

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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*If anyone serves me, he must follow me;
and where I am, there will my servant be also.
If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.
John 12:26*

Deacon Election Cycle

Sunday, August 3

Responsibilities of a Deacon and Deacon Election Cycle
2025/Ineligible Members

Available at Entrances to the Sanctuary

Nomination Sunday

May Nominate up to Twelve Eligible Members

Monday, August 4

Nominees Receiving Five or More Nominations
Notified by E-mail

Sunday, August 10

Nominees Meet with Church Leaders
3:00 P.M. in Youth Room

Monday, August 11

Deadline to Accept or Decline Nomination
(Turn in Digital Picture and Information Sheet
if Accepting or Notify by Email if Declining)

Sunday, August 18

Bio-sketches of Nominees Available
at Entrances to the Sanctuary

Sunday, August 24

Election of Six Deacons - Details to Follow
9:00-9:30 A.M. 10:30-10:45 A.M. 12:15-12:30 P.M.

Monday, August 25

Orientation for Newly-Elected Deacons - 5:30 P.M.
Election of Officers - 6:30 P.M.

Sunday, September 7

Deacon Commissioning - 11:00 A.M.
Deacon Ordination, if Needed



Wednesday Night Kick-Off Fellowship

Come learn what exciting things will happen this fall during our Wednesday Night Programming

Wednesday, August 27
6:00 p.m. Mexican Buffet
7:00 p.m. Family Kickball Game
and Ice Cream

Sign up if you plan to attend by
Sunday, August 24.



Words from Our Pastor

If you've ever played high school football, or known someone who has, you're probably familiar with the infamous two-a-day practices. In the sweltering heat of summer, players push through grueling morning and afternoon sessions, run drills, study plays, and battle fatigue. It's tough, sweaty, and often miserable. And yet, every athlete knows this is where the foundation is laid.

Our faith isn't all that different. In our spiritual lives, we often long for mountain-top experiences—those moments when God feels close, prayers are answered, and everything is clear. But more often than not, growth happens in the trenches. It occurs in the routine and repetition. It happens when we show up again, even when we don't feel like it.

Two-a-days were never glamorous. There were no crowds or cheers, just commitment and sweat. In the same way, persistence in our faith often means showing up in quiet moments, reading Scripture when our hearts feel dry, praying when answers don't come quickly, and serving others when we're running on empty. And just like those summer practices prepared us for Friday night lights, our persistence in faith prepares us for what God has in store for our future. Paul reminds us in Galatians 6:9, "Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

God sees the work we put in when no one else does. He honors faithfulness, even when it feels unseen. And just like a coach who knows the season ahead and pushes his players to be ready, our Heavenly Father is preparing us for what's coming. He's strengthening our character, growing our endurance, and teaching us to trust, not just in the easy moments, but especially in the hard ones.

So if you're in a season where faith feels like work, if you feel like you have been fighting through sweltering two-a-day practices and you are tired—don't lose heart. Keep showing up. Keep pressing on. God is at work, even if you can't see it yet. The cool breeze and fall harvest are just around the corner.

In Christ,
Brandon Malone

Observance of The Lord's Supper
Sunday, August 17 11:00 A.M.



Events in August

Calendar of Weekly Events

Sundays

A Time for Prayer - 9:00 A.M.
Infinite Mercy Rehearsal - 9:00 A.M.
Coffee Fellowship - 9:15 A.M.
Bible Study - 9:30 A.M.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 10:35 A.M.
Worship - 11:00 A.M.
Infinite Mercy Rehearsal - 4:00 P.M.

Mondays

Tuesdays

Bicycle Ministry - 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
Staff Meeting - 10:00 A.M.
Scouts - 6:30 P.M.

Wednesdays

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - August 13, 20, 27
7:00 P.M.

Fridays

Prayer Warriors - 9:30 A.M.
Church Office Closed

Additional Weekly Events

- 3 Deacon Nominations
- 4 Beautiful Hats Study Group - 11:00 A.M.
- 6 Children and Youth Swimming Party - 5:00 P.M.
- 10 Blessing of the Backpacks - 9:30 A.M.
Nominees Meet with Leaders - 3:00 P.M.
- 11 Deadline to Accept/Decline Deacon Nomination
- 12 Stitchers and Sowers - 1:15 P.M.
- 17 Observance of The Lord's Supper - 11:00 A.M.
Bio-Sketches of Deacon Nominees Available
- 19 Stampin' Up - 10:00 A.M.
- 20 Christmas Preview - Sanctuary Choir - 7:00 P.M.
- 23 Good News Training Session - 10:00 A.M.
- 24 Election of Deacons - 9:00-9:30 A.M.
10:30-11:00 A.M. 12:15 -12:30 P.M.
- 25 Newly-elected Deacon Orientation - 6:00 P.M.
Election of Deacons - 6:30 P.M.
- 27 Fall Kickoff Fellowship - 6:00 P.M.
- 28 Hearts and Hands Crafters - 10:00 A.M.
- 31 Commissioning/Ordination of Deacons -
9:30 A.M.

Mside Family



**Children and Youth
End of Summer
Pool Party**

Wednesday, August 6
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Home of Michael and Katherine Jones
Dinner will be provided
Sign up with Laura by Sunday, August 3rd

Go Click to Register

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'Education is the most
powerful weapon we can use
to change the world.'

Please keep students, parents, and school personnel
in your prayers this month.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE MINISTRY TEAM OF
GOOD NEWS CLUB

CLUB MEETS ON THURSDAYS
SEPTEMBER 4 - NOVEMBER 6
PINE STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CONTACT LYNN ALEXANDER OR LAURA WHITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

***Good News Training Session Saturday, August 23
10 a.m. at Roebuck Baptist Church***

GOOD NEWS CLUB

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CHILD EVANGELISM
FELLOWSHIP
Since 1971
Reaching children worldwide



**Blessing of the
Backpacks**

Sunday, August 10

All students bring
your backpacks to
Worship Service

You can demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children
in need around the world.

Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.
James 2:17



Good News. Great Joy.

Operation Christmas Child
Samaritan's Purse

Items Needed for August:
sharpened pencils, crayons, pens,
pencil sharpeners, colored pencils,
markers, notebooks, and scissors



TOTAL MINISTRIES DIAPER DRIVE

Diapers and Pull-ups sizes 4-6 and wipes are greatly needed!

Please drop-off your donation
in the church office or place in the
yellow barrel in the welcome center by
Sunday, August 24 .

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Thank You Notes

Yolanda Keenan - Mother's Day Tea

Pastors on Call

August 1-3, 15-17

Robert Mitchell, 864-597-3966

August 8-10, 29-31

Laura White, 828-447-2175

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Deacons on Call

August 1-2

Joyce Stewart

Edna Ellison

August 3-9

Jack Dodds, John Rogers

August 10-16

Malcom McClure

Butch Rhoads

August 17-23

Chris Pittman

Wayne Fisher

August 24-30

Rick Byars

Hugh Martin

August 31-September 6

David Smith

Ralph Boney

Sympathy Extended to

... Linda Clamp and family in the death of Linda's sister, Cynthia Knowles, on June 28, 2025, in Tampa, Florida.

... Steve and Eddie Powell and family in the death of Steve's brother, Bob Powell, on July 20, 2025, in Macon, Georgia.

... Regina Martin and family in the death of her husband, Dean, on July 21, 2025, in Spartanburg, South Carolina.



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