

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.

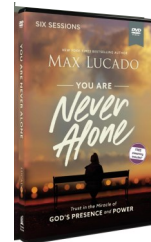
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Fall Bible Studies



You Are Never Alone
by Max Lucado
Begins Wednesday, August 31
6:00 P.M. ACTS Classroom

Each of us longs for someone who will meet us in the midst of life's messes. We want to believe in a living, loving, miracle-working God who will not think twice about stepping into and lifting us out of the thorny thickets of our world. Max Lucado reminds us that God's presence and power are nearer than we think. Join us for this special time of study in God's Word. Facilitator: Jack Dodds
Cost: \$10

Share Jesus Without Fear
Begins Wednesday, September 21
6:00 P.M. Conference Room

Fears of rejection and failure, lack of knowledge, and ineffective delivery will be eliminated during this six-week course. You will learn a natural, non-threatening way to share the gospel with others and actually have the opportunity to "practice" evangelism techniques. Facilitator: Steven Owensby
Cost: \$5



Women's Bible Study: Elijah
by Priscilla Shirer
Begins Tuesday, September 20
9:30 A.M. ACTS Classroom

Join us for this seven-week journey with Priscilla Shirer through the life and times of the prophet Elijah. Discover how the fire on Mount Carmel was forged in the valley of famine. Learn how the emboldened, fiery faith you desire is being fashioned by God in your life right now. Sign up in Sunday School classrooms or in the Fellowship Hall Lobby. Flonnie Shaw will facilitate.
Cost \$15

Weekly Events

Sundays

Worship - 9:30 A.M.
Bible Study - 10:45 A.M.
Clarion Sounds - Begins September 11 - 5:00 P.M.

Mondays

Golden Tones - Begins September 12 - 1:30 P.M.

Tuesdays

Bike Ministry - 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
Faith in the Fairway - September 6, 20 - 5:00 P.M.

Wednesdays

Staff Meetings - 10:30 A.M.
Virtual Prayer Meeting Online - 6:00 P.M.
You Are Never Alone: Adult Bible Study - 6:00 P.M.
Share Jesus Without Fear Bible Study Begins
September 21 - 6:00 P.M.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals - 7:05 P.M.

Thursdays

Good News Club at Pine Street Elementary - 2:45 P.M.

Fridays

Prayer Warriors - 9:30 A.M.

Additional Events

- 2-4 Youth Awanita Valley Retreat - 4:30 P.M.
- 4 Deacon Commissioning and Ordination
S.A.L.T. Bible Study Begins - 10:45 A.M.
- 5 Labor Day - Church Office Closed
- 8 Luncheon and Wayne Damron's Presentation
"Coins of the Bible" - 11:30 A.M.
- 11-17 Week of Prayer for State Missions
- 11 Deacons' Meeting - 4:00 P.M.
- 12 Beautiful Hat Bible Study - 11:30 A.M.
- 15 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 11:00 A.M.
- 17 Children's Missions Day - 10:00 A.M.
- 20 *Elijah* Women's Bible Study Begins - 9:30 A.M.
- 21 *Share Jesus Without Fear* Bible Study Begins
6:00 P.M.
- 22 Hearts and Hands Crafters - 10:00 A.M.
- 24 Women's Ministry Fellowship - 11:00 A.M.
- 27 Joy of Missions - 12:00 P.M.

Letting the Shepherd Lead...

As I recorded the virtual Bible study today, one verse stood out to me that I have not been able to get out of my mind. Nahum 1:7 says, "The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows who takes refuge in him." Do we really believe all parts of that verse?

I have to admit, the idea that the Lord is a stronghold, that He is a refuge, is not too challenging to consider. I want to believe that, and I want to experience the peace that comes from resting in His strength. The section of that verse that says, "the Lord is good" causes many to reflect and even doubt. Do some situations make you doubt the Lord is good? I, too, often find myself saying, "If the Lord is so good, then how come this bad event happened to me?" How about you?

But here is where the stunning truth comes into play. If we look at the parts of life that we do not like or that we find uncomfortable and do not think God is at work, we are missing something important. One of our church members, on a recent hospital visit, said to me, "If we don't have a test, we won't have a testimony." Friends, that is the concept that Nahum 1:7 is trying to teach us! Even as the world seems to be crumbling around us, it is in those moments that we should turn to the Lord and trust that His good purpose is to rescue us and be our refuge.

I would like to ask for your prayers as I prepare to preach a revival for my mentor pastor's church on September 11-14 in Monroe, NC. Would you pray especially that I would communicate that God's good purpose is to rescue sinners and be their refuge? Also pray for Jack who will be delivering the message here at Morningside in my absence on September 11.

