

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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Kingdom Kids Choir Presents

The Colors of His Love

Sunday, May 4
During our 11:00 a.m. Worship Service



Happy
Mother's
Day

Muffins with Moms

Sunday, May 11
9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

We hope you will join us as we celebrate Mother's Day
with our annual churchwide breakfast of
muffins, juices and coffee in the Fellowship Hall.



Words from Our Pastor

I don't know about you, but I am feeling incredibly encouraged!

As a staff, we spent time in prayer and sought God's guidance on how to make this Easter season more personal, for you and for us. Our desire was to create space for all of us to slow down and truly absorb the reality of Jesus' death so that we could more deeply appreciate and embody the power of His resurrection.

So many of you engaged in those experiences, and we have heard from countless individuals about how impactful the services were. Praise God! While the staff worked faithfully and poured in extra time and energy to carry out those plans, we know that any lasting fruit is a direct result of God's work. He alone deserves the glory.

Easter is always a beautiful reminder of God's deep love for us, shown most powerfully through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. But it is not just a memorial precisely because Jesus did not stay in the grave. He rose again! His resurrection changes everything! It propels us into new life. It becomes the source of our strength and purpose, empowering us by the Holy Spirit to live in a way that honors Him and fulfills our calling—to go and make disciples of all nations.

This time of year always stirs a renewed sense of boldness, dedication, and confidence in me—not because of my own strength but because of His! But this is not just a personal renewal; it is for our church as a whole. I truly believe that God is breathing new life into our church, positioning us to extend His love, healing, redemption, and glory throughout Spartanburg. We are called to be a people on mission, living out the Great Commission and offering new life to others through relationship with Christ.

So, I pray that you are encouraged. I pray that you are excited. And most of all, I pray that you are ready to live boldly for Christ!

*And whatever you do, in word or deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.
Colossians 3:17*

In Christ,

Brandon Malone



The Morningside Baptist Church Celebrates Its 75th Anniversary Sunday, June 8, 2025

Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 8, as we celebrate seventy-five years of history. We will have a special Worship Service followed by a meal in the Fellowship Hall. Sign-up sheets will be located in the Information Hallway, beginning May 18.

Mside Students



CAMP PAYMENTS DUE BY SUNDAY, MAY 18



CentriKid Children's Camp
June 9-13
3rd Installment of \$25
due by Sunday, May 18



MFuge Youth Camp
July 14-18
3rd Installment of \$25
due by Sunday, May 18

Mside Family

Calendar of Weekly Events

Sundays

A Time for Prayer - 9:00A.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.
Clarion Sounds - 5:00 P.M.

Mondays

Golden Tones - 1:30 P.M.

Tuesdays

Bicycle Ministry - 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
Home School - 9:00 A.M.
Staff Meeting - 10:00 A.M.
Scouts - 6:30 P.M.

Wednesdays

Infinite Mercy Rehearsal - 5:00 P.M.
Praise and Prayer - 6:00 P.M.
Biblical Round Table - 6:15 P.M.
Mside Youth - 6:15-7:30 P.M.
Kingdom Kids (Choir) - 6:15 - 6:45 P.M.
Journey Kids (Missions) - 6:45 -7:30 P.M.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 P.M.

Fridays

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

Additional Weekly Events

- 3 Kingdom Kids Musical Rehearsal - 9:00 A.M.
- 4 Kingdom Kids Choir Presents *The Colors of His Love* - 11:00 A.M.
- 5 Beautiful Hats Bible Study - 11:00 A.M.
Golden Tones Community Outreach to White Oak Assisted Living - Carpool at 1:30 P.M.
- 11 Muffins with Mom - 9:00 A.M. - Fellowship Hall
- 12 Golden Tones Community Outreach at Restoration at Westgate - Carpool at 1:30 P.M.
- 13 Stitches and Sowers - 1:15 P.M.
- 15 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 2:00 P.M.
- 18 Annual Business Meeting - 9:30 A.M.
Golden Tones Choir Sing during Worship
Payment Due for CentriKid and/or MFuge Camps
- 19 Golden Tones' Spring Luncheon - Carpool at 11:15 A.M.; Lunch at 12:00 P.M.
- 20 Stampin' Up - 10:00 A.M.
- 22 Hearts and Hands Crafters - 10:00 A.M.
- 26 Memorial Day - Church Office Closed
- 27 Joy of Missions - 12:00 P.M.

Operation Christmas Child



May's Monthly Donation List:

Dolls Soccer/Football and Pumps
Musical instruments Stuffed Animals
Small Toys Solor Powered Flashlights

Save the Date

Sunday, November 2 - Lunch and Packing Party

CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING



Sunday, May 18

9:30 A.M. Fellowship Hall

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall to discuss the Proposed 2025-2026 Budget. Copies are now available at the entrances to the Sanctuary. The vote will take place following the meeting.
We will not meet for Sunday School that morning.

Join us for a night of skating, pizza and fellowship!

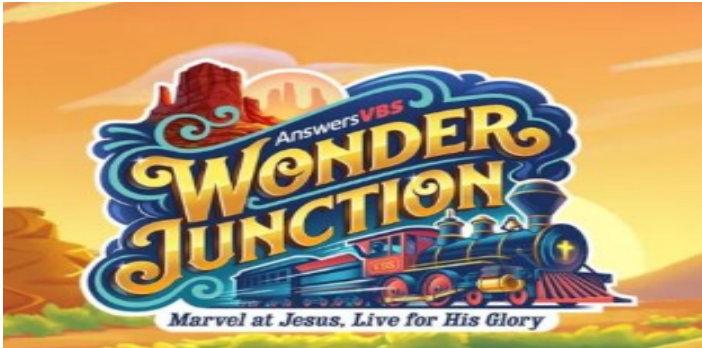
FAMILY SKATE NIGHT

Wednesday, May 21
Hot Wheels Skate Center
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Sign your family up by
Wednesday, May 14 with Laura

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Looking Ahead



Vacation Bible School
Monday-Friday, June 23-27
9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
Kindergarten-Grade 5

The Picklin' Parishioners Are Collecting Canning Supplies

Please drop off jars, lids, and rings of all sizes to the Church Office. A limited supply of canned items (chow chow, pickles, chutney, etc.) are still available in Jayne Belmont's office.

*Thank You Notes for Your Prayers
 and Support Received from*
 Martha Taylor

Pastors on Call

May 2-4, 23-25
 Robert Mitchell, 864-597-3966

May 9-11, 30-June 1
 Brandon Malone, 404-861-1872

May 16-18
 Laura White, 828-447-2175

Sympathy Extended to

... Scott and Rebecca Ongemach and family in the death of Rebecca's brother, Jamie Crisp, on April 6, 2025, in Due West, South Carolina.

... Family and friends in the death of Mike Hensley, former Morningside Administrator, on April 21, 2025, in Spartanburg, South Carolina.



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