

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.

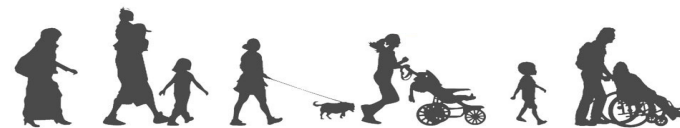
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PRAYER WALKING



**Sundays, September 12, 19, 26
3:30 P.M.**

*Can we do anything more hospitable for people
than to pray for them and their needs?*

Participants in our training event on August 29 have the opportunity to be a part in praying that our unchurched neighbors will worship and fellowship with us during our life at Morningside. This month small groups will walk the neighborhoods of our members and intentionally pray for those living in that community on September 12, 19, 26.

Wednesday Night Suppers

*Families, join us for Wednesday night suppers,
beginning at 5:15 P.M.!*

- ◆ Reservations forms are available in the Fellowship Hall Lobby. Menus are listed on the Reservation Form.
- ◆ You may sign up week-by-week. If doing so, forms must be returned to the basket in the Lobby **no later than the Monday** before the supper.
- ◆ You may sign up for the entire month or part of the month and return the form to the same basket in the Lobby.
- ◆ Be sure to indicate the number of family members eating.
- ◆ **No extra plates** will be available, so it is imperative that you fill out a form if you intend to eat supper.
- ◆ Meals are catered, so Morningside will be charged for each plate. If you do not plan to keep your reservation, you **must cancel it no later than the Monday** before the supper on Wednesday. **Otherwise, individuals will be charged for each plate ordered.**
- ◆ The cost is \$7.00 per plate. Payment (checks or cash) is due at the door on Wednesday nights.
- ◆ Dessert and drinks will be provided at no extra charge.

Calendar of Events

- 1 Parent Connect - 5:45 P.M.
Fresh Encounter - 5:45 P.M.
All Children's and Youth Wednesday Night Activities Resume - 5:45 P.M.
Sanctuary Choir Resumes - 7:10 P.M.
Exalted Worship Band - 7:15 P.M.
- 3-5 Youth Back-to-School Retreat
- 5 Deacon Commissioning - 9:30 A.M.
- 6 Labor Day Holiday
Church Office Closed
- 7 Lunch Bunch and Prayer Meeting Begins
12:00/12:30 P.M.
- 8 Infinite Mercy Rehearsal - 7:00 P.M.
- 11 Youth Guys Prayer Breakfast -
9:00 A.M.
- 12-19 Week of Prayer for State Missions
- 12 Orchestra Organizational Meeting -
10:45 A.M.
Prayer Walk - 3:30 P.M.
Clarion Sounds Resumes - 5:00 P.M.
- 13 Beautiful Hats Bible Study - 11:30 A.M.
Golden Tones Resumes - 1:30 P.M.
Deacons' Meeting - 6:30 P.M.
- 14 Picklin' Parishioners - 10:00 A.M.
- 15 Exalted Worship Band - 7:15 P.M.
- 16 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 11:00 A.M.
- 19 Prayer Walk - 3:30 P.M.
- 21 Walk with Us in the Wilderness Study -
9:30 A.M.
Stampin' Up - 10:00 A.M.
- 22 Infinite Mercy Rehearsal - 7:00 P.M.
- 23 Hearts and Hands Crafters - 10:00 A.M.
- 25 Youth Game Night - 5:00 P.M.
- 26 Prayer Walk - 3:30 P.M.
- 29 Family Missions Night - 5:45 P.M.

Letting the Shepherd Lead...

Most weeks Caroline and I sit down on Sunday night for our "State of the Union" chat. This conversation is mainly about syncing our calendars. Now that our older three are involved in many afterschool and church activities, we must sit down and have that weekly talk. Otherwise, life would be chaotic. During this chat, we also discuss family relationships and our own spiritual health. Unless we take a few moments to check on one another, we can easily drift apart amid the confusion. Friends, do you have a time similar to our "State of the Union" when you can check on the ones you love?

