

# 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 Monday-Friday, June 24-28 9:00 A.M. - Noon



*Kids, grab your binoculars and don your life vest!  
We're off on a cruise through the Bible  
from Genesis to Revelation.*

This week will be amazing when you connect the Bible to your everyday life! Not only will we learn about God's Word, but we will also go bananas munching on tropical treats and rumbling in the jungle with some wet and wild games! We will make some jazzy jungle crafts and explore God's awesome world with science experiments. Of course, fun games, contests, and singing songs will help us commit Bible verses to memory. You may use the QR Code below to register for VBS online!



*Be sure to invite your friends  
to join you for this fabulous week!*

## PULPIT GUESTS

Rev. Duane Ostrem  
Dr. Drew Hines

June 2  
June 23

## Calendar of Weekly Events

### Sundays

A Time for Prayer - 8:45 A.M.  
Coffee Fellowship - 9:30 A.M.  
Bible Study - 9:45 A.M.  
Worship - 11:00 A.M.

### Mondays

### Tuesdays

Bicycle Ministry - 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.  
Staff Meeting - 11:00 A.M.  
Scouts - 6:30 P.M.

### Wednesdays

Infinite Mercy Rehearsal - 5:00 P.M.  
Prayer Meeting - 6:00 P.M.  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - June 5, 19 - 7:00 P.M.

### Thursdays

### Fridays

Prayer Warriors - 9:30 A.M.

## Additional June Events

- 1 Clarion Sounds Ring in Tryon - 6:00 P.M.
- 2 Trial Summer Schedule Begins  
Business Meeting - 9:45 A.M.  
Rev. Duane Ostrem, Pulpit Guest  
Clarion Sounds Ring During Worship  
Youth and Children Family Cookout and  
Swim Party - 12:15 P.M.
- 3 Beautiful Hats Bible Study - 11:00 A.M.
- 5 *Fierce* - Youth Bible Study - 6:00 P.M.
- 9 Robert Mitchell Preaches  
Vote on Diaconate Recommendations  
Deacons' Meeting - 4:00 P.M.
- 10-14 CentriKid Camp and MFuge Camp
- 16 Father's Day  
Donuts with Dad - 9:30 A.M.  
CentriKid and MFuge Service
- 18 Stampin' Up - 10:00 A.M.
- 19 *Fierce* - Youth Bible Study - 6:00 P.M.
- 20 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10:30 A.M.
- 23 Rev. Drew Hines, Pulpit Guest
- 24-28 The Great Jungle Journey - VBS - 9:00 A.M.
- 25 Joy of Missions - 12:00 P.M.
- 27 Hearts and Hands Crafters - 10:00 A.M.
- 30 Robert Mitchell Preaches  
Observance of The Lord's Supper

# inside family

## Note from the Lead Pastor Search Team

The Lead Pastor Search Team continues to meet weekly. Each meeting is opened with a round-table prayer as we collectively seek God's will and direction for our church.

After praying for the candidates and doing initial screening of resumes, our team has participated in zoom calls with a few candidates. We are in the very early stages of further vetting and researching these candidates. To give these candidates a closer look at our church, the team has shared the recently approved 2024 Church Profile with them.

At this point, we have not received additional resumes. We will determine at a future date whether it is necessary to repost the vacancy.

Our team is committed to praying for you—our church. Thank you for the many ways that each of you has continued to faithfully support our church during this time. We ask that you continue to pray for our team, our diaconate, and our church leadership. Lastly, we ask that you continue to sincerely and actively pray for and encourage one another as we prepare our hearts for a new pastor here at Morningside.

### Lead Pastor Search Team

Brian Alexander	Lynn Alexander
Kathy Covington	Cathy Godfrey
Malcom McClure	Butch Rhoads
Jody Welch, Deacon Chair	

## Sundays, June 2 - July 28

**9:00 A.M.**  
Infinite Mercy Rehearsal

**9:30-9:40 A.M.**  
Coffee Fellowship

**9:45-10:30 A.M.**  
Sunday School

**10:35-10:50**  
Choir Rehearsal

**11:00 A.M.**  
Worship Service



Based on a recent survey of Sunday School classes, the majority of the congregation would like to see the times of Sunday School and Worship switched. Please be mindful of the time changes that are in effect beginning June 2. We will evaluate the schedule's effectiveness at the end of July.



## Business Meeting Sunday, June 2 9:45 A.M.

Plan to meet in the Fellowship Hall for a business meeting that will allow time for discussion/questions/answers that cover several recommendations from the Diaconate:

- ♦ Approving the Proposed 2024-2025 Budget,
- ♦ Using existing funds and beginning a fund-raising campaign to roof the second half of the Sanctuary and to replace the HVAC system.

The congregation will vote on these recommendations Sunday, June 9, during Worship.

If time allows following the meeting, members will report to Sunday School classrooms.

