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AUGUST 2026

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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 2026

SPORTSMANS DAY

MENS EVENT

SATURDAY SEP 19 / 2-7PM

HIX HIDEAWAY

353 TATUM ROAD, OLIN, NC

SCHEDULE

1:30-2pm Check In
2-5pm Target Shooting Competition
5-6pm Testimony, Worship & Guest Speaker
6-7pm BBQ Chicken Dinner

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear South River Church Family,

Summer is almost over and there is incredible excitement as we head into August and a new year of ministry at South River. I want to share the reason for that excitement with those unable to attend the annual ministry meeting (otherwise known as business meeting). There were several reports about our ongoing ministries. A new annual budget was also approved which will invest strategically in ministries throughout our community and nation. Hundreds of members were nominated to serve in vital ministries.

We welcome Pastor Michael Copeland and his bride Lexi to South River in August. We look forward to building an incredible biblical counseling ministry here at South River. That will include you because we want to equip our members to take God’s Word and apply it directly in the lives of neighbors, friends, coworkers, and their own family.

These are truly exciting days to be serving the Lord at South River. I want to encourage everyone to find your place of ministry and begin making a splash! Life is too short to merely go with the flow. Make your life count for our Lord and the gospel. You will never regret it.

Blessings,
Pastor Chris

PRE-SCHOOL

GREETERS

SUNDAY SERVICES

AUGUST 2ND

8:15 AM Worship

Michelle Mullins
Savannah Mullins

10:45 AM Worship

Gracie Melton
Chely Mahler

6:00 PM Worship

Cricket Barnette
Patsy Burnette

AUGUST 9TH

8:15 AM Worship

Debbie Sloan
Mary Jo Frye

10:45 AM Worship

Rebecca Thorpe
Keri Mankos

6:00 PM Worship

Robin Stewart
Brenna Pence

AUGUST 16TH

8:15 AM Worship

Sharon Hobbs
Terry Aiken

10:45 AM Worship

Cheri Horner
Salem-Grace Lyles

6:00 PM Worship

Cyndi Cook
Mary Jo Frye

AUGUST 23RD

8:15 AM Worship

Terry Reid
Kelly Hill

10:45 AM Worship

Amelia Fox
Melanie Townsell

6:00 PM Worship

Worship Night
(no nursery)

AUGUST 30TH

8:15 AM Worship

Alisha Johnson
Mary Keever

10:45 AM Worship

April Thompson
Heather Melton

6:00 PM Worship

Gracie Melton
Heather Melton

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

AUGUST 5TH

Anita Long
Elizabeth Griffin

AUGUST 12TH

Donna Lyons
Maritza Anderson

AUGUST 19TH

Amanda Meadows
Tara Beatty

AUGUST 26TH

Brenna Pence
Heather Melton

AUGUST 2ND

8:00 AM

Martha M. - SP
Carol S. - FD

10:30 AM

Jenna S. - SP
Carol B. - FD

AUGUST 9TH

8:00 AM

Bonnie W. - FD
Brenda R. - SP

10:30 AM

Bridget M. - FD
Kimberly S. - SP

AUGUST 16TH

8:00 AM

Eli P. - SP
Sandra B. - FD

10:30 AM

Mary K. - SP
Abigail K. - FD

AUGUST 23RD

8:00 AM

Kate D. - SP
Cindy H. - FD

10:30 AM

Abigail K. - SP
Jenna S. - FD

AUGUST 30TH

8:00 AM

Martha M. - FD
Sandra B. - SP

10:30 AM

Kimberly S. - SP
Mary K. - FD

GRIEF SHARE MINISTRY

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



SOUTH RIVER PODCASTS

By Baptism:
Bryce Goodman

2025/26 MINISTRY BUDGET

YTD BUDGET GOALS	\$ 937,855.00
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE	\$ 970,233.76

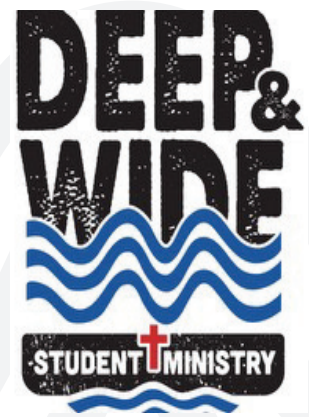
PASTOR FOR MISSIONS & FAMILIES

On Sabbatical



Continue to pray for renewal, rest and
fresh vision for Pastor Scott.

On Sabbatical



Continue to pray for renewal, rest and fresh vision for Pastor Scott.

