

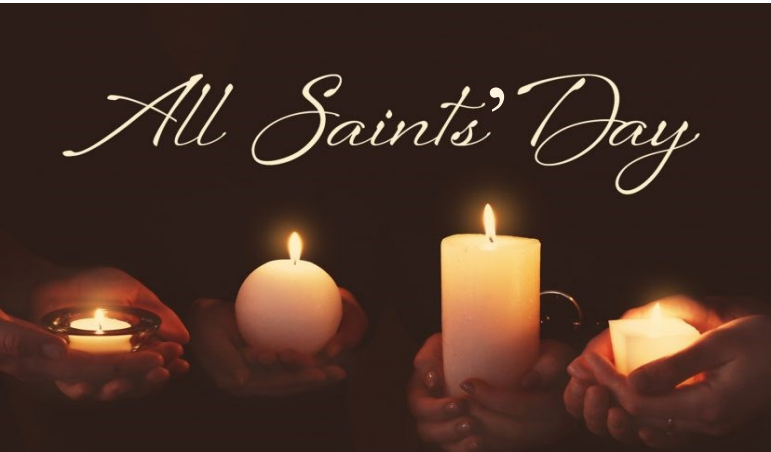


The Messenger

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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All Saints' Day

**Sunday, November 5
9:30 A.M.**

All Saints' Day is marked as an occasion to remember those church members who have died since November 1 of the previous 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 Music Suite. Family members who plan to attend should call Kathy Green at 864-585-5457, Ext. 2 no later than Tuesday, October 31. Please be in prayer for these families who have lost a loved one.



Veterans Day Recognition Sunday, November 12 9:30 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 biscuit breakfast served in the Fellowship Hall. We will feature pictures of our Veterans on monitors throughout the church and display them in the Fellowship Hall. Veterans, if you have not previously turned in a picture of yourself in uniform, please do so to Kathy Green no later than Sunday, November 5.

Weekly Events

Sundays

Time of Prayer - 8:45 A.M.
Morningside Announcements - 9:20 A.M.
Worship Service - 9:30 A.M.
Coffee Fellowship - 10:30 A.M.
Bible Study - 10:45 A.M.
Clarion Sounds Rehearsals - 5:00 P.M.
Time of Prayer - 6:00 P.M.

Mondays

Golden Tones Rehearsals - 1:30 P.M.

Tuesdays

Bike Ministry - 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
As for Me Ladies' Bible Study - November 7, 14 - 9:30 A.M.
Staff Meetings - 11:00 A.M.
Cub/Boy Scouts - 6:30 P.M.

Wednesdays

Grief Share Group - 12:00 P.M.
Infinite Mercy Rehearsals - 5:00 P.M.
Prayer Meeting - 6:00 P.M.
Kingdom Kids and Journey Kids - 6:00 P.M.
Mside Youth - 6:00 P.M.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals - 7:00 P.M.
Orchestra Rehearsals - 7:30 P.M.

Thursdays

Good News Club at Pine Street Elementary - 2:30 P.M.

Fridays

Prayer Warriors - 9:30 A.M.

Additional Activities

- 2 Senior Adults to Cowpens Battlefield - 9:30 A.M.
- 5 All Saints' Day Service - 9:30 A.M.
Reception for Families - 10:30 A.M. - Music Suite
Youth Boys' Fellowship, Youth Girls' Retreat - 11:45 A.M.
The Hope Within Ministry Interest Meeting - 11:45 A.M. - Youth Room
- 6 Beautiful Hats Bible Study - 11:00 A.M.
- 12 Veterans Day Service - 9:30 A.M.
Biscuit Fellowship Following Worship
- 13-14 SC Baptist Convention Annual Meeting
- 16 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10:30 A.M.
- 19 Service of Thanksgiving - 9:30 A.M.
Thanksgiving Meal - 11:45 A.M.
- 21 Stampin' Up - 9:00 A.M.
Volunteers Serve at Operation Christmas Child - 4:00 P.M.
- 22 No Wednesday Night Activities
- 22-23 Thanksgiving Holidays - Church Office Closed
- 28 Joy of Missions - 12:00 P.M.

