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OUR CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Chris Thompson, Senior Pastor
Rev. Scott Townsell, Pastor for Missions & Families
Rev. Tony Craver, Church Administrator
Dr. Alton Cook, Pastor for Congregational Health
Timothy Clendenin, Children's Ministry Associate
Wynston Lyles, Worship Ministry Associate
Kim Williams, IT Support & Headwaters Administrator
Heather Melton, Ministry Assistant
Carole Ireland, Financial Secretary

EACH SUNDAY

704-876-1520	8:15 AM	Morning Worship
980-829-3163	9:30 AM	Sunday School
704-397-6965	10:45 AM	Morning Worship
336-707-2886	5:45 PM	GROW Students/Kids
704-928-9882	6:00 PM	Evening Worship

EACH WEDNESDAY

704-881-1459	6:40 PM	GROW Students/Kids
704-876-1520	7:00 PM	Prayer Service/GROW
704-876-1520		

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CURRENTS

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THE RIVER STILL FLOWS



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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear South River Church Family,

With summer in full swing, you will not want to miss some exciting and inspiring moments in the life of our church. There are 3 major events in July that affect our church family.

First up is the **Call to A Solemn Assembly and Patriotic Celebration of Faith and Freedom on July 5th**. There were times in the life of the people of Israel when God’s prophets called for a solemn assembly (Joel 1:14; 2:15–16). The nation’s condition was so dire and God’s people so desperate for God to intervene. As God’s people, we must get our hearts and lives right with Him if we expect Him to move in our nation.

Following five days of prayerfully seeking God’s face as a church, we will gather for a specific time of prayer and calling out to God for repentance, revival, and renewal. On Sunday July 5, our 8:15 am service will be a **Solemn Assembly** where our church leadership will lead us in times of prayer. Sunday School will follow at 9:30 am and our **Patriotic Worship Celebration at 10:45 am**. We will all gather in the FLC at noon for a fellowship meal.

Second, we will have a **Special Called Business Meeting on July 12** to vote on a **Pastor for Families and Biblical Counseling**. You will be able to meet our candidate on July 11 for a Q and A session. Then at the conclusion of both services, we will vote to call him to serve at South River.

Finally, mark **July 26** for our annual Church Ministry Meeting to discuss the upcoming year of ministry, our budget, and affirming all those who will serve in various capacities. This is going to be an exciting year in the life of our church family.

