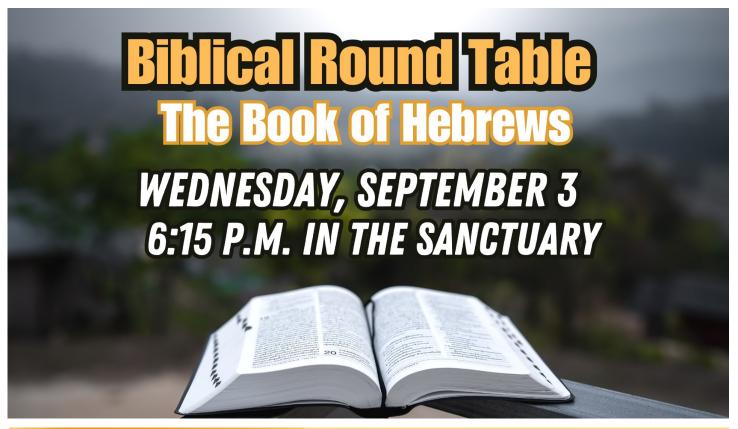


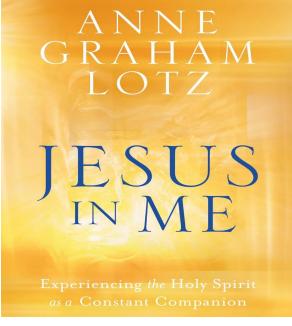
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Ladies' Fall Bible Study Tuesday Mornings

> 10:00 a.m. - noon Fellowship Hall

8 Sessions September 23 - November 11

Cost: \$15 for workbook

Sign up by Sunday, September 14



# Words from Our Pastor

Have you ever done serious work on a car? The number of parts and the precision with which they work together is incredible. Yet, if just one component fails, the whole vehicle can be brought to a standstill. The human body is the same. It's made up of countless cells, each with unique roles, perfectly aligned to function together efficiently. And like a car, when even one part isn't working as it should, it can lead to problems in other areas. That's why Paul compares the church to a body saying, "For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them" (Romans 12:4-6a). We are made of many different parts—different skills, different functions, different purposes. But when all those parts come together with a shared goal, united in mission, we can accomplish truly remarkable things.

In our recent series on the book of Esther, I shared a truth that still baffles me. God will accomplish His purposes, with or without us. He doesn't need us, but He chooses to accomplish those plans through us. The first part is rather obvious. God is all powerful, so He can and will succeed in whatever He sets out to accomplish. That He would invite us to take part in that work with Him is both humbling and incredible.

Like Mordecai did with Esther, I asked you to consider whether God may have placed you at Morningside for a reason. I believe He has a plan for this church, and that plan includes you.

If you haven't yet found clarity on where you fit, I encourage you to reflect on the gifts, passions, personality, and life experiences God has given you. Who has He placed in your life? What stirs your heart? Where do you see Him already at work? And then to consider why? What is God up to? Assuming that He has a purpose in everything He does, consider why God has placed your unique self in the situation and place that you are.

We want to hear from you. We want to know what God is placing on your heart. When we each discern our role in His plan, we begin to see just how much we need each other, and how, together, we can glorify God and serve our community in powerful ways.

I'm genuinely excited to see what God has in store for us here at Morningside and how we will all play a part in accomplishing that goal.

In Christ, Brandon Malone

# Events in August

# 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.
Infinite Mercy Rehearsal - 4:00 P.M.
Clarion Sounds Resumes Sept. 7 - 5:00 P.M.

## Mondays

Golden Tones Resumes Sept. 8 - 1:30 P.M.

### **Tuesdays**

Ladies' Bible Study - Begins September 23 - 10:00 A.M.
Bicycle Ministry - 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
Staff Meeting - 10:00 A.M.
Scouts - 6:30 P.M.

## Wednesdays

Evening Programs - 6:00 P.M.
Families - Praise and Prayer
Adults - Biblical Bible Round Table - Hebrews
Youth - *Radical Like Jesus* Bible Study
Children - Music and Missions
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 P.M.

### **Thursdays**

Good News Club - Resumes Sept. 4 - 2:30 P.M.

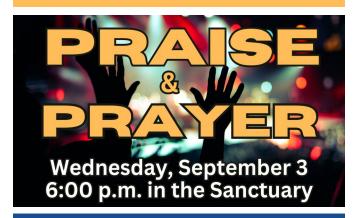
## **Fridays**

Church Office Closed

# Additional Activities

- 1 Office Closed Labor Day Holiday
- 2 Beautiful Hats 11:00 A.M.
- Wednesday Night Activities Resume 6:00 P.M.
- 4 Good News Club Resumes 2:30 P.M.
- 7 Deacon Ordination/Commissioning 11:00 A.M.
- 7 Clarion Sounds Resumes 5:00 P.M.
- 8 Golden Tones Resumes 1:30 P.M.
- 9 Stitchers and Sowers 1:15 P.M.
- 16 Stampin' Up 10:00 A.M.
- 18 Prayer Shawl Ministry 2:00 P.M.
- Ladies' Bible Study Begins 10:00 A.M.
- Hearts and Hands 10:00 A.M.
- 30 Joy of Missions 12:00 P.M.

# Mside Family



# Investing in the Kingdom Philippians 2:4



Week of Prayer September 7-14, 2025

# Our Church Goal: \$2,000

Because of your generosity through the Janie Chapman Offering each year, you

- Help fund church planting efforts, which means more gatherings across the state where people hear the gospel and find a local community of faith,
- Support ministries that provide relief to those facing hardships and various crises right here at home,
- Help equip and train the next generation of leaders who will continue to share the hope of the gospel for decades to come.

# \*\*Mark Your Calendars!\*\* Operation Christmas Child Packing Party Sunday, October 12 in the Fellowship Hall

Lunch will be provided 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sign up by Sunday, October 5 if you plan to attend

# Mside Students



# YOUTH MINISTRY RADICAL WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

LIKE JESUS

n Challenges to Live a Revolutionary Life

GREG STIER

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
THIS FALL
STARTING
SEPTEMBER 3

6:15 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. YOUTH ROOM

No one in history has been as radical as Jesus. From the way that He prayed, to how He interacted with sinners, to His death on the cross, Jesus was a revolutionary. As His followers, we must strive to be like him. When Jesus lives in us and through us, we put into practice the rhythms, activities, and actions Jesus modeled throughout His life. We can be radical like He was. *Radical like Jesus* challenges you to stretch your faith and helps you live like Jesus lived. Join us for this Bible study!





Thursday, September 4
Pine Street
Elementary School

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# SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2 10AM-2PM We hope you are finishing up your craft projects and

getting your ingredients together for the bake sale in October. Be sure to invite your friends and family to attend our Fall Festival on October 25. We are looking forward to bigger crowds this year due to added activities!

Those who are donating items may bring them to the Fellowship Hall on Friday, October 24 between 10:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.

# Deacons on Call

August 31-September 6

David Smith Brian Alexander

September 7-13

Katherine Wiggins Michelle Maness

September 14-20 Shirley Bodnar Kathy Covington

September 21-27

Jody Welch Jerry Easler

September 28-October 4

Jack Dodds John Rogers

# Sympathy Extended to

... Martha Taylor and family in the death of her brother, Jack Henderson, on August 14, 2025, in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

## Pastors on Call

September 5-7, 26-28 Robert Mitchell

864-5973966

September 12-14 Brandon Malone

404-861-1872

Laura White 828-447-2175 September 19-21

# Thank You Notes

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