

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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Sunday School Leaders Summit



Sunday, February 4 12:00 P.M.
Youth Room

**Sunday School Leaders, we need YOU
to commit to our Leadership Summit!**

Following lunch, which will be provided, we will discuss Morningside's **2024 GO Initiative** by...

- ◆ Defining the Initiative's Purpose to Harvest the Fields
 - ◆ Making Plans for the Initiative, including Creating and Training Teams and Collaborating with Staff to Achieve the Initiative
- ◆ Uniting with Members as One Christ-centered Body

*Every leader should plan to attend
this important Summit.*



**Don't Miss
Out on
Touring
The
Bible Truck
February 1-3**

The Bible Truck is a unique exhibition that displays the history of the World's Best Seller – **The Bible**. This truck features hundreds of historical exhibits, including educational posters that chronicle various Bible-related themes, beautifully illustrated maps, a large collection of Bibles, stories of persecution for those believing in the Bible, and videos, including an animated version about the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Be sure to invite others to visit this free exhibit with you. Additional images, information, and registration can be found online at bibletruck.com.

Calendar of Weekly Events

Sundays

A Time for Prayer - 8:45 A.M.
Worship - 9:30 A.M.
Coffee Fellowship - 10:30 A.M.
Bible Study - 10:45 A.M.
Clarion Sounds Rehearsal - 5:00 P.M.

Mondays

Golden Tones Rehearsal - 1:30 P.M.

Tuesdays

Staff Meeting - 11:00 A.M.
Bicycle Ministry - 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
Ladies' Bible Study - 9:30 A.M. (Beginning 2/13)
Scouts - 6:30 P.M.

Wednesdays

Infinite Mercy Rehearsal - 5:00 P.M.
Prayer Meeting - 6:00 P.M.
Kingdom Kids (Music) - 6:00 - 6:30 P.M.
Mside Youth - 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.
Journey Kids (Missions) - 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 P.M.

Thursdays

Good News Club - 2:00 P.M.

Fridays

Prayer Warriors - 9:30 A.M.

Additional February Events

- 1-3 The Bible Truck - 2:00 - 7:00 P.M.
- 4 Robert Mitchell Brings Sermon - 9:30 A.M.
Scout Sunday and Scouting for Food
Sunday School Leaders Summit -
12:00 P.M.
- 5 Beautiful Hats Bible Study - 11:00 A.M.
- 11 Laura White Brings Sermon - 9:30 A.M.
Sweets for the Sweet Cookie/Muffin
Fellowship - 10:30 A.M.
Deacons' Meeting - 4:00 P.M.
- 13 Stitchers and Sowers - 1:00 P.M.
- 15 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10:30 A.M.
- 18 Connor Bastin Brings Sermon - 9:30 A.M.
- 20 Stampin' Up - 10:00 A.M.
- 22 Hearts and Hands Crafters - 10:00 A.M.
- 24 Family Snow Tubing Trip - 4:30 P.M.
- 25 Robert Mitchell Brings Sermon - 9:30 A.M.

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Scouting for Food Event Sunday, February 4

Sponsored by
Pack, Troop,
and Crew 11

Scouts will be available before the Worship Service to help bring your donations inside. All food will support TOTAL Ministries.

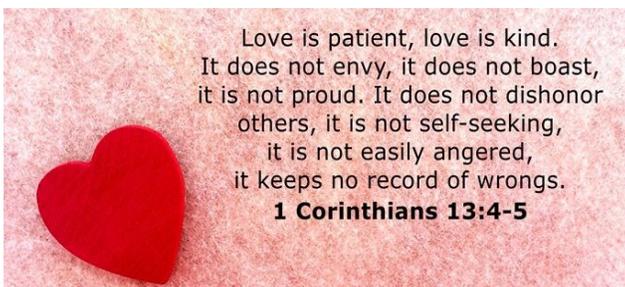
**February 4
9:30 A.M.**

Scouts will take an active role in the Worship Service by presenting the Colors, leading the Pledges to the Christian and American Flags, offering the Invocation, and reading Scripture. The families of our Scouts will be our guests. Please be sure to welcome them.