Blessings,
Pastor Chris

PRE-SCHOOL

SUNDAY SERVICES

JULY 5TH

8:15 AM Worship

Michelle Mullins
Savannah Mullins

10:45 AM Worship

Gracie Melton
Liz Deal

6:00 PM Worship

NO PM Services

JULY 12TH

8:15 AM Worship

Debbie Sloan
Terry Reid

10:45 AM Worship

Rebecca Thorpe
Keri Mankos

6:00 PM Worship

Cyndi Cook
Brenna Pence

JULY 19TH

8:15 AM Worship

Sharon Hobbs
Mary Jo Frye

10:45 AM Worship

Cheri Horner
Chely Mahler

6:00 PM Worship

Robin Stewart
Salem Grace Lyles

JULY 26TH

8:15 AM Worship

Terry Aiken
Kelly Hill

10:45 AM Worship

Amelia Fox
April Thompson

6:00 PM Worship

Gracie Melton
Heather Melton

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

JULY 1ST

Anita Long
Elizabeth Griffin

JULY 8TH

NO PM Services

JULY 15TH

Amanda Meadows
Donna Lyons

JULY 22ND

Tara Beatty
Heather Melton

JULY 29TH

Maritza Anderson
Nicky Robertson

GREETERS

JULY 5TH

8:00 AM

Martha M. - FD
Carol S. - SP

10:30 AM

Kimberly S. - FD
Carol B. - SP

JULY 12TH

8:00 AM

Eli P. - FD
Bonnie W. - SP

10:30 AM

Bridget M. - SP
Jenna S. - FD

JULY 19TH

8:00 AM

Brenda R. - FD
Sandra B. - SP

10:30 AM

Mary K. - FD
Abigail K. - SP

JULY 26TH

8:00 AM

Bonnie W. - FD
Cindy H. - SP

10:30 AM

Carol B. - SP
Kate D. - FD

GRIEF SHARE MINISTRY

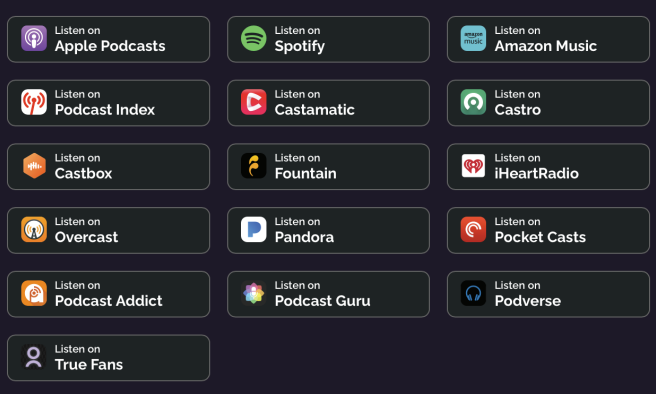
Please contact Steve Jenkins
at (980) 263-4134 for more
information about next
GriefShare Class



SOUTH RIVER PODCASTS

The following podcasts are available on the platforms
pictured below:

- 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	\$ 858,065.00
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE	\$ 893,804.44

PASTOR FOR MISSIONS & FAMILIES

Missions Ministry Update

The Lord continues to open incredible doors for South River Missions, and we are grateful to see Him using our church to serve both our community and those beyond. Over the coming weeks, our missions team will have several opportunities to be the hands and feet of Christ through food ministry and community outreach.

On **July 1**, we will be cooking chicken for a ministry event, with our ministry partners picking up the food for distribution.

On **July 29**, we'll be serving at Lowe's Pro Day, providing meals while building relationships and sharing the hope of the Gospel with our community.

As we move through the summer, preparations continue for additional outreach opportunities, including local events, community partnerships, and disaster relief efforts as needs arise. None of this would be possible without faithful volunteers who are willing to serve.

Thank you to everyone who has invested their time, energy, and prayers into this ministry. Your willingness to serve is making an eternal impact.

If you would like to help with any upcoming events, please contact me at **980-829-3163**. We would love to have you join us as we continue to share the love of Christ through practical acts of service.

Pastor Scott



DEEP & WIDE YOUTH MINISTRY

Deep & Wide Student Ministry Update

What an incredible summer the Lord has already given us in Deep & Wide Student Ministry! We are thankful for all He has done and excited for what is still to come.

Vacation Bible School was a tremendous week as our students walked through **Psalm 23**, discovering that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who faithfully leads, provides, protects, and pursues His people. It was a joy to watch students engage with God's Word and be reminded that our greatest need is not simply guidance, but a Shepherd who knows us by name.

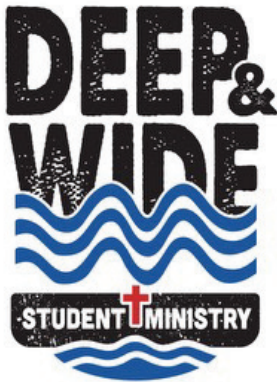
Our **Super Summer Thursdays** have also been a tremendous blessing. Whether floating down the river, enjoying God's creation, or simply spending time together, these outings have provided opportunities for students to build Christ-centered friendships and strengthen the fellowship within our ministry. We are especially grateful to the faithful volunteers and parents who have invested their time in making these trips possible. Your willingness to serve allows our students to experience both fun and meaningful discipleship.

As we look ahead, we are excited to travel to **Snowbird Wilderness Outfitters on July 6–11**. This week is always a highlight of the summer as students are challenged through biblical teaching, worship, and intentional discipleship. We ask our church family to join us in praying that every student would have a heart ready to receive God's Word, grow in their faith, and return home with a deeper desire to know and follow Christ.

This summer, our Sunday evening study has focused on biblical reconciliation and forgiveness through the book of **Philemon**, learning that the Spirit of God gives believers the strength to forgive as Christ has forgiven us. On Wednesday nights, we've been studying prayer—not only how to pray, but why we pray—while encouraging our students to develop a daily habit of spending time in God's Word. They are even holding one another accountable to remain faithful in their personal Bible reading.

