

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.

Morningside Baptist Church

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PATRIOTIC WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, JULY 7
11:00 A.M.

- ◆ PRESENTATION OF COLORS
- ◆ PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE
- ◆ PRAYER FOR OUR NATION
 - ◆ PATRIOTIC HYMNS
- ◆ MESSAGE FROM DR. DREW HINES
WHERE IS YOUR FAITH?
LUKE 8:22-25

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Calendar of Weekly Events

Sundays

A Time for Prayer - 9:00 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 Meetings - 11:00 A.M.
Scouts - 6:30 P.M.

Wednesdays

Infinite Mercy Rehearsal - 5:00 P.M.
Youth *Fierce* Bible Studies - July 3, 17, 31 - 6:00 P.M.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - July 10, 24 - 6:30 P.M.

Thursdays

Fridays

Prayer Warriors - 9:30 A.M.

Additional July Events

- 1 Beautiful Hats Bible Study - 11:00 A.M.
- 3 Youth *Fierce* Bible Study - 6:00 P.M.
- 4 Church Office Closed
- 7 Patriotic Worship Service - 11:00 A.M.
Dr. Drew Hines, Pulpit Guest
Commissioning of Dominican Republic Mission Team
- 14 Dr. Drew Hines, Pulpit Guest - 11:00 A.M.
Deacons' Meeting - 4:00 P.M.
- 16 Children's Movie Trip - 9:30 A.M.
- 17 Youth *Fierce* Bible Study - 6:00 P.M.
- 18 Senior Adult Luncheon - 11:00 A.M.
- 21 Dominican Republic Mission Report - 11:00 A.M.
Marvellous Okonee, Pulpit Guest - 11:00 A.M.
Churchwide Potluck Lunch - 12:00 P.M.
- 25 Creative Card-making Class and Lunch - 10:00 A.M.
- 28 Dr. Drew Hines, Pulpit Guest - 11:00 A.M.
Deacon Responsibilities Handout Available
- 31 Youth *Fierce* Bible Study - 6:00 P.M.



**Thursday, July 18
11:00 A.M.**

Our July Senior Adult Luncheon will begin with a musical program presented by the Upstate Men's Choir Ensemble. Following our entertainment, we will enjoy a luncheon together with our guests. The church will provide chicken, rolls, and tea. We are asking our Seniors to bring generous portions of sides and desserts to share.

*Invite a friend or two for this day
of good food and fellowship!*

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Faith and Patriotism

July is a time of patriotic celebration all across these United States of America when our country celebrates its founding as an independent nation. *The Declaration of Independence*, signed on July 4, 1776—give or take a day or two—signified a bold and daring break from Great Britain. For many, July Fourth is a time for the Pledge of Allegiance, flags, cookouts, picnics, fireworks, and general merriment. Others resent this holiday for what they see as celebrating a nation with faults and past transgressions that they cannot forgive. Whatever the view, July Fourth is a day of significance in our nation.

What about for us as Christians? Should we ignore the national holiday, citing that it has no real Christian significance? Or, should we plan worship services with a holiday theme, a service with little connection to Scripture and the One we know as the God of all nations and peoples? Of course, we know that for the Christian, neither is appropriate.

As Christians, we should approach worship during times of national holidays just as we approach worship during other times of the year...through the lens of biblically based, Christian faith. We can affirm our national celebration AND remember to interpret its meaning and significance within our biblical worldview. We can worship our Lord freely because God has blessed us by allowing us to live in a nation that values freedom to worship.

As Christians, we understand that God's truth does not rely on any government, leader, or nation; but, His truth comes directly from God's own omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent nature. We know that our nation exists by the grace of God; and by that same grace, we are citizens of His kingdom first, and citizens of our country, second. We are grateful that God has blessed us by placing us in this time and place and seek to do His will in service to Him.

As we enjoy the Fourth of July and the coming days of summer, may we remember that we worship a God who reigns over us all. Let us seek His will and vision for our lives. May we show His grace and love to our community, state, and nation in order to glorify Him.

Grace and peace,

Robert Mitchell, Worship Pastor

Dr. Drew Hines, Pulpit Guest

July 7	<i>Where Is Your Faith?</i>	Luke 8:22-25
July 14	<i>Abundant Living (1)</i>	John 10:10
July 28	<i>Abundant Living (2)</i>	John 10:10

Potluck Lunch Sunday, July 21 12:00 P.M.

