

The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of
Morningside Baptist Church
Spartanburg, SC

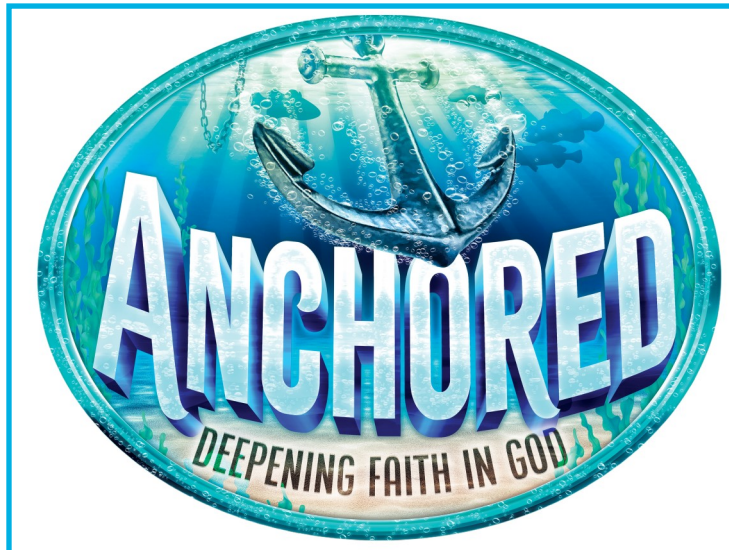
We **Seek** a personal, life-changing relationship with God through prayer, engaging worship, and Bible teaching.
We **Serve** others by modeling the love of Christ through missions and ministry involvement.
We **Share** God's grace through genuine, loving fellowship and discipleship.

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Vacation Bible School Is Coming! (Age 3 - Grade 5)

June 10 - 11 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Kids, we're going on an underwater adventure where you'll discover that God is always faithful! VBS is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences such as team-building games, cool Bible songs, and multisensory Bible adventures. The activities will help your faith in Christ grow. A light supper will be provided each night, beginning at 5:30 P.M.

Thursday - pizza Friday - chicken nuggets



VBS Family Celebration

Saturday, June 12 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

You and your entire family are invited to a day of VBS celebration with a hot dog lunch, bounce houses, popcorn, and snow cones! You don't want to miss the fun!

Calendar of Events

- 2 Staff Meet with Ministry Placement Committee - 9:30 A.M.
Deadline to Register for Vacation Bible School, Father's Day Lunch, and Ladies' Book Club (*In His Image*)
Mission Trip Training - 6:00 P.M.
- 3 Adult Trip to North Carolina Arboretum 9:00 A.M.
- 3 Ladies' Book Club - 6:00 P.M.
- 6 MSIDE SCOOPS Outreach - 4:00 P.M.
Youth *Summer Nights* - 5:30 P.M.
- 7 Beautiful Hats Bible Study - 11:30 A.M.
- 8 *Faith in the Fairways* Golf - 5:00 P.M.
- 9 Youth Small Groups - 5:30 P.M.
- 10-11 Vacation Bible School - 5:30 P.M.
- 12 VBS Family Celebration - 11:00 A.M.
- 13-19 Southern Baptist Convention Events
- 13 Commissioning of MFUGE Group - 9:30 A.M.
- 14 Deacons' Meeting - 6:30 P.M.
- 16 Mission Trip Training - 6:00 P.M.
- 17 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 11:00 A.M.
Ladies' Book Club - 6:00 P.M.
- 22 *Faith in the Fairways* Golf - 5:00 P.M.
- 19-23 MFUGE Camp - 10:00 A.M.
- 19 Father's Day Lunch - 11:00 A.M.
- 20 Father's Day
- 24 Hearts and Hands Crafters - 10:00 A.M.
Ladies' Book Club - 6:00 P.M.
- 27 Balance Due for Children's Camp
- 30 Mission Trip Training - 6:00 P.M.

Letting the Shepherd Lead...