## What's Happening

Many members have noticed cars and people on the church campus during times that we do not traditionally have services or activities. Maybe you have not heard that Golgotha Slavic Baptist Church uses our Sanctuary for worship services and choir practice on Sundays. They use the SPIHN Building for their children and youth Sunday School classes and other activities. Below is a schedule of events so that you can be informed.

### Sanctuary

Sundays  
12:30-3:30 P.M.

Tuesdays  
6:00-9:00 P.M.

Fridays  
7:00-9:00 P.M.

### SPIHN Building

Sundays  
11:00-12:45 P.M.

Tuesdays-Thursdays  
6:00-9:00 P.M.

Saturdays  
6:00-9:00 P.M.

# mside music



## Summer Choir

Summertime is a great time to try singing in the Sanctuary Choir without making a long-term commitment. During the summer months, we will observe a limited choir practice schedule that's fun and energizing! What a great way to serve our Lord. We would love to have you sing with us!!

### Wednesday Summer Choir Rehearsals

June 5, 19      July 10, 24      August 7, 21  
7:00 P.M.

## Clarion Sounds to Ring

Rogers Park

55 West Howard Street, Tryon

Saturday, June 1

Clarion Sounds, the handbell choir of Morningside, has been invited to ring at a family event to raise funds for Guiding Reins. This non-profit organization uses horses to provide mental, physical, and emotional therapy for veterans and others who serve the community, such as first responders. This event is free, but donations will be accepted to aid in this worthy service.

5:45 P.M.	Gates Open
6:00 P.M.	Flag Processional
6:00 P.M.	Clarion Sounds Ring
6:45 P.M.	US Top 10 Celtic Group

Food will be available for purchase. Come enjoy the entertainment and help Guiding Reins make a difference in the lives of many in the Tryon area.



# missions



Send the Good News  
of Jesus Christ with  
Operation Christmas  
Child

*Be a part of this missions project to share  
the Good News with children  
in all parts of the world.*

Items needed for the month of June include  
crayons, pencils, small notebooks, journals, markers,  
index cards, small scissors, rulers, erasers, colored  
pencils, pencil sharpeners, red, blue and black pens.

Tubs for your donations are located  
on the Information Hallway.

# mside youth



## Bible Study

Wednesdays

6:00-8:00 P.M.

Dinner Provided

June 5      *Fierce Integrity*

Home of Hap and Jayne Belmont

June 19 - *Fierce Love*

July 3 - *Fierce Living*

July 17 - *Fierce Family*

Locations To Be Announced

## MFuge Camp

June 10-14

### Ridgecrest Conference Center

MFuge gives students a mission experience that opens their eyes to similar opportunities they may have to serve in their own communities. They will be challenged and stretched as individuals as they build group unity over dinner, worship, fellowship, Bible study, and church group devotions. Please remember in prayer the following youth and chaperones who are attending MFuge: Aaron, Alee, Cordelia, Emma, Jack, Makenzie, Olivia, Zelda, Griffin, Jack, and Kimberly.

## Youth and Children Family

### Cookout and Pool Party

Sunday, June 2      12:15-2:00 P.M.

Michael and Katherine Jones are hosting this family event at their home. The church will provide hot dogs and drinks. Families need to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Remember your swim suit and towel!

# mside kids

Centrikid

June 10-14

### Ridgecrest Conference Center

At CentriKid 2024, kids will explore how God gives above and beyond everything they can ask or think. This camp, designed with the heart of a child in mind, ensures that God's Word is the focus. Meals, free time, recreation, worship, and Bible study are all opportunities for spiritual conversations! Kids leave camp having formed lifelong friendships with other believers their age. Please pray for the following children and chaperones: Harper, Lucy, Maeleigh, Turner, Vivian, Zander, Becky, Laura, and Ricky.



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## Mission Trip to Nicaragua June 1-8



Ruth and Amy will head to Nicaragua June 1-8 for a mission trip with The Pearl Foundation/Hendrix Elementary School.



## Mission Trip to Dominican Republic

July 8-13, 2024

This year a handful of Morningside members will travel to the Dominican Republic to work alongside Cups Missions in the Sosua area. While there, we will participate in VBS style camps in several villages, hold prayer walks, help feed those in need, and work to better the living conditions by way of light construction projects. Morningside sent a group of college students in 2019 and had an enormous impact. Our hope is that this year will be no different!! Please pray for the following Morningside members: Steve, Kimberly, Olivia, Casey, Mario, Tammy, and Makenzie.

### *Thank You Notes for Your Prayers and Support Received from*

Tommy and Debbie Brock and Family  
Child Evangelism Fellowship  
School Ministries of Spartanburg County

### *Sympathy Extended to*

...Family and friends in the death of Julia Kirby  
on April 30, 2024 in Spartanburg, South  
Carolina.

### *Ministers on Call*

May 31-June 2  
June 14-16  
June 28-30

Laura White  
828-447-2175

June 7-9  
June 21-23

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864-597-3966



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*Seeking, Serving, Sharing*

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