

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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Summit for Sunday School Leaders Sunday, March 5 12:00 P.M. Fellowship Hall

The Summit will give Sunday School Leaders the opportunity to discuss their role in the Revival coming this fall. Please notify Ricky Heath if you plan to attend. Lunch will be provided.



I Pay Twenty a Month

The Budget and Finance Committee and the Staff encourage families to give an extra \$20 on the last Sunday of each month through June. With the church's monthly contribution and the amount received from the IPTAM campaign, we can pay off the mortgage! Please pray about your family's over-and-above gift each month so that Morningside can be debt-free.

Weekly Events

Sundays

Time of 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.
Time of Prayer - 6:00 P.M.

Mondays

Golden Tones Rehearsal - 1:30 P.M.

Tuesdays

Bike Ministry - 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
Homeschoolers - March 14, 21, 28 - 8:00 A.M.
Finding I AM Women's Bible Study - 9:30 A.M.
Staff Meetings - 10:30 A.M.

Wednesdays

Infinite Mercy Rehearsals - 5:00 P.M.
Morningside Matters - 6:00 P.M.
Children's Music and Missions - 6:00-7:30 P.M.
Youth Thrive - 6:15-7:30 P.M.
Joyful Sounds Rehearsal - 6:35 P.M.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 7:05 P.M.
Orchestra Rehearsal - 7:30 P.M.

Fridays

Prayer Warriors - 9:30 AM

Additional Activities

- 5 Summit for Sunday School Leaders - 12:00 P.M.
Drop-in Baby Shower - 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.
- 6 Beautiful Hats - 11:00 A.M.
- 8 *Anatomy of a Revived Church* Study Begins - 6:00 P.M.
- 10-11 *Strength to Stand Tour* - 6:00 P.M.
- 12 Deacons' Meeting - 4:00 P.M.
- 16 Trip to Strawberry Hill - 9:30 A.M.
Prayer Shawl Ministry - 11:00 A.M.
Stitchers and Sowers Interest Meeting - 1:00 P.M.
- 21 Stampin' Up Card Group - 10:00 A.M.
- 23 Hearts and Hands Crafters - 10:00 A.M.
Good News Club Dinner - 6:00 P.M.
- 26 *I Pay Twenty a Month* Sunday
Deadline to Sign up for Mission Trip 2023
Deadline to Turn in March Christmas in July Items
- 28 Joy of Missions - 12:00 P.M.

Letting the Shepherd Lead...

February 22, 2023 is marked on many calendars of Christians around the world as Ash Wednesday. The tradition begins with the burning of palms on Palm Sunday and the gathering of those ashes. Roughly six weeks before Easter of the following year, believers gather to receive the mark of the cross on their foreheads, using those ashes. This mark sets them apart as they observe Lent, a time of preparation of Easter. Believers willingly fast or "give up" some pleasure, allowing them to focus more time and attention upon Christ.

Believers of all denominations can observe these holy days, but most Baptists follow the lead of Protestant reformer Ulrich Zwingli. While not a Baptist in name, Zwingli became a reformer whom early Baptists admired. He originated the memorial view of the Lord's Supper and celebrated it quarterly, which many Baptist churches still follow. His "regulative principle," stated, "We practice only what the Bible commands," is a cherished Baptist principle that led us to baptize only by immersion. Zwingli famously broke the Lenten fast in 1522 by eating sausages when he could not find the observance of Lent mentioned in the Bible. This event launched the Reformation in Switzerland. He then further made his case in several sermons quoting Jesus' words in Matthew 6:16-18. He emphasized no public, outward signs of fasting were required for the Father to reward believers. Well, the practice of marking the forehead with ashes to publicly announce the observation of Lent was eliminated.

So it's settled. Baptists don't celebrate Ash Wednesday or Lent. Right? Well, maybe we should first ask ourselves if we should prepare ourselves to remember and celebrate Holy Week and Resurrection Sunday. While Zwingli might disagree, it seems to me that we should spend some time reflecting on Jesus' sacrifice and the forgiveness and new life He extends to us. 1 Peter 1:13 says, "Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ." Perhaps we should focus on feasting on God's Word rather than on fasting at this point in the year!

I want to offer Scriptures that will be the basis of our messages leading up to Easter: *Why Do I Need a Sacrifice? A Biblical Theology of Atonement*. Take some time each week and locate these verses in your Bible. Write them on index cards, and place them where you can read them through the week. Memorize them. My hope and prayer is that we will be better prepared to celebrate this most special time of our church year.

Pastor Steven



Why Do I Need a Sacrifice?
A Biblical Theology of Atonement

Morningside Baptist Church
Easter Season 2023

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Crossroads Baptist Church
Spartanburg
Friday-Saturday, March 10-11

We have an amazing opportunity to worship together with churches across our county to lift high the name of Jesus Christ. Students will stay in host homes of Morningside members on Friday night, March 10. The \$20 fee covers a T-shirt and meals for students on Saturday. Contact Connor Bastin with questions.