Sweets for the Sweet Fellowship Sunday, February 11

*Bring a dozen of your favorite home-baked cookies or muffins to share with others during our Coffee Fellowship following the Worship Service. Let's see how creative you can make your recipe for our observance of
Valentine's Day!*



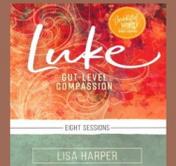
Love is patient, love is kind.
It does not envy, it does not boast,
it is not proud. It does not dishonor
others, it is not self-seeking,
it is not easily angered,
it keeps no record of wrongs.
1 Corinthians 13:4-5

Ladies Bible Study

Study on the book of Luke
Gut Level Compassion by Lisa Harper
Tuesday Mornings from 9:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.
Unity Sunday School Classroom
8 week study
February 13, 20, 27
March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2



Cost: \$15 for workbook
Sign up by Sunday,
February 11



MORNINGSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
FAMILY SNOW TUBING TRIP
FEBRUARY 24, 2024
COST: \$15 PER PERSON
Join us at Crowder Springs 4:30 pm-5:30 pm
4914 Linwood Road, Kings Mountain NC, 28086
Sign up and make payment by Sunday, February 18 with Laura White

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Deposits for Summer Camps Due February 4

Both our children and youth will head to CentriKid or MFuge camps this summer during the same week (Monday-Friday, June 10-14) and at the same location (Ridgecrest Conference Center)! The cost for each camp is \$300 per student, but we plan to offer several fundraisers to help lower the cost. Each camp requires a \$50 non-refundable deposit, which must be paid **no later than Sunday, February 4**. Parents, pay Laura White for CentriKid, or pay Connor Bastin for MFUGE. All remaining unfilled slots will be released after February 4.



Now is a **great** time to become involved in our Music Ministries. God calls us to make music to glorify Him. He does not just call virtuoso performers: He calls *all* of us to praise Him with music. We invite vocalists and instrumentalists alike to become involved in one of our musical groups. For singers, we have opportunities for all ages from our Sanctuary Choir, the Golden Tones Choir (consisting of Senior Adults), the Infinite Mercy Praise Band, and the Kingdom Kids Choir (K5-Grade 5).

Our orchestra ensemble also needs additional instrumentalists. So dust off that horn or fiddle and come play some tunes with us!

Please let Rev. Robert Mitchell know of your interest in any of these groups.



Sunday, March 17

**EVENING OF
KEYBOARD PRAISE**

4:00 P.M.

**CALLING ALL PIANISTS,
ORGANISTS, AND KEYBOARDISTS**

You don't want to miss the opportunity to be a part of Keyboard Praise at our next *Mside Sings!!*, scheduled for Sunday, March 17. If you play any type of keyboard instrument, consider being a part of a keyboard solo, duet, and/or an ensemble. Begin practicing now, and contact Paula Joye or Robert Mitchell to sign up for this fantastic program. Morningside Scouts will hold a dinner fundraiser in the Fellowship Hall following *Mside Sings!!* The meal will be baked spaghetti, salad, and dessert. Sign-up sheets will be located in the Information Hallway later this month.

Remember to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to this evening of music and dinner!!

**Senior Adult Trip to Jekyll Island
and St. Augustine**

Tuesday - Friday, October 22-25

Flyers are located in the Information Stations on the Office and Senior Adult Wings.

missions



Operation Christmas Child

This month begins our kickoff for Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection, and we will focus on boys and girls, ages 10-14. We have found through working at the Packing Center that boxes for that age group are limited. We want to surpass last year's collection of 211 boxes and aim for a goal of 350! We can do it!

Examples of items to buy will be located in the Information Hallway leading to the Welcome Center. Tubs for your donations will also be located there.

On Sunday, August 4, we will end our 2024 project with a Christmas in August Celebration and Packing Party. Commit now to be a part of this project to share the Good News with children in all parts of the world.

February and March

Hygiene items such as combs, hairbrushes, nail clippers, nail files, travel-size stick deodorant, toothbrushes, and washcloths

April

Toys such as deflated soccer balls and pumps, small stuffed animals, dolls, small puzzles, chalk, and jump ropes

May

Flip flops, sewing kits, small fishing kits, small toys, compasses, and flashlights

June

Money to cover shipping (\$10 per box)
Make check payable to
Morningside Baptist Church
Goal: \$3500 to cover 350 shoeboxes

July

School supplies such as pencils, sharpeners, pencil cases, erasers, crayons, markers, small notebooks, journals, and calculators

August 4

Don't forget our Christmas in August Celebration and Packing Party!

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 and Support Received from*

*Bobbie Elliott
 Eddie Nunn
 Martha Taylor
 Wilburn and Shirley Hill*

Sympathy Extended to

*... Mary LaBelle and family in the death of her husband,
 Paul, on December 20, 2023, in Columbia, South
 Carolina.*

*... Rick and Debby Byars and family in the death of
 Debby's cousin, Barbara Grubbs, on December 23,
 2023, in Spartanburg, South Carolina.*

*... Diane Fuller and family in the death of her mother,
 Freida Roper, on January 18, 2024, in Spartanburg,
 South Carolina.*

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February 16-18
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February 9-11
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