Pastor Steven



The Morningside congregation elected the following Deacons for the 2022-2024 term:

Brian Alexander	Phyllis Fagen	Steve Kibbe
Becky Magnanti	Joe Magnanti	Tony Shaw
Jody Welch		

Officers

Chair: Chris Pittman
Vice-chair: Jody Welch
Secretary: Rachel Boone
Assistant Secretary: Jerry Easler

mside youth

Back to School Retreat
for Youth
Fan the Flame

September 2-4
Awanita Valley



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

Our group will dig into God's Word and fellowship with each other each Wednesday as we seek to have a relationship with God that **THRIVES**.



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mside kids

Children's
Missions
Day

**TRUSTING
ALL THE WAY**

Saturday, September 17
10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Our children will create thank you cards and treat bags for local firefighters. Afterwards, we will travel to various fire departments and deliver those items. We will also pray for the firefighters and their stations.



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New Sunday School Class **SALT** (Sharing and Learning Together) Room 206 - Senior Adult Hallway

- ♦ All Ages Welcome
 - ♦ Plain discussion on God, Bible, Church, and more
- Contact Ricky and Erin Heath, Jody Welch, or Cathy Godfrey



Jesus calls you to be salty, which means spreading the flavor of heaven!



Adult Luncheon and Guest Speaker Thursday, September 8 11:30 A.M.

You will not want to miss “Coins of the Bible: A Historical Look at Ancient Biblical Currency,” presented by Wayne Damron. We will provide the meats and drinks, and we ask you to provide the sides and desserts. Sign-up sheets for the covered-dish meal are located in Sunday School classes and on the table in the Fellowship Hall Lobby. The deadline to reserve your seat is Sunday, September 4. We hope to see you there!



You Ought to Be in Pictures! October 14 - 16

That's right! Colorcraft will help Morningside create a new church directory, and we need YOU to make our new family directory complete. Reserve your appointment slot by signing up in the Fellowship Hall Lobby or by calling the Church Office, beginning Sunday, September 11. Each family will select a free 8"x10" photo, which will be included in the directory. Would you consider volunteering to help register families for a two-hour slot during the photography sessions? If so, please contact Jack Dodds.



Begins Thursday, September 15

Please be in prayer for the children who will attend the Good News Club at Pine Street Elementary School and for our Morningside volunteers who will teach God's Word through songs, stories, and games. Thank you, Morningsiders, for the overwhelming response for volunteers willing to serve!

September 11-18

Week of Prayer for State Missions

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“My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ.” Colossians 2:2 NIV

During the Week of Prayer, we ask you to read the Prayer Guide available in the Worship Guide on September 11. Pray for eight missionaries in the state of South Carolina and read the information about their ministries and prayer requests. Also, please pray for the work being done in our state and about your family's contribution to the Janie Chapman Offering. We will receive this offering throughout the month of September.

Women's Fellowship Saturday, September 24 11:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M.

Fellowship with your friends from on our day of painting fall door hangers. We will also enjoy lunch together. Please reserve your spot today by completing a reservation form located on the desk in the Fellowship Hall Lobby or by contacting Laura at (lwhite@msidechurch.org). Cost: \$25

Faith in the Fairway Tuesdays, September 6, 20 5:00 P.M.

Golfers—females and males—we will meet for a brief devotion at Palmetto Hills Golf Club, located at 5451 South Pine Street. Afterwards, groups will play a nine-hole round of golf. Contact Jody Welch for more information.



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*Thank You Notes for Prayers
and Support Received from*

Tony and Flonnie Shaw

Sympathy Extended to

... Janice Roberts and family in the death of her husband, Ray, on July 31, 2022 in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

... Grady and Gail Crocker in the death of Gail's sister, Donna Townsend, on August 8, 2022 in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

... Sara Smith and family in the death of her husband, Roger, on August 8, 2022 in Pauline, South Carolina.

... Family and friends in the death of Naomi Fain on August 4 in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

... Hap and Jayne Belmont and family in the death of Jayne's aunt, Janice Gail Foster, on August 20 in Savannah, Georgia.

... Tony and Flonnie Shaw in the death of Flonnie's niece, Linda Ashley, on August 25 in Belton, South Carolina.

Ministers on Call This Month

3-4	Jack Dodds	864-590-8951
10-11	Connor Bastin	864-804-3528
17-18	Laura White	828-447-2175
24-25	Robert Mitchell	864-597-3966

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Coming in October

Fall
Bazaar
and Bake Sale

Saturday, October 22
9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Take care of all of your holiday shopping and entertaining with unique hand-crafted items and food items at our outdoor market. Fill your pantry and freezer with yummy home-baked goodies, jams, jellies, pickles, and delicious casseroles.
Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors!

Contact Gail Medlin (266-5090)
with questions.



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