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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 Family,

We shouldn't limit ourselves to one day to express our gratitude for God's abundant provisions. Over the past year we have witnessed God do amazing things in and though our church family. I rejoice when I consider all the weekly ministries and faithful members inviting our community to taste and see that the Lord is good. We continue to bear witness to the power of the gospel to change lives. We have so much to be grateful for at South River.

If you are interested in showing and sharing the goodness of God to others, then consider serving on **November 7th** as we participate in Pumpkinfest in downtown Statesville. Once again, we will have a booth to share about what God is doing in our lives and at South River.

Join us in the evening service for our annual Thanksgiving dinner on **November 22nd.** This will be a sweet time for the church family to gather and share our gratefulness to our Savior for His blessings and sacrifice. After our dinner fellowship we will gather for a Christan bluegrass concert in the sanctuary.

With lips giving thanks,

Pastor Chris

Hebrews 13:15

PRE-SCHOOL

SUNDAY SERVICES

NOVEMBER 1ST
8:15 AM Worship
Michelle Mullins
Savannah Mullins
10:45 AM Worship
Gracie Melton
Chely Mahler
6:00 PM Worship
Cricket Barnette
Patsy Burnette

NOVEMBER 8TH
8:15 AM Worship
Debbie Sloan
Terry Aiken
10:45 AM Worship
Daphne Jenson
Allie Pence
6:00 PM Worship
Cyndi Cook
Salem-Grace Lyles

NOVEMBER 15TH
8:15 AM Worship
Sharon Hobbs
Terry Reid
10:45 AM Worship
Cheri Horner
Amelia Fox
6:00 PM Worship
Robin Stewart
Lexi Copeland

NOVEMBER 22ND
8:15 AM Worship
Alisha Johnson
Heather Melton
10:45 AM Worship
April Thompson
Danielle Moody
6:00 PM Worship
No Nursery for Concert

NOVEMBER 29TH
8:15 AM Worship
Kelly Hill
Christy Stone
10:45 AM Worship
Melanie Townsell
Campbell Grace
6:00 PM Worship
Brenna Pence
Katelyn Swinkey

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

NOVEMBER 4TH
Anita Long
Elizabeth Griffin

NOVEMBER 11TH
Donna Lyons
Maritza Anderson

NOVEMBER 18TH
Donna Williams
Shirley Salmonsen

NOVEMBER 25TH
No Services

GREETERS

NOVEMBER 1ST
8:00 AM
Martha M. - FD
Carol S. - SP
10:30 AM
Mary K. - FD
Carol B. - SP

NOVEMBER 8TH
8:00 AM
Sandra B. - SP
Brenda R. - FD
10:30 AM
Jenna & Emily S - SP
Kimberly S. - FD

NOVEMBER 15TH
8:00 AM
Cindy H. - FD
Donna L. - SP
10:30 AM
Kate D. - FD
Vernie R. - SP

NOVEMBER 22ND
8:00 AM
Libby C. - FD
Donna L. - SP
10:30 AM
Carole B. - FD
Mary K. - SP

NOVEMBER 29TH
8:00 AM
Brenda R. - SP
Sandra B. - FD
10:30 AM
Jenna & Emily S. - FD
Bridget M. - SP

GRIEFSHARE MINISTRY

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

NEW MEMBERS

By Letter

Tucker Bell

By Baptism

Micah Kilcoyne

By Statement of Faith

Lauren Kilcoyne

Shannon Tackett Jr

Emily Bell

Patricia Hanna

2026/27 MINISTRY BUDGET

YTD BUDGET GOALS	$ 169,816.00
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE	$ 158,961.05

PASTOR FOR MISSIONS & FAMILIES

The river still flows...

We Have Been Called to GO!

This past Sunday, our pastor reminded us of something that we should never forget. **We have all been sent on a mission!** In Matthew 28:19–20, Jesus gives us the Great Commission. This was not a suggestion, nor was it something reserved for pastors, missionaries, or a select few within the church. It was a command for every believer to GO!

But I love how Jesus ends that command. **"And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."** What a promise! God has not called us to accomplish His mission on our own. Whatever He calls us to do, wherever He sends us, and whatever challenges we may face, we can move forward knowing that we are not alone. He is with us!

