

# 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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## 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.  
Clarion Sounds - 5:00 P.M.

### Mondays

Golden Tones - 1:30 P.M.

### Tuesdays

Bicycle Ministry - 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.  
Staff Meeting - 1:00 P.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.

### Thursdays

Good News Club at Pine Street Elementary - 2:30 P.M.  
(Last Session November 14)

### Fridays

Prayer Warriors - 9:30 A.M.

## Additional Weekly Events

- 3 All Saints' Day - 11:00 A.M.  
Reception for Families in Fellowship Hall
- 4 Beautiful Hats Bible Study Group - 11:00 A.M.
- 5 Church Office Closed for Election Day
- 8 Fall Craft Bazaar Set-up - 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
- 9 Fall Craft Bazaar - 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
- 10 Veterans Day Reception - 10:30 A.M.  
Pictures of Veterans in Information Hallway  
Veterans Day Worship Service - 11:00 A.M.
- 11-12 South Carolina Baptist Convention
- 16 Friendsgiving Youth Event - 7:00 P.M.
- 19 Stitchers and Sowers - 1:15 P.M.
- 24 Thanksgiving Service - 11:00 A.M.  
Staff Appreciation and Thanksgiving Luncheon - 12:00 P.M.
- 26 Joy of Missions - 12:00 P.M.
- 27 Church Office Closed  
Youth to Processing Center in Charlotte, NC - 4:00 P.M.  
No Other Activities or Programs
- 28 Thanksgiving Day - Church Office Closed
- 29 Decorate the Church for the Christmas Season - 9:00 A.M.

**Sunday,  
November 3  
11:00 A.M.**



All Saints' Day is marked as an occasion to remember those church members who have died since November 1 of last year. Their names are read during Worship, a chime is played as the family of the deceased stands, a candle is lit, and a moment of silence is observed. Following the service, families of the deceased are invited to attend a reception in the Fellowship Hall. Please be in prayer for these families who have lost a loved one.

## Fall Bazaar and Bake Sale Saturday, November 9

**9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.**

**Hand-crafted gifts and baked goods  
for everyone on your  
Christmas list!**

**Invite Everyone You Know  
Free and Open to Public**



# Words from Our Pastor

Dear Church Family,

In 1997, the film *Amistad* was released, inspired by the true events surrounding the Spanish slave ship *La Amistad* in 1839. The enslaved individuals aboard managed to seize control of the vessel off the coast of Cuba but were ultimately detained by a U.S. naval ship in American waters. This incident ignited an international legal battle that culminated in a landmark decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1841.

In the movie, the enslaved men face criminal charges of piracy and murder, but those charges are swiftly dismissed due to the circumstances occurring in international waters. However, this dismissal marks the beginning of a more profound struggle as the ship's owners file a civil suit, claiming the enslaved individuals as property and demanding their return. The defense attorney, Roger Sherman Baldwin, portrayed by Matthew McConaughey, grapples with deeply held beliefs and political pressures, all while struggling to communicate effectively with his clients.

Though they win the initial case, an appeal forces them to retry the matter. In a pivotal scene, Baldwin attempts to explain the situation through an interpreter. Cinque, the leader and spokesperson for the Africans, is confused, as he was previously assured they would be set free. Baldwin begins with, "What I should have said..." but is interrupted by the translator, who notes that the Mende language lacks a word for "should." Baldwin is baffled, but the interpreter simply explains, "You either do something or you don't do it!" This exchange has stuck with me for years.

As we study the book of James, I can't help but be reminded of this scene. Just recently, we talked about one of my favorite verses in James: Chapter 1, Verse 22:

But be doers of the word,  
and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

This simple, yet profound concept, is both straightforward and challenging. The point is not that hearing is unnecessary or unimportant. Likewise, our intention or our "should" is important and plays a role in our overall direction. But, while hearing and intention do matter, they ultimately hold no value without action...I love the clarity of James' message and the call to respond actively to God's Word. It's not merely a matter of what we "should" do. In fact, I would like to remove "should" from my vocabulary as much as possible and simply be a doer.

In Christ,  
Brandon

## The Local Network and Morningside

As most of you know, the Spartanburg County Baptist Network scheduled an Executive Board Meeting to discuss and ultimately vote on our church's affiliation with the local network. At this meeting, which was postponed to October 28 because of Hurricane Helene, we were ultimately deemed to be "not in friendly cooperation" with the local network. This decision will be finalized at the Network's Annual Meeting on November 3. This vote has no immediate impact on the State or National Conventions. Regardless, the leadership of this church wants to assure you that we will continue to be the same church we have been. Namely, we will continue to love Jesus, believe and follow the Bible, and do all we can to spread the good news of the gospel to all that will listen, for the glory of God.

In Christ,  
Brandon

## mside kids

Wednesday Evenings



Kingdom Kids (CHOIR)

6:15-6:45 P.M.

Room 102, Children's Wing

Journey Kids (MISSIONS)

6:45-7:30 P.M.