For the past few days, we have experienced 90-degree weather, which with our South Carolina humidity, makes it feel more like 100-degree weather. With such heat, there is no better way to refresh ourselves than by sitting a few minutes under a shady tree, by sipping an ice-cold glass of water, or by the resting in the blessing of a summer breeze. When the summer heat presses in, it is easy to feel parched, dry, and overwhelmed.

In the Bible, Jeremiah uses this picture of dry, parched heat to describe the heart of a person who puts his trust in men and the strength from flesh (17:5-6). In that same passage, Jeremiah also tells us that when the heat comes, those who trust in the Lord need not worry because they have roots connected to the source of living water and they will never fail to bear fruit (17:7-8). The difference between someone who is overwhelmed and burdened and someone who is thankful, grateful, and blessed is not the absence of heat in the blessed person's life. We all will face challenges and stresses. No, the difference is that when the heat comes, the blessed person knows where to turn to find relief! Friends, do we turn to Jesus when the heat increases in our lives? I want to encourage us all to take some time this summer to turn to Christ.

- On June 6 we will begin a new message series entitled *Spiritual Battlegrounds: Eight Practical Ways to Overcome*. We will take a verse-by-verse look through Ephesians 6:10-19, which we know as the "Armor of God" passage. For each of the next eight weeks, we will examine a spiritual struggle and ways to be refreshed by trusting in God's armor. These struggles are unbelief, idolatry, demonic influences, hopelessness, doubt, guilt, spiritual guidance, and spiritual calling. Do you know someone who needs to overcome a struggle through the refreshing encouragement of Christ? Invite that person to worship with us at Morningside during this series.
- Throughout the month of June, our Staff will lead the devotions for our Virtual Prayer Meeting, airing on Wednesday nights on our website. That opportunity can provide mid-week refreshment from God's Word.
- We all need some personal refreshment time with God. On July 1, we will start our church-wide summer devotion. Pick up your free copy of O.S. Hawkins' *The Apostles' Code*, the follow-up to the *Easter Code*, at entrances to the Sanctuary, in the Fellowship Hall Lobby, or in the Church Office during regular office hours. Tune into our Virtual Prayer Meeting on July 7 for our first devotional.

Remember the only difference between those who are spiritually parched and those who are spiritually refreshed is knowing where to turn for refreshment. I pray that you will find refreshment in Jesus through the opportunities offered this summer.

Pastor Steven



Faith in the Fairways
Men's Golf and Devotion at Palmetto Hills Golf Course
Every Other Week This Summer, Beginning Tuesday, June 8
Clubhouse 5:00 P.M.
Cost: \$12 for 9 holes
See Steven Owensby or Jody Welch for more information.



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Saturday, June 19
11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Fellowship Hall

Fathers, your children want to spend some time with you as they celebrate the amazing men in their lives! We will build birdhouses, enjoy a delicious lunch, and hear an encouraging word from the Bible. Register for this event by contacting Laura White at lwhite@msidechurch.org **no later than Wednesday, June 2.** Cost: \$5 per child

July 11-14
The Anchor
in Mill
Springs, NC



(Children who have completed Grades 2-5)
Remaining Camp Balances Due
Sunday, June 27

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Bible Study,
Dinner, and
Fellowship
Sunday, June 6
5:30 - 7:30 P.M.

Hap and Jayne Belmont's House
155 Lakewood Drive

Youth Small Group
Dinner, Devotion, Discussion
Wednesday, June 9 5:30 P.M.

MFUGE Camp June 19 - 23
Ridgecrest, North Carolina
Depart at 10:00 A.M.
Commissioning for Those Attending
Sunday, June 13 9:30 A.M.