Church, missions is not simply something we do at South River. ***It ought to be who we are!*** Every day God places opportunities before us to share the Gospel, serve others, and demonstrate the love of Christ. The question is, are we willing to GO?
I was also encouraged by the opportunity to use our mobile kitchen trailer during this year's Fall Festival. With our first cooking event behind us, I believe we are better prepared to respond when disaster strikes. What an incredible tool God has provided for us to serve communities in need!

Looking ahead, we are still exploring opportunities in January to partner with a church in Watauga County. Please be praying as we seek the Lord's direction.

Finally, **Thanksgiving for Thousands** is just around the corner! On the Saturday before Thanksgiving, we will have the opportunity to pack **4,500 food boxes, providing meals for approximately 18,000 people!** What an opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus!

Church, the mission hasn't changed, and neither has the command. **We have been called to GO, and we can go with confidence because He is with us!**

DEEP & WIDE YOUTH MINISTRY

Growing Deeper in God's Word, Walking Wider in His Love

We have just wrapped up our **THRIVE** study, where we challenged our students to do more than simply survive in a world that continues to move further away from biblical truth. Our desire has been to help them understand what they believe, why they believe it, and most importantly, how to live it out. We have reminded them throughout this study that **if you're not growing, you're dying!**



As we move forward, we will begin walking through **1 Peter**. I cannot think of a better place to go after our THRIVE study. Peter writes to believers who were facing opposition, persecution, and pressure from the world around them. Sound familiar? Our students need to understand that following Christ doesn't mean life will be easy, but it does mean we can stand firm because of who He is and what He has done.

Parents, I want to encourage you to make Sunday night GROW a priority for your family. We have intentionally moved our Sunday evenings toward discipleship through small groups. This gives our students an opportunity to dig deeper into God's Word, ask questions, build relationships, and grow alongside other believers. What happens on Sunday nights is important, and we need your help getting them here!

We also have some exciting opportunities coming up! **Our annual Progressive Dinner will be Saturday, December 5,** and our **Winter Retreat at Snowbird will be February 5–7, 2027.** Remember, the winter retreat is $200, with a $100 deposit due December 6.

Thank you for allowing us to come alongside you as we disciple this next generation. Our prayer is not simply that our students attend church, but that they truly know Christ, grow in His Word, and live boldly for Him.

Let's keep growing!

BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER

2 Kaitlyn Lyon
Terrie Powell
4 Joyce Redmond
5 Jeanette Conley
Christy Estes
7 Robert Snider
8 Kevin Campbell
Leona Dixon
10 Michael Brooks
Dewayne Lippard
11 Martha Honeycutt
13 Maggie Baumberger
Aubrey Maffucci
Kristen Martin
14 Bobby Campbell
15 Beth Fox
16 Emily Lowman
17 Sarah Martin
Steve Warricks
18 Donna Loudermilt
20 Erica Miller
22 Melissa Earnest
23 Annabella Kilcoyne
Sarah Thompson
24 Michelle Kilcoyne
26 Lauren Johnson
Gerald Sloan
27 Linda Niemann
28 Lisa Compton
Emily Sherrill
29 Heather Baldwin
Kylie Barnette
30 Connie Campbell
Caroline Cook
Robin Stewart
Adalynn Stewart

ANNIVERSARIES

NOVEMBER

2 Bud & Joyce Redmond
4 Tim & Terri Burris
11 Buddy & Sheila Hemric
14 Roy & Norma Love

FAMILY & BIBLICAL COUNSELING MINISTRY

Dear South River Family,

One passage of Scripture I have been meditating on lately is James 1:15: “When desire is conceived, it gives birth to sin, and sin, when it is fully grown, brings forth death.” Ultimately, all of our sin starts as desire, then moves into a demand, where ultimately it brings forth the action or thought of sin, and finally death.

It is far easier to remove a pine tree sapling than it is to remove a fully grown pine tree. Similar to our sin, it is far easier to remove it when it is small than when it has fully grown. We must be careful to watch over our affections and desires. For everything we do will flow out of it. We do what we do because we want what we want.

The solution to wrong desires is not no desires, but rather better desires. Only fresh air can remove bad air. Only fresh desire can remove bad desire. Therefore, we must constantly be asking ourselves, “What is it that I am wanting right now?”