Paul, in Romans 1:11-12, writes to members at a church where he had fellowshiped. For whatever reason, he was unable to spend adequate time with them and tells them, "For I want very much to see you, so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you, that is, to be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine." Spiritual encouragement is, and should be, the outcome we desire for all of our Christian relationships. John 13:35 tells us that people should know we are Christians by our love for others.

Confusion over Jesus' desire for us and the chaos of life demand our attention. We can often become isolated and discouraged. It is only when we come together and demonstrate loving concern for one another and for God that we find encouragement. So, how can we seek Jesus, check on fellow Christians, and encourage one another?

1. Attend Sunday worship with the church family or watch online as we continue our series *Who's Your One? Becoming a Spiritual Friend*.

2. Join us in a small group setting for one of the mid-week Bible studies on campus or online. We are starting Tuesday Prayer Meetings during lunch that will be videoed and shared with others online by Wednesday night. The first seven weeks cover Baptist doctrines and spiritual reasons people are in chaos.

3. Serve others in your Sunday School class or small group by sending cards, making phone calls, raking leaves, or doing something special like baking a cake.

4. Join one of our prayer-walking teams that will be going into the neighborhoods of our members September 12, 19, and 26.

Friends, by watching out and caring for one another, we are growing spiritually and pleasing God.

Pastor Steven

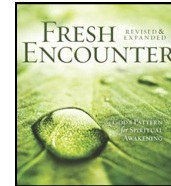


Join the Lunch Bunch for Prayer Meeting Begins Tuesday, August 31

Here is an opportunity to meet with others in a small group setting. Bring a bagged lunch (optional) and eat with others, beginning at 12:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall.

At 12:30 P.M., Prayer Meeting will begin with the Staff sharing prayer requests, music, and a devotion. We will record the meeting and make it available for viewing online the following Wednesday evening at 6:00 P.M.

inside family

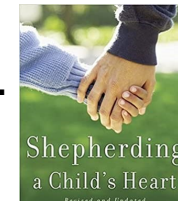


Fresh Encounter Bible Study Begins Wednesday, September 1

Fresh Encounter illuminates God's plan and pattern for personal revival throughout the Bible to better understand what it will take to bring about true and lasting spiritual renewal in the world today. Jack Dodds is the facilitator. Reserve your spot by signing up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall Lobby.
Cost: \$10 for book

ATTENTION PARENTS! Parent Connect Bible Study Begins September 1 5:45 P.M.

Plan to continue - or even begin - sessions we call *Parent Connect!* We will gather for a fellowship supper, then view a short video and discuss how to shepherd the hearts of children of all ages. Our text, *Shepherding a Child's Heart* by Tedd Tripp, stresses that shepherding means more than just adjusting our children's behavior. Join us as we learn how to guide children towards choosing to please God on their own. Invite your friends! We welcome parents outside the church family to participate. Steven and Caroline Owensby will serve as facilitators. Register for the class by signing the information sheet in the Fellowship Hall Lobby. Cost: \$5 for handbook



Walk with Us in the Wilderness (A Study for Women) Begins Tuesday, September 21 9:30 A.M. ACTS Classroom

This seven-week Bible study considers the book of Numbers, which is a story of identity among the children of Israel and their wilderness journey to the Promised Land. God promises His presence among His people during this thirty-nine year journey. Contact facilitator Flonnie Shaw or sign up on the sheet located in the Fellowship Hall Lobby to reserve your spot.
Cost: \$10 for book

Season of Prayer for State Missions, Missions Education and Kingdom ADVANCE September 12-19, 2021

In 1908 Janie Chapman became the first president of South Carolina Women's Missionary Union (SC WMU) and served for twenty-two years. A woman of strict discipline with inner strength and a gentle spirit, Janie did her work well for the Lord. While she was president, WMU celebrated their 25th anniversary. Will you help blaze new missions trails like Janie through your prayers and giving? Prayer guides will be provided in the September 12 Worship Guide.



inside youth

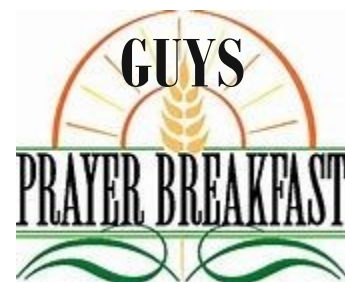
YOU ARE NOT ALONE

SEPTEMBER 3-5 2021
AWANITA VALLEY RETREAT CENTER

BACK-TO-SCHOOL WEEKEND RETREAT

We will depart Friday at 4:30 P.M. for a retreat that focuses on how we can count on God. We are never alone in our walk as Christians - God is always with us! Fun activities include Hummer rides on the mountain and ziplines over the lake.

