simple: that our students wouldn’t just learn about prayer but become people who faithfully practice it.

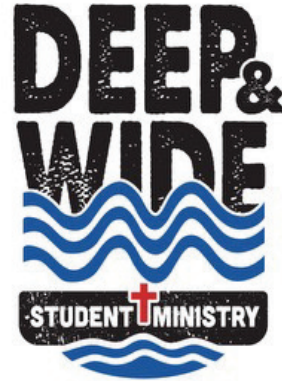
Don’t forget, **we gather every Wednesday night at 6:00 PM for a meal**, followed by fellowship and discipleship. If you haven’t been joining us, we would love to have you come be a part of what God is doing.

We also recently enjoyed a great outing with around 40 students and leaders at a Winston-Salem Dash game. These moments outside the church help build meaningful relationships and strengthen our ministry.

As summer approaches, we’re excited to once again launch **Super Summer Thursdays** starting **June 11**, beginning with a tubing trip to Zaloo’s Canoes. It’s going to be a great season of connection, growth, and fun.

Let’s continue to grow Deep in the Word and reach Wide with the love of Christ.

Pastor Scott, Pastor for Missions & Families



# BIRTHDAYS

## MAY

- |    |                   |    |                   |
|----|-------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1  | Ethan Holland     | 17 | Todd Benfield     |
|    | Johnny Martin     |    | Jordan McGahan    |
|    | Noah Sherrill     |    | Cadence Wenzel    |
| 2  | Paxton Cook       |    | Emmett Wilhelm    |
|    | Harold Harmon     |    | Nan Woollard      |
|    | Stephen Hobbs     | 18 | Jenna Sherrill    |
| 3  | Addison Fox       |    | Jeff Winebarger   |
| 4  | Kim Williams      | 21 | Hunter Williams   |
| 5  | Mary Keever       | 23 | Vickie Jenkins    |
|    | Jen Wall          |    | Donnie Niemann    |
| 6  | Debbie Sloan      | 24 | Avery Colvert     |
|    | Tamatha Stewart   |    | Addison Goforth   |
|    | Lorie Weston      |    | Sidney Hedrick    |
| 7  | Scott W. Townsell | 26 | Eric Barnes       |
| 8  | Patricia Johnson  |    | Isabella Dishmond |
| 9  | Cierra Bradford   | 27 | Rocky Martin      |
|    | Madison Johnson   | 28 | Eric Dixon        |
| 10 | Nicky Robertson   |    | Amanda Hennessey  |
| 11 | Camila Chege      |    | Micah Kilcoyne    |
| 14 | Cheryl Wenzel     | 29 | Jerry Long, Sr.   |
| 16 | Jonna Bentley     |    | Collin Mersfelder |
|    | Stacy Johnson     | 30 | Rick Baumberger   |
|    | Ty Smith          |    | Jonathan Thompson |

# ANNIVERSARIES

## MAY

- |    |                            |
|----|----------------------------|
| 1  | John & Dawn Waugh          |
| 3  | James & Heather Melton     |
| 6  | Steve & Tannice Gladden    |
|    | Lloyd & Patricia Johnson   |
| 9  | Garrett & Cierra Bradford  |
|    | Robert & Vicki Miller      |
| 10 | Danny & Elizabeth Griffin  |
| 12 | Raymond & Patsy Burnette   |
| 13 | Steve & Carol Barringer    |
| 14 | Joe & Danielle Moody       |
| 15 | Brandon & Chrissy Dishmond |
| 18 | Jamin & Rebecca Thorpe     |
| 19 | Matt & Christy Estes       |
| 21 | Adam & Bridget Merritt     |
| 22 | Justin & Stephanie Johnson |
| 24 | Addison & Amelia Fox       |
|    | Steve & Karen Warricks     |
| 25 | Scott & Tammy Carter       |
|    | Jacob & Liz Deal           |
| 27 | Bryan & Kimberly Shoemaker |
| 28 | David & Crystal Johns      |
|    | Ty & Shonna Smith          |
| 29 | Tom & Althea Moore         |
| 30 | Andrew & Mary Clendenin    |
| 31 | Patrick & Riley Gwinn      |

# RIPPLEKIDZ MINISTRY

## God's Love and Patience

1 Corinthians 13 says Love is patient. What are we to take this to mean? Love waits? Love doesn't rush? That is certainly true. I think we can imagine this is true of the man who waits for the woman he seeks to marry, who may not be quite ready to take that step; there must be a certain patience there. We hopefully see this to be true in relational conflict as well. Here is the cool part I learned as I am studying this passage.