Ultimately, our desires come from our worship. We want what we want because we worship what we worship. The solution for wicked desires is to behold the glory of God. As we behold the glory of God, we become like the God we are beholding.

In Christ,

Pastor Michael

WORSHIP MINISTRY

RIVER WORSHIP CHOIR

1st AM	He Is Our God	PM	No Choir
8th AM	Find Us Faithful	PM	Thank You Jesus For The Blood
15th AM	The River Of The Lord	PM	Friend In Jesus
22nd AM	Because Of Who You Are	PM	Cockman Family Concert
29th AM	Tho O Lord	PM	Deeper Deeper

SPECIAL MUSIC

1st AM	Sherwin Johnson	PM	Jimmy Williams
8th AM	Jerry Long	PM	Belle Craver
15th AM	Lydia Thorpe	PM	Anita Long
22nd AM	Salem-Grace Lyles	PM	Cockman Family Concert
29th AM	South River Gospel Quartet	PM	Ensemble

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

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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



SAVE THE DATE





Mark Your Calendars

December

12/4 - Parent Night Out
12/5 - Youth Progressive Dinner
12/6 - HCA Aura Philharmonic Concert 2pm
12/13 - Live Nativity 6pm
12/20 - Candlelight Service

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.

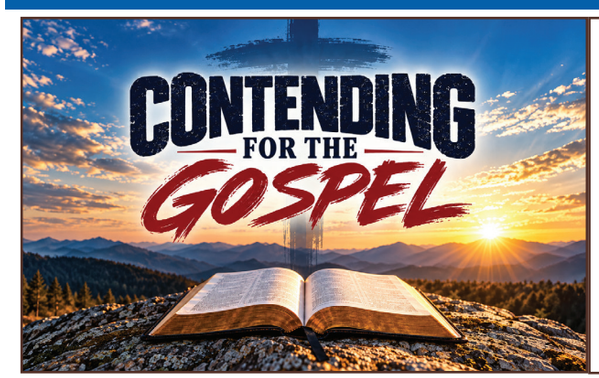
Scan to apply or contact Kim Williams for more details at 704-881-1459 kim@southriverbaptist.com; https://headwaters-academy.com/volunteer/

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:

Contending for the Gospel
A Study in Galatians
with Pastor Chris

Wednesdays@ 7:00 pm

RIPPLEKIDZ MINISTRY

A Huge Thank You

Church,

I just want you to know how grateful I am to serve alongside you! This past fall festival was such a blessing for the community. We were able to share the gospel with each and every person who came onto the grounds. No matter where a person found themselves, we placed God's word in front of them intentionally.

We will be contacting those who attended and told us they do not have a church home, inviting them to come to some of our holiday gatherings. My request is that you would continue to pray for those we will communicate with, that God would work on their hearts if they are lost, and perhaps He will lead them to return here to South River.

Thank you for your prayers for this event. Thank you for your participation in serving. And thank you for your boldness in sharing the Good News that Jesus saves!

Privileged to serve,

Timothy Clendenin

2026 NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4:15 pm RippleKidz Play Practice 5:30 pm GROW 6:00 pm 7 Laws of Teaching 1	HCA Closed - Teacher Workday 2	Election Day HCA Closed - Teacher Workday 3	6:30 pm Financial Planning 6:40 pm GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting & Women's Bible Study 4	6:00 pm Women's Prayer Meeting 5	6	Pumpkin Fest Booth for HCA & SRBC 7
4:15 pm RippleKidz Play Practice 5:30 pm GROW 8	9	10	6:30 pm Financial Planning 6:40 pm GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting & Women's Bible Study 8:00 pm Stewardship Mtg 11	Feeding the Farmers 12	13	14
4:15 pm RippleKidz Play Practice 5:30 pm GROW 15	16	3:00 pm Senior Food Boxes 17	11:00 HCA Chapel 6:40 pm GROW 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting & Women's Bible Study 18	19	20	Thanksgiving for Thousands 21
5:00 pm Thanksgiving Meal 6:00 pm Cochman Family Concert 22	HCA Closed - Thanksgiving 23	HCA Closed - Thanksgiving 24	HCA Closed - Thanksgiving NO PM Services 25	HCA Closed - Thanksgiving Church office closed 26	HCA Closed - Thanksgiving Church office closed 27	28
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