Thrive Bible Study
Wednesdays
5:45 - 7:00 P.M.
Youth Room



**Saturday,
September 11
9:00 - 10:00 A.M.**

Join us in the Youth Room for breakfast and a time of prayer. Sign up with Connor Bastin.



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
5:00 - 7:00 P.M.**

Dinner will be served in the Youth Room at 5:00 P.M. Then let the wars begin! We will head to the lower field for games with powdered paint! Be sure to wear clothes you can get dirty because... *you will get dirty!*



**EXALTED WORSHIP
BAND REHEARSALS**
WEDNESDAYS
SEPTEMBER 1, 15
7:15 - 8:15 P.M.
SANCTUARY

inside children

Make a Joyful Noise!
Begins September 1
Wednesdays 5:45 - 6:15 P.M.



♦ **Preschool Choir**
Teachers: Laura White
Angie Knight

♦ **Children's Choir**
Teachers: Jan McClure

Missions for Children
Begins September 1
Wednesdays 6:25 - 7:00 P.M.

♦ **Mission Friends
(Preschoolers)**
Teachers: Helen Robinson
Jayne Belmont



♦ **Journey Kids
(K-5 - Grade 5)**

Journey Kids will captivate your children's minds and hearts as they learn about sharing the gospel and missions work both here in the United States and throughout the world.

Teachers:
Brenda Young, Linda Alverson, Laura White



We are excited about resuming choir, orchestra, and band rehearsals in the coming weeks!
"I will sing and make music with all my soul."
Psalm 108:1

Sanctuary Choir
Wednesday, September 1
7:10 P.M. in Music Suite

Infinite Mercy (Worship Band)
September 8, 22
7:00 P.M. in Sanctuary

Morningside Orchestra
Organizational Meeting
Sunday, September 12
Immediately following Worship in Sanctuary

Clarion Sounds (Handbells)
Sunday, September 12
5:00 P.M. in Music Suite

Golden Tones (Senior Adult Choir)
Monday, September 13
1:30 P.M. in Music Suite

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Family Missions Night

**Wednesday, September 29
5:45 - 7:00 P.M.**

On the last Wednesday of the month, September 29, we will gather after supper for a Family Missions Night. Teams will go to Spartanburg merchants in stores downtown, the Hillcrest area, and the Cedar Springs Shopping Center. There, we will chat with the employees, have prayer, and present them with a “Thank You” gift of a package of cookies. A sign-up sheet is located in the Fellowship Hall Lobby. Consider escaping the hot kitchen and joining us for supper and fellowship, beginning at 5:15 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$7 per person. A separate sign-up sheet is also located in the Lobby. Payment is due at the door on Wednesday night. It is important that you read other important information about Wednesday night suppers on the front page of *The Messenger*.

Thank You Notes for Your Prayers and Support Received from

*Rick and Debby Byars Sharon Fields-McCormick
Maurice and Julia Pace*

Sympathy Extended to...

... Nancy Cleland and family in the death of her husband, Joe, on August 6 in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Ministers on Call during Weekends

September 3-5, 10, 17, 24-26
Steven Owensby, 590-7985

September 11-12
Jack Dodds, 590-8951

September 18-19
Laura White, 828-447-2175

Morningside on Social Media

- ♦ View Sunday Morning Worship Services on Facebook Live at 9:30 A.M.
- ♦ View Sunday Morning Worship Services later in the day/ week on YouTube or the church website.
- ♦ View Virtual Prayer Meetings on Wednesdays at 6:00 P.M. on YouTube or the church website.

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Fall Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale

**Saturday, October 9
9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.**

Take care of all of your holiday shopping with unique hand-crafted items. Also, pick up some home-baked goodies and casseroles to fill your freezer!

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