Moving Forward

On September 10, our former Senior Pastor, Dr. Steven Owensby, announced at the Deacons’ Meeting that he was resigning from Morningside Baptist Church. Corinth Baptist Church in Gaffney, South Carolina, had called him to be their Senior Pastor, and he felt that God was leading him to accept this call. Steven read his letter of resignation to the church congregation on Sunday, September 17. He provided a thirty-day notice, which is standard. At that time, the Deacons voted to release him from all further commitments, allowing a time of rest before beginning his new service at Corinth.

We are in capable hands because God has given us three servant leaders as Church Ministerial Pastors: Robert Mitchell, Laura White, and Connor Bastin. These three and Rev. Jack Dodds have agreed to handle the pulpit duties of preaching through December and longer if necessary.

- After much prayer for God’s wisdom, the Deacons have decided that we, as a church, need a time or season of prayer
- To build our relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ, individually and corporately,
 - To seek God’s wisdom and discernment in choosing five Godly candidates to be a part of our Senior Pastor Search Committee,
 - To lead the Pastor Search Committee to the Senior Pastor whom God has already chosen and is preparing to lead our church.

With much prayer and discussion among the leadership of Morningside, with input from the current Ministerial Staff, and in line with our church By-Laws, the church will vote for the five Search Team Candidates in mid-January.

We encourage every member to take the opportunity to be a part of this time of prayer.

Season of Prayer Opportunities November 1 - December 31

- **Sunday Worship Services** - Deacon-led Prayer, Focusing on the Search for our Senior Pastor
- **Prayer Times during the Week**
 - Sundays** - 8:45 A.M. - VIP Room near entrance to the Sanctuary
 - Sundays** - 6:00 P.M. - Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall
 - Wednesdays** - Prayer Meeting, Beginning November 1 - 6:00 P.M. - Fellowship Hall
 - Fridays** - 9:30 A.M. - Office Conference Room

Morningside Baptist Church By-Laws
Article V, Section 2: Process for Hiring Staff
b) If the vacancy is the Senior Pastor position, the congregation will nominate individuals to form a search committee. The top five candidates who agree to serve will form the Senior Pastor Search Committee, along with the Deacon Chair. The Senior Pastor Search Committee will recommend a process to fill the vacancy. The church will vote on the recommended process.



Interest Meeting
Sunday, November 5
11:45 A.M. Youth Room

Are you a caring, compassionate person? Do you enjoy helping others in need? We want to begin a team of volunteers that helps the elderly who need assistance of various types. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, plan to meet others with the same desire on Sunday, November 5. You may contact Jayne Belmont for more information.



Youth Bible Study
Wednesdays
6:00-7:30 P.M.

MSIDE Youth
MOLD. MATURE. MULTIPLY

GUYS' Fellowship

Sunday, November 5
Following Sunday School
After lunch, we will hike the Palmetto Trail. Bring money for lunch.

Girls' Retreat
November 5-6
Following Sunday School thru Noon on Monday
Home of Casey Sumner
1123 Farragut Drive

Cost: \$10

Strength to Stand Conference
January 13-15
Payment of Non-refundable \$50
Due Sunday, November 19

Samaritan's Purse

Volunteers Serve at the Processing Center
Charlotte, NC
Tuesday, November 21
Both adults and youth (Age 13 and older) are invited to pack/inspect shoeboxes. We will leave the church at 4:00 P.M. and return at 12:00 A.M. Dinner will be provided.



Senior Adult Trip Thursday, November 2

Bus Leaves at 9:30 A.M. Sharp

Learn a bit of area history about Daniel Morgan's victory in 1781 over Tarleton's British force on a battlefield that was originally a frontier pastureland. We will watch two short films and enjoy a Ranger-guided walking tour of the battlefield, which will be the most strenuous part of the trip. Bring a bagged lunch to enjoy in the picnic area; we will supply bottled water. Sign up in the double hallway leading to the Welcome Center no later than Sunday, October 29.



**Daylight Saving
Time Ends
Sunday, November 5**
Turn clocks back one hour

Christmas Prisoner Packets

You may pick up a two-gallon-sized Ziploc plastic bag containing the list of acceptable items in the double hallway leading to the Welcome Center.

