



# 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

*Holy Week commemorates the days from Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday) through His final evening with the disciples —The Last Supper...the garden...the betrayal (Maundy Thursday)—through the events of His trial and crucifixion (Good Friday), and culminating with a glorious celebration of His resurrection (Easter Sunday or Resurrection Sunday). We invite you to join us for all of our Holy Week Services at Morningside.*

**Palm Sunday (Sunday of the Passion), April 2    9:30 A.M.**  
*Witness the Procession of Palms by the children of Morningside, music to praise and honor our Lord, and a message from our Pastor from the sermon series Why Do I Need a Sacrifice?*

**Maundy Thursday, April 6                      6:30 P.M.**  
*Worship with us during the Service of Shadows (Tenebrae in Latin), an observance that has been practiced in churches for centuries on any of the last three days of Holy Week. 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. This service depicts Jesus' ultimate sacrifice. 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.*

**Good Friday, April 7                              11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.**  
*Morningside is hosting a Good Friday Outreach Event for our members and surrounding community, which will feature lunch of a hotdog, chips, and drink on our front lawn where children can jump on inflatables. Please join us for this time of fellowship and outreach to our community.*

**Easter Sunday, April 9                              9:00 A.M.**  
*We will gather at the front entrance of our Sanctuary for a "Son Rise" Celebration. Following a brief devotional and music, we will place flowers on the cross on the front lawn, symbolizing how our Lord's resurrection now brings life out of death. We will continue our celebration at 9:30 A.M. with triumphant music, the Ordinance of Baptism, and an Easter message.*

**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! If you would like to speak with Pastor Steven about your decision, please call Kathy Green (Ext. 2) to make an appointment.*

## Weekly Events

- Sundays**  
Time of Prayer - 8:45 A.M.  
Morningside Announcements - 9:20 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 - April 11, 18, 25 - 8:00 A.M.  
Staff Meetings - 10:30 A.M.
- Wednesdays**  
Infinite Mercy Rehearsal - 5:00 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 A.M.

## Additional Activities

- 1 Children's Pancake Breakfast (10:00 A.M.) and Easter Egg Hunt (11:00 A.M.)
- 2 Palm Sunday - Children's Procession of Palms
- 3 Beautiful Hats Bible Study - 11:00 A.M.
- 6 Maundy Thursday - *Service of Shadows* - 6:30 P.M.
- 7 Good Friday Community Outreach - 11:00 A.M.
- 9 Easter "Son Rise" Celebration - 9:00 A.M.
- Easter Sunday Service and Ordinance of Baptism - 9:30 A.M.
- Muffin Sunday - 10:30 A.M.
- 10 Church Office Closed for Easter Holiday
- 11 WMU Annual Spring Meeting - 6:45 P.M.
- 12 Youth Serve at TOTAL Ministries - 5:50 P.M.
- 13 Stitchers and Sowers - 1:00 P.M.
- 16 Deacons' Meeting - 4:00 A.M.
- 20 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 11:00 A.M.
- 23 MServe Event - 10:30 - 10:50 A.M.
- 26 Family Skate Night and Pizza - 6:00 P.M.
- 27 Hearts and Hands Crafters - 10:00 A.M.
- Stitchers and Sowers - 1:00 P.M.
- 30 IPTAM Sunday - 9:30 A.M.
- MServe Event - 10:30 - 10:50 A.M.



## Letting the Shepherd Lead...

Friends, I am so excited about what God is doing in our church family! The Spirit is moving each week as we worship and as we reach out to our community with the love of Jesus. This year, April begins with Holy Week and continues with many opportunities to seek, serve, and share our Savior. My prayer for April and for all of us is that we would continue to stir one another up to love and good works as we draw near to God (Hebrews 10:24). Keep praying for revival, friends, because I believe what we have experienced in March is but a taste of what God has in store for us.

Pastor Steven



### Calling All Men! Morningside Men's Breakfast Saturday, May 13 8:00 A.M.

Join us for breakfast and discussion about some possibilities for a summer Bible Study, a monthly men's fellowship, and ways we can *seek, serve,* and *share* Jesus as Mside Men.

### Wild Game Dinner Saturday, August 5

Men, we want you to save August 5 for a Wild Game Dinner at Morningside in partnership with Eastside Baptist and the Spartanburg Network. Be sure to watch for more details in future publications.

## MServe

### Event: MServe

**Date: Sundays, April 23, 30**

**Time: Between Worship and Sunday School**

**What: Opportunity to SERVE others by modeling the love Christ through volunteering.**

Morningside has multiple opportunities available for you to *SEEK, SERVE, and SHARE* Jesus. The Staff will be stationed in the Coffee Bar Hallway to provide information about ways you can volunteer for various responsibilities. Please review and discuss with the Staff to determine which of these opportunities you are being called to perform.

