

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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Biblical Round Table

The Book of Hebrews

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

6:15 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY



ANNE
GRAHAM
LOTZ

JESUS
IN ME

Experiencing the Holy Spirit
as a Constant Companion

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



Scan QR Code to Register

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 - 9:00 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.
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.
- 3 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.
- 23 Ladies' Bible Study Begins - 10:00 A.M.
- 25 Hearts and Hands - 10:00 A.M.
- 30 Joy of Missions - 12:00 P.M.

Mside Family

PRAISE & PRAYER

Wednesday, September 3
6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

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

MSIDE KIDS WEDNESDAY

NIGHT SCHEDULE

Begins September 3

6:00 P.M. - 6:15 P.M. PRAISE & PRAYER
IN THE SANCTUARY



6:15 P.M. - 6:45 P.M. KINGDOM KIDS CHOIR



6:45 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. MISSION TIME



Our MSide Kids Wednesday Night Programming
is currently for Kindergarten through 5th grade

YOUTH MINISTRY

RADICAL LIKE JESUS

21 Challenges to Live a Revolutionary Life

GREG STIER
Foreword by LOUIE GIGLIO

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!

GLITZ

and

GLAM

Party

Sunday, September 21
Home of Vivian Magnanti
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.



Children and Youth GIRLS!
Join us for lunch and an
afternoon of glamorous fun!



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Thursday, September 4
Pine Street
Elementary School

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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.

Pastors on Call

September 5-7, 26-28 Robert Mitchell
864-5973966
September 12-14 Brandon Malone
404-861-1872
September 19-21 Laura White
828-447-2175

Thank You Notes

Rick and Debby Byars
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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.

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