

The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of
Morningside Baptist Church
Spartanburg, SC

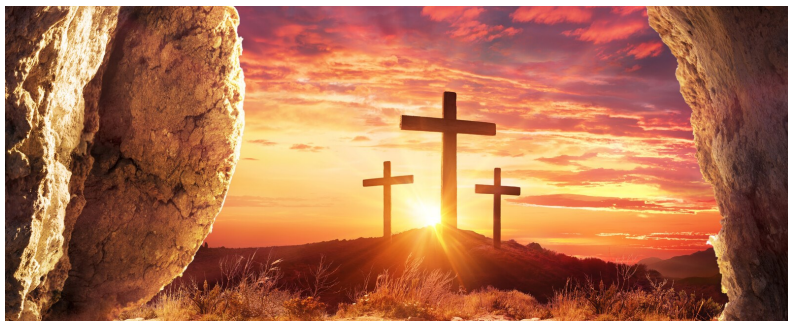
We **Seek** a personal, life-changing relationship with God through prayer, engaging worship, and Bible teaching.
We **Serve** others by modeling the love of Christ through missions and ministry involvement.
We **Share** God's grace through genuine, loving fellowship and discipleship.

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Holy Week

Palm Sunday, March 24 9:30 A.M.

On this Sunday before Easter, we will celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem with children entering the Sanctuary waving palm branches and Rev. Laura White delivering the sermon. Special music will be provided by the Clarion Sounds.

Maundy Thursday, March 28 6:30 P.M.

Worship with us during the Service of Shadows, an observance that has been practiced in churches for centuries. Candles, lit at the beginning of the service, are extinguished at points indicated in scriptural readings and musical selections that tell the story of the events leading up to Jesus' trial, crucifixion, and burial. The extinguished candles symbolize the world growing darker at each point in the story. Following the Observance of The Lord's Supper, everyone will leave the service in silence, contemplating in our hearts the ultimate Gift of sacrifice on the cross.

Easter Sunday, March 31 7:30 A.M.

Hallelujah! Christ has risen! Worship with us as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, beginning with a "SonRise" Service on the front lawn. Following a devotion and praise music, we will enjoy breakfast casseroles in the Fellowship Hall.

Our celebration continues at 9:30 A.M. in the Sanctuary with triumphant music, the Ordinance of Baptism, and an Easter message by Rev. Robert Mitchell.

Profession of Faith and Baptism

Anyone who has recently made a decision to trust Christ as Lord and Savior—but has not yet made the decision public—is invited to respond during the invitation in the upcoming weeks. What an excellent day to participate in Baptism! Call the Church Office if you would like to talk with a pastor about your decision.

Calendar of Weekly Events

Sundays

A Time for Prayer - 8:45 A.M.
Worship - 9:30 A.M.
Coffee Fellowship - 10:30 A.M.
Bible Study - 10:45 A.M.
Clarion Sounds Rehearsal - 5:00 P.M.

Mondays

Golden Tones Rehearsal - 1:30 P.M.

Tuesdays

Bicycle Ministry - 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
Ladies' Bible Study - 9:30 A.M.
Scouts - 6:30 P.M.

Wednesdays

Infinite Mercy Rehearsal - 5:00 P.M.
Prayer Meeting - 6:00 P.M.
Kingdom Kids (Music) - 6:00 - 6:30 P.M.
Mside Youth - 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.
Journey Kids (Missions) - 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 P.M.

Thursdays

Staff Meeting - 11:00 A.M.
Good News Club - 2:00 P.M.

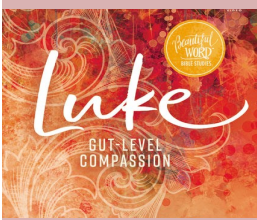
Fridays

Prayer Warriors - 9:30 A.M.

Additional March Events

- 3-10 Week of Prayer - North American Missions
- 3 Infinite Mercy Rehearsal - 12:30 P.M.
- 4 Beautiful Hats Bible Study - 11:00 A.M.
- 10 Pulpit Guest - Dan Vangsnes - 9:30 A.M.
- 12 Stitchers and Sowers - 1:00 P.M.
- 14 Senior Trip to Strawberry Hill - 9:00 A.M.
- 15-16 Beautiful Hat Society Conference
- 15-16 Overflow Student Weekend
- 18 Golden Tones Trip to Eden Terrace - Bus Leaves at 2:00 P.M.
- 21 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10:30 A.M.
- 23 Community Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast - 10:00 A.M.
- 24 Palm Sunday Service - 9:30 A.M.
- 26 Joy of Missions - 12:00 P.M.
- 28 Hearts and Hands Ministry - 10:00 A.M.
Maundy Thursday Service - 6:30 P.M.
- 29 Good Friday
- 31 Easter Sunday SonRise Service - 7:30 A.M.
Breakfast - 8:00 A.M.
Resurrection Sunday Service - 9:30 A.M.
Ordinance of Baptism

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Ladies' Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke Continues

Gut Level Compassion
by Lisa Harper

Tuesday Mornings
March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2
9:30 - 11:30 A.M.