The Greek word used for love in this passage is *agapē*. Literally meaning, "God's love," if you recall from earlier. Now what I find interesting is the Greek word used here for patient, *makrothymēō*. It is a compound of the words (*makros*) meaning "long," and (*thumos*) meaning "temper," thus, it literally means "Long-tempered" as opposed to "Short-tempered." Upon examination, we find this exact Greek word used in Galatians 5 when we are told the fruit of the Holy Spirit is *patience*. Here is another interesting thing: there is one other Greek word for patience, but it is never used in reference to God. Every time the Lord's patience or longsuffering is mentioned, it is always the word *makrothymēō*. Why? Because similar to agape it clearly points to the way God displays these characteristics.

For us, it's not just sitting and twiddling your thumbs, but actively waiting and responding to situations as God does. The only way people could be persecuted like the early church was, and respond patiently as Christ did, was because of the patience the Holy Spirit produced in them, just as one example. So, what I would like to put forth is this: The same way agape refers to God's love, is the way *makrothymēō* refers to God's patience. *Agapē* is *makrothymēō* if you will. Thus, when we put them together in English, we could render this phrase, "God's love reveals God's patience."

Privileged to Serve,

Timothy Clendenin, Children's Associate

# WORSHIP MINISTRY

## RIVER WORSHIP CHOIR

3rd AM Friend In Jesus  
10th AM A Christian Home  
17th AM Make Your Praise Glorious  
24th AM If You Ever  
31st AM I'm So Blessed

PM Psalm 63  
PM No PM Services (Mother's Day)  
PM Psalm 73  
PM No PM Services (Memorial Day)  
PM VBS Begins

## SPECIAL MUSIC

3rd AM Sherwin Johnson  
10th AM Jerry Long  
17th AM Praise Team  
24th AM Sidney Hedrick  
31st AM Southern Gospel Quartet

PM Jimmy Williams  
PM No PM Services (Mother's Day)  
PM Anita Long  
PM No PM Services (Memorial Day)  
PM VBS Begins

## 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 SCHEDULE



## GROW Schedule

GROW Kids

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

GROW Adults: Women's Bible Study

Jeremiah: Daring to Hope

in An Unstable World

By: Melissa Spoelstra

Wednesdays thru May 20th

Cost is \$12

# VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN



2026 VBS

MAY 31ST - JUNE 4TH

(SCAN TO REGISTER)



## Mark Your Calendars

### June

May 31st to Jun 4th - VBS

8th - Summer Camps Begin

11th - Super Summer Thursdays Begin (Youth)

21st - Father's Day (NO PM Services)

# 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@southerbaptist.com](mailto:kim@southerbaptist.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**

**\$150 PER WEEK\***

**\$40 PER DAY / 2 DAYS MINIMUM**

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

\*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!**

**SOUTH RIVER**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

# 2026

# MAY

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						Men's Sportsman Day
3:00 pm GriefShare 5:30 pm GROW <b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	6:40 pm GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study <b>6</b>	Headwaters BBQ <b>7</b>	Headwaters Teacher Work Day <b>1</b> <b>8</b>	<b>2</b> <b>9</b>
Child Dedication 2nd Service Mother's Day NO PM Services <b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	6:00 pm Aura Philharmonic Concert <b>12</b>	6:40 pm GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study 8:00 pm Stewardship Mtg <b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	6:00 pm VBS Craft Night <b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
VBS Volunteer Workshop after 2nd Service 5:30 pm GROW <b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	3:00 pm Senior Food Boxes <b>19</b>	6:00 pm RippleKidz Council Mtg 6:40 pm GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study <b>20</b>	HCA Last Day of School Dismiss at 11:30 am <b>21</b>	11:00 am HCA Graduation <b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 24th Graduation Sunday in 2nd Service NO PM Services 31st VBS Begins <b>31</b>	Church Office Closed <b>25</b>	VBS Prep <b>26</b>	VBS Prep 6:40 pm GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting <b>27</b>	VBS Prep <b>28</b>	VBS Prep <b>29</b>	VBS Prep <b>30</b>