Big Church Words
Youth Bible Study
Wednesdays
6:15 - 7:30 P.M.



Join us during the month of March as we study major doctrines of the Baptist faith and how they apply to our lives as Christians.



Youth and Adult
Mission Trip to
New Orleans July 9-14

Deadline to sign up and pay the \$50 non-refundable deposit is Sunday, March 26.

New Sermon Series:
Why Do I Need a Sacrifice?

	Old Testament Promise	We Need a Sacrifice ...	New Testament Fulfillment
1	Genesis 3:15, 20-21	To cover the shame of sin.	Ephesians 4:22-24
2	Exodus 12:12-13	So that God can pass the consequences for our sin onto a substitute.	Romans 3:23-26
3	Leviticus 16:9-10, 29-30	So our sin can be forgiven and cleansed.	1 John 1:8-10
4	Prov. 16:5-6	To demonstrate the priority of God's love over His wrath.	John 3:16-17
5	Isaiah 6:5-8	To purify us for Kingdom service.	1 Peter 2:21-25
6	Micah 6:6-8	To demonstrate the priority of humility over works.	Galatians 2:20-21
7	Daniel 9:24	To put an end to sin and usher in everlasting righteousness.	Revelation 12:10-12

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Drop-in Baby Shower Hosted by the Advent Sunday School Class

**Sunday, March 5
2:00 - 4:00 P.M.
Fellowship Hall**

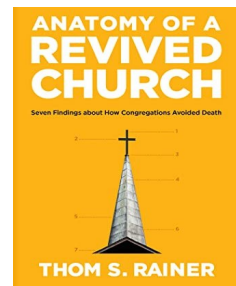
Please join us in showering blessings on the beautiful family, Christelle and Roger Nana, as they prepare to welcome their second son into this world.

Baby Boy Nana is due to arrive at the end of March.

Stitchers and Sowers Interest Meeting Thursday, March 16 1:00 P.M.



If you are interested in learning/teaching basic sewing techniques, making costumes for future productions at Morningside and creating other items for the Craft Bazaar, missions trips, or community, plan to attend this meeting. Even if you are not a seamstress or have no interest in actually sewing, we will need those who can rip, cut, serge, and iron. Meet in Room 442. We hope to see you there! Contact Kathy Green at church (585-5457, Ext. 2) for more information.



Anatomy of a Revived Church Bible Study Begins Wednesday, March 8 6:00 P.M.

In this seven-week study, Thom Rainer tells of his dissection of hundreds of

churches that were on the path toward death but were able to turn around and become revived. How? They chose to live. The choice is as simple as it is profound: change or die. And now, in God's power, the choice is yours. Steven Owensby and Jody Welch will serve as facilitators. Save your seat by signing up by March 1 in the Fellowship Hall Lobby. Only fifteen spaces are available. The group will meet in the Fellowship Classroom. Cost: \$10



Christmas in July A Project Supporting Missions

In order to increase our shoebox giving to Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child, we have planned a Christmas in July Celebration where we can rejoice in what God has provided. At that time we will pack the shoeboxes and learn whether Laura or Connor received the most items in their tub. The "winner" will get the ole pie in the face! Be sure to participate each month in our monthly drive as a way the church can increase our impact on God's Kingdom. Our goal? 150 boxes!

Items Needed Each Month

March: small dolls, small coloring books, sports balls with a manual air pump
April: small stuffed animals, toy cars, small toys
May: hairbrushes, combs, socks
June: small flashlights, foldable water bottles, flip flops
July: small notebooks, pens, erasers, crayons, rulers, markers

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End of Year Good News Club Dinner

**Thursday, March 23
6:00 P.M.**

Fellowship Hall

The Morningside Good News Club Team will host a dinner for our Pine Street Elementary GNC participants and their families. This year twenty-two children are enrolled in the club that meets every Thursday after school for Bible study.



Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast



**Saturday, April 1
Breakfast - 10:00 A.M.
Egg Hunt - 11:00 A.M.**



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

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Trip to Strawberry Hill USA
Thursday, March 16

Meet us at the church at 9:30 A.M. for a trip to Strawberry Hill for a Dutch-treat brunch. Be sure to save room for ice cream - our treat! Fourteen spots are available on the bus. You may drive your car and meet us there if you wish. Don't delay in signing up in your Sunday School classroom.

Mark Your Summer Calendar



Vacation Bible School
Monday-Friday, June 26-30
9:00 A.M. - Noon
Rising Kindergarteners - Grade 5

Sympathy Extended to

... Eddie Nunn and family in the death of Eddie's brother, Tommy Nunn, on February 13, 2023 in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

...Jennie Brogdon and family in the death of her daughter-in-law, Felicia Graham, on February 21, 2023 in Piedmont, South Carolina.

Thank You Notes for Prayers and Support Received from

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Eddie Nunn

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