*For we are his workmanship,  
created in Christ Jesus for good works,  
which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.  
Ephesians 2:10*

## mside youth

**No Youth Activities  
Wednesday, April 5,  
due to Holy Week.**



**Youth Serving  
Wednesday, April 12  
Leave church at 5:50 P.M.  
Return at 7:15 P.M.**

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



## mside kids

**Community 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 clean-up.  
Please contact Laura if you would like to help!

**Children  
Carry and Wave  
Palm Branches  
Sunday, April 2**

All children should  
meet in the Pine Street  
Vestibule at 9:15 A.M.  
for the  
Procession of Palms  
into the Sanctuary.



**Kingdom Kids Choir  
Sings Easter Sunday  
9:30 A.M.  
"Death Was Arrested"**

# inside family



## Community Outreach Good Friday, April 1 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Morningside is hosting a free hotdog lunch, complete with chips and drink, on the front lawn, beginning at 11:00 A.M. Inflatables will be set up for children. Come join in the fun as we fellowship with our church family and meet and greet members of the community on Good Friday. We need volunteers to arrive by 10:00 A.M. set up and man the bounce houses. Others are needed to assist at the food stations and to serve as friendly faces who will welcome neighbors and build relationships with them. Of course, we will certainly appreciate those who can stay late for clean-up. Contact Connor if you are willing to help with any of these duties.



## Muffin Sunday April 9 10:30 A.M.

Please bring a dozen of your favorite muffins to share with others. Following Worship, we will enjoy these tasty treats with various beverages in the Fellowship Hall.



## 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 by the end of June! Please pray about your family's over-and-above gift each month so that Morningside can be debt-free. So far, \$6,402.00 has been received toward the *IPTAM* goal of \$7,922.00.

The next *IPTAM* Sunday is April 30.

## Bicycle Ministry Recycling Project

Please begin collecting your aluminum drink cans and donate them for recycling. A caged trailer is located behind the Bike Shop. Your donations will fund the ministry's purchase of needed equipment for the refurbishment of bicycles.



## WMU Annual Spring Meeting Tuesday, April 11 6:45 P.M. Peach Valley Baptist Church

Celebrate God's work through WMU in the Network, elect new officers, and hear from a retired IMB Missionary who served in an undisclosed country. We will receive an offering for the Missions Scholarship, which assists members of Network Churches who would otherwise have difficulty in participating in a short-term mission trip due to funding.



## Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Emphasis Continues through April

During the month of April, Southern Baptists emphasize the work of our North American missionaries who are taking the gospel to 371 million people. 100% of your donations to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goes to support those missionaries. Please pray about your family's financial gift to this special offering. Make checks payable to Morningside, and designate the amount you wish to give.



## 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 how many pies Laura and Connor will get 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

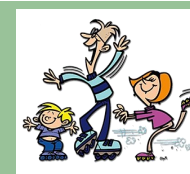
April: small stuffed animals, toy cars, small toys

May: hairbrushes, combs, socks

June: small flashlights, foldable water bottles, flip flops

July: small notebooks, pens, erasers, crayons, rulers, markers

## Family Skate Night and Pizza Party Wednesday, April 26 6:00 - 7:30 P.M. Hot Wheels Skating Center 2345 S. Pine Street



Join us for an evening of free family fun! Register by Sunday, April 23, by emailing Laura at [lwhite@msdiechurch.org](mailto:lwhite@msdiechurch.org).

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# Mark Your Summer Calendar



## Vacation Bible School Keepers of the Kingdom

**Monday-Friday, June 26-30**

**9:00 A.M. - Noon**

**Rising Kindergarten - Grade 5**

**If you would like to volunteer to serve this week, please contact Laura White at [lwhite@msidechurch.org](mailto:lwhite@msidechurch.org).**

### *Sympathy Extended to*

*... Family and friends in the death of Ann Bishop on February 28 in Woodruff, South Carolina.*

*... Melva Greene and Connor Bastin and family in the death of Melva's sister, Audrey Jackson, on March 8 in Gastonia, North Carolina.*

*... Rita Wood and family in the death of her sister-in-law, Sylvia Hieonimus, on March 11 in Greenwood, South Carolina.*

*.... Janice Poole and family in the death of Janice's husband, Jim, on March 18 in Spartanburg, South Carolina.*

*... Family and friends in the death of Ruth Neely on March 20 in Spartanburg, South Carolina.*

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

*Tim, Shelby and Chelsea Hill  
Wilburn and Shirley Hill  
Nancy Marley*



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### *Ministers on Call*

**April 1-2, 22-23**  
*Robert Mitchell*  
597-3966

**April 15-16**  
*Connor Bastin*  
804-3528

**April 8-9**  
*Steven Owensby*  
590-7985

**April 29-30**  
*Laura White*  
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