

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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Chili Cook-off Wednesday, January 10 6:00-7:00 P.M.

Make plans now to join us for our Family Winter Kickoff! Enter your best recipe for chili in our contest. Medals will be

awarded to first, second, and third place winners! Sign-up sheets to attend or to bring a pot of chili are located in the double hallway leading to the Welcome Center. No cost. The Sanctuary Choir will have rehearsal at 7:00 P.M., following the Cook-off. Wednesday night activities for children and youth will resume January 17.



The Bible Truck Is Coming to Morningside January 29-February 3

You will have the opportunity to tour The Bible Truck, a unique exhibition that displays the history of the World's Best Seller – **The Bible**. This truck features hundreds of historical exhibits, including educational posters that chronicle various Bible-related themes, beautifully illustrated maps, a large collection of Bibles, stories of persecution for those believing in the Bible, and videos, including an animated version about the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls. A clear gospel message is embedded into the very core of this project. Watch for more information in future publications about this opportunity that brings the Bible to life. Be sure to invite your friends and family to visit The Bible Truck with you. Additional images and information are available online at bibletruck.com.

Calendar of Weekly Events

Sundays

A Time for Prayer - 8:45 A.M.

Worship - 9:30 A.M.

Bible Study - 10:45 A.M.

Clarion Sounds Resumes - 5:00 P.M. (January 14)

Mondays

Golden Tones Resumes - 1:30 P.M. (January 8)

Tuesdays

Staff Meeting - 11:00 A.M.

Bike Ministry - 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Wednesdays

Infinite Mercy Rehearsal - 5:00 P.M.

Kingdom Kids (Choir) - 6:00 - 6:30 P.M.

Mside Youth - 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.

Prayer Meeting - 6:00 P.M.

Journey Kids (Missions) - 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 P.M.

Thursdays

Good News Club Resumes - 2:00 P.M. (January 11)

Fridays

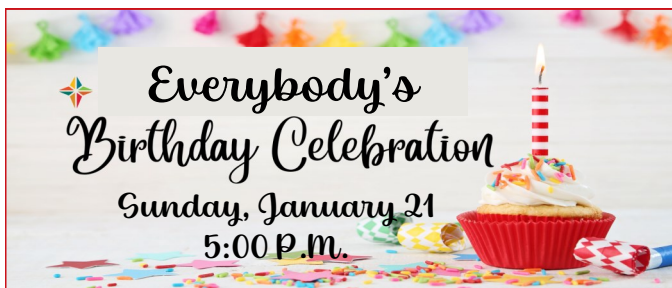
Prayer Warriors - 9:30 A.M.

Additional Events

- 1 Church Office Closed for New Year's Holiday
- 3 Grief Share Group - 12:00 P.M.
- 7 Golden Tones Choir Sings in Worship - Meet in Choir Suite - 9:00 A.M.
- 8 Beautiful Hats Bible Study Group - 11:00 A.M.
- 9 Staff/Fellowship Committee - 10:00 A.M.
Stitchers and Sowers - 1:00 P.M.
- 10 Grief Share Group - 12:00 P.M.
Chili Cookoff - 6:00 P.M.
- 13-15 Youth Strength to Stand Conference
- 14 Duane Ostrem, Guest Speaker
Deacons' Meeting - 4:00 P.M.
- 16 Stampin' Up - 10:00 A.M.
- 17 All Wednesday Night Activities Resume
- 18 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10:30 A.M.
- 21 Election of Pastor Search Committee - 9:30 A.M.
Everybody's Birthday Celebration - 5:00 P.M.
- 25 Hearts and Hands Crafters - 10:00 A.M.
- 29 Opening Day of The Bible Truck
- 30 Joy of Missions - 12:00 P.M.

January 7-21 Baby Bottle Boomerang

This year we are participating in a fundraiser to benefit the Carolina Pregnancy Center, a Christian non-profit that ministers to women and families in the Spartanburg community. This organization assists women who have unplanned pregnancies and those who are considering an abortion by providing free ultrasounds, pregnancy tests, counseling, and essentials like diapers and formula. We will provide a bottle to families on January 7 and encourage you to return it—filled with change, bills, or a check—January 21, when we observe the Sanctity of Life Sunday.



OPERATION WARMTH

Few, if any, of us have ever experienced the frigid temperatures of winter - with no protective clothing - for hours or days on end. To help the homeless and those of low income, we are continuing our drive to collect gently-used blankets, coats, sweaters, hats, and gloves through the month of January. Please gather items that you no longer use and share them with those in our community. Collection boxes have been placed at various locations throughout the church.



Sympathy Extended to

... Joe and Donna Owens and family in the death of Donna's mother, Betty Tison, on November 28, 2023 in Lakeland, Florida.

... Luis and Ellie Baquiran and family in the death of Luis' father, Reynaldo Ramos Baquiran, on December 6, 2023 in Roebuck, South Carolina.

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Ministers - All Members of the Congregation



STS Conference January 13-15

Morningside Youth are headed to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, for a weekend filled with excellent worship and powerful preaching that will challenge them to live for Christ and grow in their walk with Jesus. The final balance is due no later than Sunday, January 7.



Summer Camps for Children and Youth

Ridgecrest Conference Center Monday - Friday, June 10-14

Both our children and youth will head to CentriKid or MFuge camps this summer during the same week and at the same location!! The cost for each camp is \$300 per student. We hope to offer several fundraisers to help lower the cost. Children must pay the \$50 non-refundable deposit to Laura for CentriKid, and youth must pay the \$50 non-refundable deposit to Connor for MFuge by Sunday, February 4. All remaining unfilled slots will be released back to CentriKid and MFuge after that day.



ELECTION OF PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

Sunday, January 21 9:30 A.M.

You will nominate five members whom you feel would prayerfully assume the responsibility of serving on the Search Committee. You must be present to cast your vote. The five members who receive the most nominations will be asked to serve alongside the Deacon Chair. The group will determine the process they will follow to fill the position and bring this process to the congregation for a vote. The Committee will also determine the qualifications and create a job description. Notifications of the position will be submitted to the Southern Baptist Convention, the South Carolina Baptist Convention, the Spartanburg County Baptist Network, and the *Baptist Courier*. Resumes will then be received. Please continue to pray about the upcoming election later this month.

Ministers on Call This Month

January 6-7

Connor Bastin, 804-3528

January 20-21

Robert Mitchell, 597-3966

January 13-14

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