Room 104, Children's Wing

## CENTRIKID 2025 HIGHER



**June 9-13**

**Ridgcrest Conference Center, NC**

**(For Those Who Have Completed  
Grades 2-6)**

*Hey, kids, you can experience Jesus Christ through  
biblical teaching, fun activities, and high-energy  
experiences in the beautiful mountains  
of North Carolina!*

**\$25 non-refundable deposit due no later  
than Wednesday, November 20**



# mside family

## VETERANS DAY



### **Veterans Day Recognition Sunday, November 10 11:00 A.M.**

During Worship, we will celebrate those who have served in the Armed Forces

with the Presentation of Colors, the Pledges of Allegiance to the Flags, prayer, special music, and a breakfast served in the Fellowship Hall. We will feature pictures of our Veterans on monitors throughout the church and display them in the Information Hallway and enjoy doughnuts and muffins in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 A.M. Please meet at the bottom of the stairs in the Welcome Center at 10:45 A.M. so that we can take a group picture, as in the past. Veterans, if you have not previously turned in a picture of yourself in uniform, please do so to Kathy Green no later than Wednesday, November 6.



We are very happy to inform all Morningside members that the long journey to sell the building located at 901 S. Pine St, known to many as the Caine Building, has been sold as of October 25, 2024. In accordance with

the congregational vote that took place January 21, 2024, the sale price was \$530,000.00.

The property, formerly occupied by Kids Club, was purchased by the Spartanburg-based company Palmetto Posting, Inc. The corporate team of nine will daily occupy the building, which will serve as their corporate office. The company works with local and state agencies to provide notices for delinquent tax, utility disconnections, and mobile home audits.

We worked closely with Andy Hayes, our agent, to find a buyer with a profile that would make for a long-term good neighbor, and we believe we have found just that! We look forward to developing a good relationship with Palmetto Posting, Inc.

Thank you, congregation of Morningside, for your support and patience as we took this journey. One hundred percent of the funds from the building sale will be used for building maintenance of the campus that makes up The Morningside Baptist Church.

Ricky Heath,  
Church Administrator



**Packets for  
SC Prisoners  
Due Wednesday,  
November 6**

## PRAISE & PRAYER

**Families, gather in the Sanctuary at  
6:00 P.M. for corporate prayer and  
songs of praise before regular  
Wednesday night activities.**

### *Thanksgiving Meal and Staff Appreciation Dinner Sunday, November 24*

Following Worship, we will celebrate Thanksgiving and our Morningside Staff. The Church will provide turkey, rolls, and drinks. We ask you to provide a generous side and a dessert to share with others. A basket will be available for your cards of appreciation to the Staff. Be sure to sign up in the Information Hallway no later than Sunday, November 17.

## The Marvel and Miracle of Advent

### **Tuesday Mornings Bible Study November 26, December 3, 10, 17 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Hall**

Ladies, join us for a four-session video Bible study like no other. Your hope and spirit will be revived as you recapture the wonder of Jesus' obvious love for you. Advent is not only a season of waiting and preparation; it is also a season of action in which to share the hope of Jesus with everyone. The workbook costs \$10. Sign up by Sunday, November 10, with Laura White at [lwhite@msidechurch.org](mailto:lwhite@msidechurch.org).



**Volunteers Needed  
to Decorate the  
Church for the  
Christmas Season  
Friday, November 29**

**Please meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 A.M.**

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

Janis Haynes  
David and Susanne Smith

### *Sympathy Extended to*

... Judy Burnett and family in the death of Judy's husband, James, on October 11, 2024, in Spartanburg, SC.

... Sam Bishop and family in the death of Sam's wife, Happy, on October 12, 2024, in Spartanburg, SC.

... Judy Bishop and family in the death of Judy's husband, Larry, on October 22, 2024, in Woodruff, SC.

... Melva Greene and Gail Crocker and families in the death of their niece, Jo Alyce Shook, on October 21, 2024, in Spartanburg, SC.

### *Pastors on Call*

**November 1-3, 22-24**  
Brandon Malone, 404-861-1872

**November 8-10 November 29 - December 1**  
Robert Mitchell, 864-597-3966

**November 15-17**  
Laura White, 828-447-2175



*Morningside*  
Baptist Church  
*Seeking, Serving, Sharing*

### *Staff*

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## *mside youth*

**YOUTH WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY**  
**6:15 - 7:30 P.M. YOUTH ROOM**

**NOVEMBER 6: FULL OF THANKS FOR GOD'S GRACE**

**NOVEMBER 13: FULL OF THANKS FOR GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

**NOVEMBER 20: FULL OF THANKS FOR GOD'S SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

**NOVEMBER 27: TRIP TO OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD  
PROCESSING CENTER IN CHARLOTTE, NC (4:00P.M.-11:30P.M.)**

thank full

Morningside Youth we hope you will join us for  
**FRIENDSGIVING**  
Saturday, November 16  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
The Youth Room

A night to celebrate and be thankful for our friendships!  
We will enjoy a great time of fellowship, food and fun!  
Sign up by Wednesday, November 13 if you plan to attend!

**MARK YOUR SUMMER CALENDARS FOR MFUGE 2025**

**into the light**  
owning your faith

**JULY 14-18 AT MILLIGAN UNIVERSITY, TN**  
**\$25 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT DUE:**  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

**OPPORTUNITIES TO GO SERVE AT THE PROCESSING CENTER IN CHARLOTTE, NC**

**Youth Night (13 and older) Wednesday, November 27 (15 Slots)**  
Meet at church @ 4:00 p.m. Return to church @ 11:30 p.m. Working hours: 6pm-10pm

**Thursday, December 19 (12 slots)**  
Meet at church @ 8:30 a.m. Return to church @ 3:30 p.m. Working hours: 10am-2pm

**Friday, December 20 (15 slots)**  
Meet at church @ 4:30 p.m. Return to church at 11:30 p.m. Working hours 6pm-10pm

Sign up with Laura today! Space will fill up fast! We will need to carpool to the processing center.

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### **Mside Weekday Preschool**

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