Please continue praying for Deep & Wide Student Ministry as we seek to **grow deep in God's Word and reach wide with His love**.

Pastor Scott



BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

JULY

- | | | | |
|----|-------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1 | Teresa Campbell | 15 | Stewart Hedgepeth |
| | Henley Wilhelm | 17 | Morgan Cook |
| 3 | Cathy Johnson | 19 | Gabe Dishmond |
| | Abigail Waugh | 20 | Renee Holland |
| 5 | Garrett Bradford | 21 | Skyleigh Mullins |
| | Vance Colvert | 22 | April Thompson |
| | Craig Grant | 23 | Paxton Mills |
| 7 | Cindy Holloway | 24 | David Hayes |
| 8 | Almedia Campbell | | Lyndsey Johnson |
| | Benjamin Prevette | 27 | Ken Johnson |
| | Natalie Schriner | 28 | Gregory Coulombe |
| 9 | Tim Burris | | Wyatt Jensen |
| 11 | Mattox Johnson | | Curtis Ribelin |
| | Wayne Mason | 30 | Fred Bradburn |
| 12 | J.J. Faulk | | Chrissy Dishmond |
| 13 | Natalie Karr | | Brenna Pence |
| | Anthony Smith | 31 | Craig Morrison |
| 14 | Mike Hayes | | |
| | Noah Winebarger | | |

JULY

- | | |
|----|--------------------------|
| 1 | John & John Gallina |
| 3 | Jeff & Carla Winebarger |
| 4 | Scott & Tammy MacLean |
| 14 | Josh & Michelle Kilcoyne |
| 15 | Danny & Donna Williams |
| | Daryl & Kristen Martin |
| 19 | Donnie & Linda Niemann |
| 30 | Steve & Vickie Jenkins |

RIPPLEKIDZ MINISTRY

Why We Do What We Do

During the first 3 weeks of summer camp we have been privileged to see 3 children make professions of faith in Christ!

3 children have a different Eternal destiny than when they entered camp. That not only affects the children's life, but it also affects those families.

I don't say that to talk about what South River has done, but what the Lord has done. And to remind us of the part we play in God's plan. It's these types of things that keep us going on the hard days and remind us the reason we do what we do even when it seems like our efforts are not making a difference.

We've all been gifted by God in some way. Let's use those gifts for the betterment of his kingdom 1 Cor 12 .

Privileged to Serve,

Timothy Clendenin, Children's Associate

WORSHIP MINISTRY

RIVER WORSHIP CHOIR

5th AM Sins Are Gone Forever

12th AM I Will Always Sing Of The Cross

19th AM At The Name Of Jesus

26th AM How Great Is Your Love

PM No PM Services

PM Psalm 103 (Praise My Soul The King Of Heaven)

PM He Is Our God

PM No Choir (Business Mtg)