**NO SUBSTITUTIONS OR ADDITIONAL ITEMS
WILL BE ACCEPTED.
ALL ITEMS MUST FIT IN THE ZIPLOC BAG
WITH ZIPPER SECURELY CLOSED.**

- ♦ ONE **black** non-retractable pen (no wire clips, no other color ink)
- ♦ ONE **legal pad** no larger than 5 1/2" x 8" (no wire bound books, no composition books, and no post-it-notes)
- ♦ ONE **adult** toothbrush, individually factory-sealed (no multi-packs)
- ♦ ONE 4-6 ounce toothpaste (no travel size)
- ♦ ONE 3.2-6 ounce bar of **unscented** soap (no travel size, no unwrapped/unboxed bars)
- ♦ TWO rolls of hard candy like LifeSavers, Mentos, Breath Savers (no Necco Wafers, Rolos, Smarties, Sweetarts, Starburst, or TicTacs)
- ♦ THREE first-class #10 stamp-embossed envelopes purchased from the US Post Office (no regular stamps, no other size envelopes)

**Please return your packets no later than
Sunday, November 5.**

Thanksgiving Service and Meal Sunday, November 19 11:30 A.M.

*God's Blessings Grow When
They are Shared.*



Worship with us as members of the congregation share how God has blessed them during the past year. Contact Robert Mitchell if you are interested in offering a brief testimony as soon as possible. We will join together in the Fellowship Hall following Sunday School for a Thanksgiving meal. The church will provide chicken, ham, rolls, and beverages. We ask the church family to bring the sides and desserts. Sign up in the double hallway leading to the Welcome Center no later than Wednesday, November 15.



Mobile Meals Christmas Bags

We are asking each Sunday School class to help fill a total of 50 Mobile Meal Christmas Bags, which will go to the homebound in our community. On Sunday, November 5, each class will receive information about two items to provide. This is one way to ensure each recipient of Mobile Meals will receive a gift this Christmas season. These items must be returned to the Church Office by Monday, December 4. On Wednesday, December 13, our children and youth will make cards and fill these bags with the items we have received. What a wonderful way to *Seek, Serve, and Share* the love of Christ with others!



Church Offices Closed

**Wednesday-Thursday,
November 22-23, for
Thanksgiving Holidays**

Volunteers Needed to Decorate Church Saturday, December 2 9:00 A.M.

If you are available to help decorate all areas of the church for the Advent season, meet Katherine Jones in the Fellowship



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December 2

Volunteers Decorate the Church - 9:00 A.M.
Youth Christmas Party - 5:30 P.M.

December 3

Hanging of the Green Service - 9:30 A.M.

December 3-10

Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon
Christmas Offering Emphasis

December 5

Clarion Sounds Ring at Dickens of a Christmas

December 6

Clarion Sounds Ring at The Glass Chapel in Rutherfordton

December 9

Prepare Him Room, Women’s Ministry Community
Outreach Event - 5:30 P.M.

December 17

Christmas Cantata *Glory All Around* - 9:30 A.M.
Breakfast Fellowship - 10:30 A.M.
Christmas Caroling for the Entire Family
and Pizza Dinner - 4:00 P.M.

December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - 5:00 P.M.

December 25-27, January 1

Church Office Closed

***Thank You Notes for Prayers
and Support Received from...***

AA Group at Morningside

Libby Knudson for Ambree

Linda Clamp

David and Charlyn McFadden

St. Luke’s Free Medical Clinic

Martha Taylor

Sympathy Extended to

*... Dot Wilder and family in the death of her nephew,
Fred Smith, on September 24, 2023, in Greensboro,
North Carolina.*

*... Dan and Linka Moore and family in the death of
Dan’s sister, Joan Lewis, on September 28, 2023, in
Fayetteville, Georgia.*

*... Michael and Katherine Jones and family in the death
of Michael’s brother-in-law, Ray Price, on October 4,
2023, in Spartanburg, South Carolina.*

*... Marie Sawyer and family in the death of her father,
Bill Sawyer, on October 7, 2023, in Spartanburg, South
Carolina.*

Ministers on Call

November 9-12

Nov. 30 - December 3

Laura White

828-447-2175

November 2-5

November 23-26

Connor Bastin, 804-3528

November 16-19

Robert Mitchell, 597-3966



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