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**Don't Miss This
Chance to
Share Your Love
of Christ
with Others**

Family Mission Trip July 25-30

Time is running out for you to pray about and commit to "going on mission" to Myrtle Beach. We will lead backyard Bible clubs at the Apache Campground, organize a block party, and join in other ministries. Contact Laura White for more information. All participants must attend the following training dates:

June 2, 16, 30 July 7, 21
6:00-7:30 P.M. Fellowship Hall



Day Trip to Asheville

Thursday, June 3

9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Last call! Three spaces are still available, so do not delay in signing up with Jack Dodds. You may purchase lunch at the Bent Creek Bistro or bring a bag lunch. Cost: \$5 for transportation



Adult Trip to Branson, Missouri

October 11-16

Adults, we are headed to an action-packed week at Branson, MO, known for its entertaining shows and restaurants! Highlights include Lambert's Café - home of the "Thrown Rolls;" Production of "Jesus;" Branson Craft Mall and lunch at Pickin' Porch Grill, Variety Show - *Clay Cooper's Country Music Express*, College of the Ozarks, Ralph Foster Museum, Dick's 5&10, an afternoon matinee performance in Branson, dinner at Catfish Cabin, and an evening of hilarious comedy, gospel music, and country songs at *Presley's Country Jubilee*. Meals include five continental breakfasts, two lunches, and two dinners. Pick up a flyer containing more details about the cost and itinerary from the mailbox outside Jack Dodd's office.

Summer Book Club for Ladies

"In His Image" by Jen Wilkin

Thursday Evenings

June 3, 17, 24 July 1, 8, 15

6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Fellowship Hall

The group is limited to fourteen ladies.

Cost: \$10 for book

Please sign up with Laura White by Wednesday, June 2.



THE MSIDE SCOOP BUS Is Reaching Out

Sunday, June 6 4:00 P.M.

We will reach out to families living in the Woodwind neighborhood and to people along the Rail Trail, inviting children to attend our Vacation Bible School. If you would like to join us as we connect with others and hand out ice cream, please contact Laura White or Jack Dodds.

Mobile Food Pantry Rescheduled for November 9-10



In November, we will partner with St. John's Lutheran Church, providing food to those in our community who are less fortunate. We will continue to raise funds until we meet our goal of \$1000 for the chicken.

Please consider contributing to this missions effort.



Independence Day Music and Covered-dish Luncheon

Mark your calendars for a special day of music during our July 4th observance. Patriotic hymns and special music are planned for worship, and Perry Sullivan will entertain us with Southern Gospel songs during our luncheon. The church will provide chicken tenders and ham, and we ask you to bring a side dish or dessert. Sign-up sheets are located in classrooms and in the Fellowship Hall Lobby. Deadline to sign up: **Monday, June 28.**

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Hospital Visits
Regional's Healthcare System has updated its policy regarding visitation to non-Covid patients under these conditions:

- Pastors may visit church members as one of the two visitors during the hours of 10:00 A.M. -1:00 P.M. and 6:00 - 9:00 P.M.
- Pastors and the patient or family member must coordinate visits with the attending nurse.
- A visit by a pastor would preclude one family member from seeing the loved one that day.
- Pastors must wear a mask during the visit and as they travel throughout the hospital.

Options for Giving to Morningside

- Place your offering in one of the baskets located at the entrances to and exits from the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings following worship.
- Bring your offering to the church during regular office hours.
- Give contributions online through our website.
- Mail contributions. Please write on the outside envelope the words "Financial Office."

Sympathy Extended to...

... Family and friends in the death of Claudia Myott on March 30 in Greensboro, North Carolina.
... Family and friends in the death of Jane Crook on April 21 in Spartanburg, South Carolina.
... Family and friends in the death of Jeanne O'Shields on April 24 in Spartanburg, South Carolina.
... Audrey Robinson and family in the death of her husband, Marvin, on May 1 in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina.
... John and Debbie Rogers and family in the death of Debbie's niece, Michele Irving, on May 14 in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.
... Marty and Janice Doyle in the death of their step-grandson.

Thank You Notes for Your Prayers and Support Received from

Beth Klepper
Bernard and Jean Hall
Spartanburg Baptist Campus Ministry
David, Charlene and Jen Smith
Alice Sumner and Family
Dorothy West - Wycliffe Bible Translators

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June 5-6	Jack Dodds	590-8951
June 11-13	Steven Owensby	590-7985
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June 26-27	Jack Dodds	590-8951

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