SPECIAL MUSIC

5th AM Sherwin Johnson

12th AM Jerry Long

19th AM South River Quartet

26th AM Sidney Hedrick

PM No PM Services

PM Jimmy Williams

PM Taylor Hedrick

PM South River 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

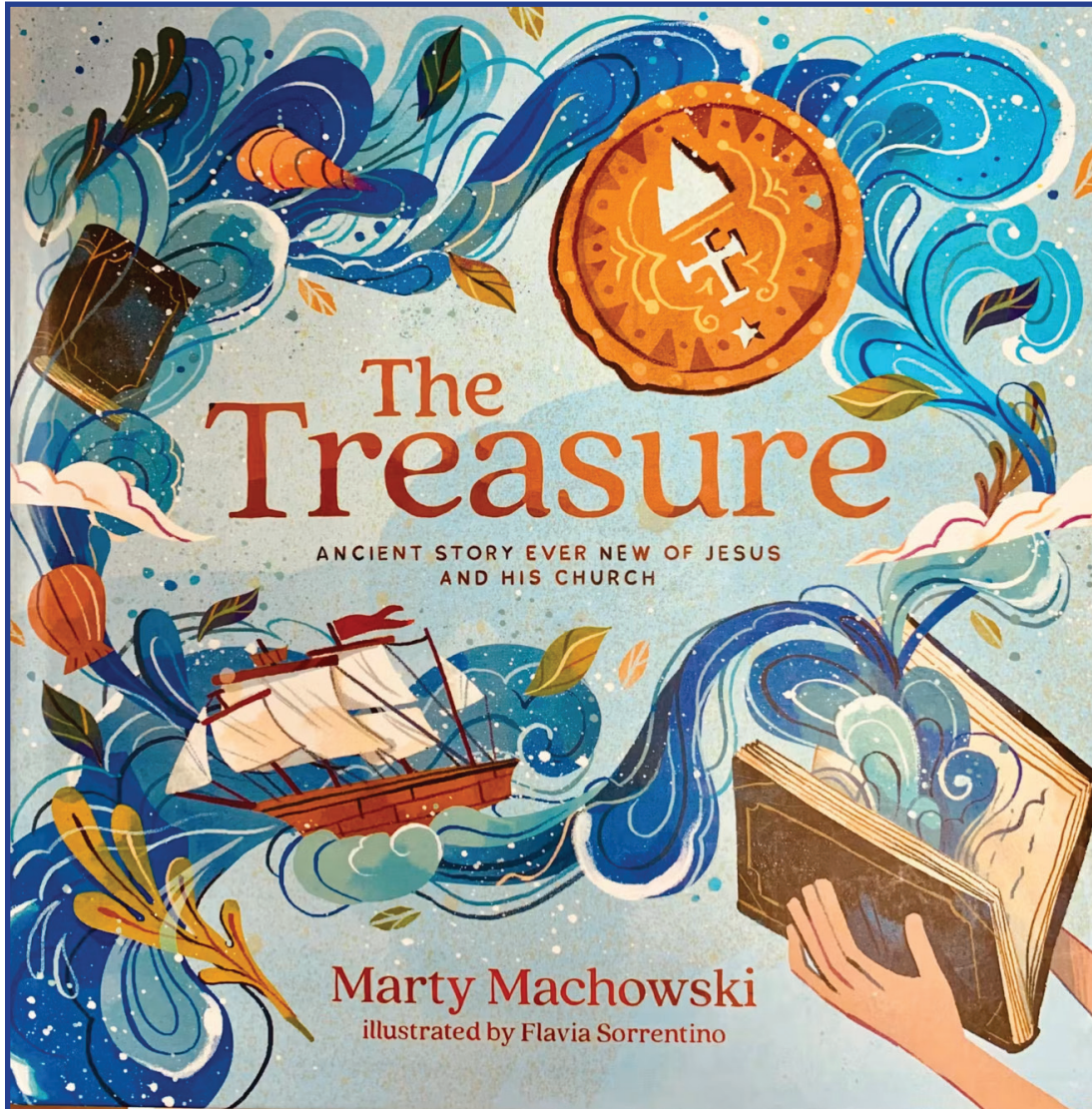
7am - 6pm Contemporary & Gospel Mix

6pm - 9pm Gospel

9pm - 12am Contemporary Christian



GROW SCHEDULE



Join Us Throughout The
Summer As We Seek
For The Treasure



NEW MEMBER CLASS & SPECIAL EVENT



*Activities Weather Permitting. Subject to change



Mark Your Calendars

August

12th - Headwaters School Starts
16th - SS Promotion Sunday
23rd - SS Teacher Training

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

2026 SUMMER CAMP

SUMMER CAMP



REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!

\$50 REGISTRATION FEE PER FAMILY

ONLY

\$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

2026

JULY

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

			Summer Camp Week 4 Water 6:40 pm GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting			Happy 250th Birthday America
			1	2	3	4
Patriot Day Services 8:15 AM Solemn Assembly 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Worship Service No PM Services	No Summer Camp Youth @ SWO all week		No Services or Activities			Call Weekend
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Call Weekend Special Business Mtg after each morning service 5:45 pm GROW	Summer Camp Week 5 Star Wars		6:40 pm GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting	Super Summer Thursday Youth		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:30 AM River Walk 5:45 pm GROW	Summer Camp Week 6 Christmas	3:00 pm Senior Food Boxes	6:40 pm GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting			10:00 AM Kites & Sprite
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:30 AM River Walk 6:00 PM Annual Business Mtg	Summer Camp Week 7 Games		6:40 pm GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting			
26	27	28	29	30	31	