AUGUST

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

AUGUST

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| 1 Chris & April Thompson |
| 2 Nelson & Cyndi Cook |
| 3 Mike & Bobbi 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 |
| Jim & Kim Williams |
| 30 Eric & Crystal Barnes |
| Alton & Hilda Cook |
| Wayne & Jenny Mason |
| Jaron & Cailee Wenzel |

RIPPLEKIDZ MINISTRY

Technically speaking

Technology is both a blessing and a curse. I look around at restaurants, in the park, even sometimes in my own living room, and I find screens very present with us. Technology has been beneficial in many ways. We're able to communicate with people that we are unable to see in person. Thanks to FaceTime. We're able to message people across the world with a few touches of our thumbs, and we're able to keep up-to-date with those around us Through the means of social media.

But technology also has its problems. All of us can relate to the frustration of our phones, not working as quickly as they should or perhaps not getting the signal that we need at the moment we need it. But for me, the danger with technology is something Pastor Chris touched on one sermon last month. He called it "The Digital Age and Disembodiment." In short, screens and digital means have come in between those we love. It causes anxiety and enables us to forfeit the incredible opportunity of personal connection. Screens cause us to take our eyes off those standing right in front of us to send a text message to somebody who is 100 miles away. They provide us the opportunity to take in information from someone we have never met all while leaving the council of a dear friend on the table. It seems that these things ought not to be this way.

I was shocked as I watched Toy Story 5 to see this technological invasion portrayed in a kids movie. It shows the damage that technology does to interpersonal relationships, of course on a kid level and from a toys perspective but the problem is very real on a worldwide scale. I don't often encourage people to watch Disney movies for obvious reasons, but I think Toy Story 5 is one that families should see.

Tech is both a blessing and a curse. But let's not let the blessing become a curse. Staying connected can be found with those right in front of you. Let's be intentional in this upcoming school year to make time for face to face conversations with those we hold dearest.

Privileged to serve,
Timothy Clendenin, Children's Associate

WORSHIP MINISTRY

RIVER WORSHIP CHOIR

2nd AM	The Son of God Goes Forth To War	PM	Psalm 121
9th AM	The God I Serve	PM	Psalm 128
16th AM	I Got Saved	PM	Psalm 139
23rd AM	Wonderful Grace Of Jesus	PM	Psalm 145
30th AM	Christ The True And Better	PM	Psalm 147

SPECIAL MUSIC

2nd AM	Sherwin Johnson	PM	Jimmy Williams
9th AM	Lydia Thorpe	PM	Sidney Hedrick
16th AM	Darlene Estes	PM	Salem-Grace Lyles
23rd AM	Taylor Hedrick	PM	Evening of Worship
30th AM	South River Quartet	PM	SATB Quartet

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 Year 4
Begins September 13th



NEW MEMBER CLASS



**Mark Your
Calendars**

September

4th - Youth Pork Butt Pick Up 3-6pm
13th - GROW Year 4 Begins
19th - Men's Sportman Event

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@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:
Sweet Hour of Prayer
Principles to Grow in Our
Fellowship with God Through
Prayer
with
Pastor Chris

Wednesdays@ 7:00 pm

YOUTH FUNDRAISER FOR CAMP

PORK BUTT BBQ SALE!

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\$40 EACH

DEADLINE TO ORDER IS AUGUST 30TH

Order NOW from a Youth Student
Available as a whole butt or by the pound and don't forget the sauce!

FULLY COOKED & READY TO ENJOY!

PREMIUM QUALITY

2026

AUGUST

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

9:30 AM River Walk

5:45 pm GROW

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8:00 am Headwaters
Teacher Training 1/2 day

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6:40 pm GROW
7:00 pm Prayer Meeting

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6:00 pm Headwaters New
Family Orientation

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8:00 a, Headwaters
Teacher Training

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8th Feeding in Todd, NC

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9:30 AM River Walk

5:45 pm GROW

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3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Headwaters Drop in
Open House

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Headwaters 1st Day of School

6:40 pm GROW
7:00 pm Prayer Meeting
8:00 pm Stewardship
Mtg

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Sunday School
Promotion Sunday

5:45 pm GROW

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3:00 pm Senior Food Boxes

11:00 Headwaters Chapel

6:40 pm GROW
7:00 pm Prayer Meeting

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12:00 PM Sunday School
Teacher Training

6:00 PM Evening of
Worship

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6:40 pm GROW
7:00 pm Prayer Meeting

5:45 pm GROW

Youth BBQ Sale
Deadline

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