Following Worship, everyone is invited to meet in the Fellowship Hall for lunch. The church will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, and tea. We ask those who attend to bring sides and desserts to share. Sign up in the Information Hallway no later than Sunday, July 15.



Creative Card-Making Class Thursday, July 25 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. Fellowship Hall



You, too, can learn to make unique cards for all occasions! Demonstrator Esther Boyle will teach you how to create two beautiful cards at a cost of only \$5.00, which also includes a light lunch! Sign up in the Information Hallway no later than Sunday, July 7.

Deacon Election Cycle

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

Sunday, July 28

Handout of *Responsibilities of a Deacon* and *Deacon Election Cycle*

Available at Entrances to the Sanctuary

Sunday, August 4

Nomination Sunday

May Nominate up to Fourteen Members

Sunday, August 11

Nominee Meeting - 6:00 P.M. in Youth Room

Monday, August 12

Deadline to Accept or Decline Nomination
Turn in Digital Picture and Information Sheet

Sunday, August 18

Bio-sketches of Nominees

Sunday, August 25

Election of Fourteen Deacons

Monday, August 26

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

Sunday, September 1

Deacon Ordination and Commissioning - 11:00 A.M.

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Summer Choir

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

Wednesday Choir Rehearsals 6:30 P.M.
 July 10, 24 August 7, 21



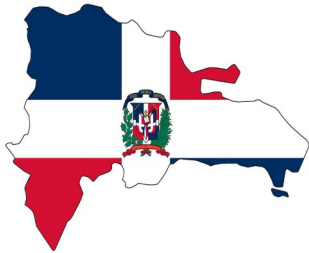
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Bible Study
Wednesdays
6:00-8:00 P.M.
Dinner Provided

July 3
 Home of Michael and Katherine Jones
July 17
 Home of David and Jana White
July 31
 Home of Steve and Kimberly Kibbe

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Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic

July 8-13

This year a group 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!! We will commission the following Morningside members Sunday, July 7: Steve, Kimberly, Olivia, Casey, Mario, Tammy, and Makenzie. Please pray for this group of missionaries.

Speaker Event with Marvellous Okonne

Sunday, July 21 11:00 A.M.

When asked her newborn son's name, the mother responded, "Marvellous." She praised God for how He had helped her family through many struggles. The youngest of four children, Marvellous grew up in a part of Central Africa where Christians are persecuted for their faith. Resettling in another area, his parents found it difficult to secure new jobs and send their children to school. At age 8, Marvellous received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift. Come hear how that gift continues to remind him of God's love and care for him.



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Children's Movie Trip

Tuesday, July 16

9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Migration Movie at the BIG E, followed by lunch at pizza inn and crafts and games at the church

Sign up by Sunday, July 14

Senior Adult Trip



October 22-25

It's too hot to take a vacation at the beach in this sweltering 100 degree weather, but not too early to plan a trip to the coast in cooler weather! Our first destination is Georgia's Jekyll Island, known as Millionaire's Island. There, we will experience the life of the rich and powerful, then head to St. Augustine, Florida, to

- ♦ visit the Lightner Museum,
- ♦ attend a rousing performance of *The Lives and Wives of Henry Flagler*, the founder of Standard Oil,
- ♦ cruise Matanzas Bay and the Intercoastal Waterway, viewing the St. Augustine Lighthouse, Castillo de San Marcos National Monument, the Bridge of Lions, Flagler College, and the wildlife,
- ♦ shop the historic downtown and tour the city in a trolley with a storyteller providing history.

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A Note from the Picklin' Parishioners



The ladies have already been hard at work cutting and chopping and mixing and canning for the October Craft Bazaar. They need your help in obtaining half-pint size jars and lids. If you can help, please drop off your donations in the Church Office as soon as possible.



Mark Your Calendar

Operation Christmas Child Packing Party

Sunday, August 4
Noon-2:00 P.M. Fellowship Hall
Lunch will be provided.

Sign up in the Information Hallway
no later than Sunday, July 28.

Thank You Notes for Your Prayers and Support Received from

Ruth Abraham
TOTAL Ministries

Sympathy Extended to

*... Dan and Linka Moore and family in the death of
Dan's sister, Dianne Huddleston, on May 24, 2024,
in Fayetteville, Georgia.*

*... Betty Jo Godfrey and family in the death of her son
-in-law, Bobby Simmons, on May 25, in
Inman, South Carolina.*

Pastors on Call

July 5-7
July 19-21

Laura White
828-447-2175

July 12-14
July 26-28

Robert Mitchell
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