National Beautiful Hat Society Conference Friday-Saturday, March 15-16

All women of the church are invited
to attend this conference
held at Morningside Baptist Church.
You will experience refreshing worship,
uplifting messages, crafts, a silent auction,
food, laughter, and fellowship.

Cost: \$45.00

Registration Ends March 8.

♦ Register online at
NationalBeautifulHatSociety.org
or

♦ Register by Mail by Sending a Check to
Beautiful Hat Society
404 E. Calhoun Crossing Ct.
Spartanburg, SC 29307

For more information, call or text
864-316-6512 or 864-494-7272



**No Regular Wednesday Night
Activities**
March 27 and April 3



**Church Office
Closed
Easter Monday,
April 1**

Dan Vangsnes Pulpit Guest Sunday, March 10

Dan Vangsnes, our Pulpit Guest, has served as Student Pastor and Pastor of Discipleship at Hope Point Church. Dan is passionate about sharing the Word, equipping and mobilizing the saints for the sake of the God's Kingdom, and storytelling. Please extend a warm Morningside welcome to Dan.



Why Are YOU Here?

The GO Initiative prompts us, the body of dedicated believers at Morningside, to seriously consider the growth of God's Kingdom and the growth of Morningside. Working together as one, we are forming multi-generational groups that will invite people to join us for Sunday Worship Services. Jesus commanded us to "go and make disciples." Will you commit to sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with others?

Senior Adult Day Trip Thursday, March 14

We will enjoy breakfast at Strawberry Hill (Dutch Treat). Sign up by Sunday, March 10, in the Information Hallway. The bus will leave Morningside at 9:00 A.M. SHARP



Senior Adult Trip October 22-25

It is not too early to make plans to take a vacation 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.

Flyers with additional details are available at the Information Stations on the Office and Senior Adult Wings.





Golden Tones Choir Shares Easter Music with Residents of Eden Terrace

Monday, March 18 2:30 P.M.

Members meet at the church at 2:00 P.M. if you would like to ride the bus.

Clarion Sounds Rings Palm Sunday Sunday, March 24

Members meet in the Bell Room/Sanctuary at 8:30 A.M.

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Overflow Student Weekend Friday, March 15 - Saturday, March 16

**Crossroads Baptist Church
130 Conway Black Rd.**

Friday Meet at Morningside at 5:30 P.M.
Pick Up at Morningside at 9:00 P.M.

Saturday Meet at Morningside at 9:00 A.M.
Pick up at Morningside at 9:00 P.M.

Guest Speaker: Travis Agnew

Sign up on the bulletin board outside the Youth Room.
Make payment (\$20) to Laura White by Sunday, March 10

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Community Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, March 23 10:00 A.M.

**Breakfast - 10:00 A.M.
Egg Hunt - 11:00 A.M.
Fellowship Hall**

We need volunteers
to help with this
community outreach.
Please contact Laura
White if you would
like to help!



missions

Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering



*"What a glorious thing it is to be a co-worker
with God in winning the world for Christ."
Annie Armstrong*

The Week of Prayer for North American Missions is observed annually by Southern Baptist Convention churches to pray for missionaries, their ministries, and their families. Prayer is the fuel for spiritually sustaining missionaries in places where the gospel is greatly needed, but often opposed. The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering helps with training, purchasing resources, and sending more than 2,400 missionary families across the United States and Canada. **One hundred percent of gifts** given to this offering goes directly to the missionaries for their use in the field. None goes to administration!

Please pray about your family's financial gift to this vital offering during the month of March. Help us reach Morningside's Goal of \$5,000.



Operation Christmas Child

We have begun our kickoff for the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection. This year, we will focus on boys and girls, ages 10-14, an age group that receives fewer gifts. We want to surpass last year's collection of 211 boxes and aim for a goal of 350! We can do it! Commit now to be a part of this project to share the Good News with children in all parts of the world.

Tubs for your donations are located on the Information Hallway.

Items for March

Hygiene items such as combs, hairbrushes, nail clippers, nail files, travel-size stick deodorant, toothbrushes, and washcloths

Items for April

Toys such as deflated soccer balls and pumps, small stuffed animals, dolls, small puzzles, chalk, and jump ropes

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COMING IN MAY
Kids and Cars @ Morningside
Baptist Church Car Show
Saturday, May 18 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
\$20 entry fee
All Proceeds will benefit
Kids Clubs
200 E. St. John St.
Spartanburg, SC 29306
Call 864-497-5434 for more information.

Sympathy Extended to

... Melva Greene and Connor Bastin and family in the death of Melva's sister and Connor's great aunt, Joann Belton, on February 14, 2024, in Gastonia, North Carolina

... Helen Lawson and family in the death of her husband, Tom, on February 15, 2024, in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

... Joe and Becky Magnanti and family in the death of Becky's grandfather, Walter Howard Dyer, in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Thank You Notes for Your Prayers and Support Received from

Becky Watson
St. Luke's Free Medical Clinic

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March 1-3, 15-17
March 29-31
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March 8-10, 22-24
Robert Mitchell
597-3966



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