



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 Observance
Sunday, November 6 9:30 A.M.
At Morningside, 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, and a moment of silence is observed. Following the service, families are invited to attend a reception in the Music Suite, where they will receive a copy of Max Lucado's *For the Tough Times*. Please be in prayer for these families who have lost a loved one.

Veterans Day Recognition
Sunday, November 13 9:30 A.M.
We will celebrate those who have served in the Armed Forces during Worship with the Presentation of Colors, the Pledges of Allegiance to the Flags, prayer, and special music. If you have not previously turned in a picture of yourself in uniform, please do so to Kathy Green no later than Sunday, November 6. We will feature pictures of our Veterans on monitors throughout the church and display them in the hallway leading to the Fellowship Hall Lobby.

Reception Honoring Jack Dodds' Retirement
Sunday, November 13
You are cordially invited to attend a celebration honoring Jack Dodds, who is retiring after twenty-six years of service to Morningside. Following Worship, we will remain in the Sanctuary to reflect on Jack's service, then enjoy a covered-dish luncheon together in the Fellowship Hall. The church will provide meat, rolls, and drinks. We ask members to bring generous portions of both a side dish and a dessert. A basket will be located in the Fellowship Hall for cards expressing your appreciation for Jack's dedication to the Morningside family. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall Lobby or in your Sunday School classroom no later than Sunday, November 6.

Hanging of the Green
November 27 9:30 A.M.
On the first Sunday of Advent, Morningside will present *Just What Is Hanging of the Green?* This drama will feature adults, youth, children, and various Morningside musical groups as they explain the significance of various elements of Advent and Christmas to someone who is not a Christian. Please join us for this special service of worship as, together, we commemorate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Weekly Events
Sundays
Worship - 9:30 A.M.
Bible Study - 10:45 A.M.
Clarion Sounds - 5:00 P.M.
Mondays
Golden Tones - 1:30 P.M. Orchestra - 6:30 P.M.
Tuesdays
Bike Ministry - 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
Elijah Bible Study - 9:30 A.M.
Staff Meetings - 10:30 A.M.
Wednesdays
Infinite Mercy Rehearsal - November 2, 9 - 5:00 P.M.
Children's Music and Missions - 6:00-7:30 P.M.
Share Your Faith without Fear - 6:00-7:00 P.M.
Youth Thrive - 6:15-7:30 P.M.
Joyful Sounds - 6:35-7:00 P.M.
Sanctuary Choir - 7:05 P.M.
Thursdays
Good News Club - 2:00 PM Prayer Warriors - 9:30 AM

Additional Dates
1 Welcome Team Training
5 Daylight Saving Time Ends
6 Worship Service
Vote on SC Baptist Convention Messengers
Ordinance of Baptism
All Saints' Day Observance
Reception for Families of Deceased
Fellowship for Youth Girls
Hanging of the Green Drama Rehearsal
7 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
Beautiful Hats Study Group - 11:30 A.M.
9 Listening Lunch
13 Veterans Day Observance
Jack Dodds' Retirement Celebration and
Covered-dish Luncheon
Deacons' Meeting - 4:00 P.M.
14-15 SC Baptist Convention Annual Meeting
15 Stampin' Up - 10:30 A.M.
16 *Hanging of the Green* Drama Rehearsal
17 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 11:00 A.M.
19 Children's Movie on the Lawn
20 *Hanging of the Green* Drama Rehearsal
22 Joy of Missions - 12:00 P.M.
Youth/Adults to Operation Christmas Child
23-24 Thanksgiving Holidays - Office Closed
25 Decorate Church for Holidays
26 *Hanging of the Green* Drama Rehearsal
27 *Hanging of the Green*
Angels Say What?! Rehearsal
30 *Angels Say What?!* Rehearsal

Letting the Shepherd Lead...

Not too many weeks ago, my morning devotional reading came from 1 Chronicles 16. In that chapter David is bringing the Ark of the Covenant to its new home in Jerusalem. For generations the Levites had carried and cared for the items of the Tabernacle. Now with a permanent home, that task was no longer necessary; but David, inspired of the Lord, decided to reassign some of the Levites in this different season of the nation of Israel. Verse 16:4 (CSB) says, "David appointed some of the Levites to be ministers before the Ark of the Lord, to celebrate the Lord God of Israel, and to give thanks and praise to him."

Friends, we read in this verse of three spiritual activities that are so important that they will continue throughout all eternity. As we come to this season of the year and this season in the life of our church, I thought it would be wise to reflect on these activities.

The CSB uses the word “celebrate” for one of the activities. Other translations use the word “invoke.” To invoke involves celebrating the Lord, but it is more than that. It is also calling others to celebrate the Lord and inviting the Lord to the celebration. As we think about Thanksgiving, whom will we invite to our table to celebrate our blessings this season? How will we make sure to invite the Lord to be a part of that celebration?

The second word that we see is the activity of giving thanks. *The Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament* points to the prayerful and personal confession of all the ways the Lord has blessed us. Rather than boasting, this is more of the tearful and emotional gratitude. For our church, we will have the opportunity to give thanks for the twenty-six years of Christ-like love and service of Rev. Jack Dodds. As he retires, we will give thanks to God for his service but we will also likely shed some tears due to the impact he has made in our church.

The final activity is seen in the word “praise.” This verb is the root of our expression "Hallelujah." This verbal exclamation point reminds us that at times God has been so good that we cannot help but share it with others. Friends, how can each of us make sure to exclaim and praise God this Thanksgiving? Perhaps each day as we come closer to Thanksgiving Day, we could spend time sharing around our tables one blessing for which we praise God. Then on Thanksgiving Day, perhaps, we can culminate that practice with the reading of a "Hallelujah" psalm.

As seasons change in our life, the need for us to celebrate, give thanks, and praise our God will never change!

Pastor Steven



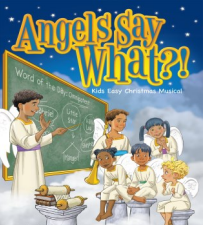
November 5
Turn clocks back
one hour

inside kids



Movie on the Lawn
The Star
The Story of the First Christmas
through the Eyes of Animals
November 19 6:00-8:00 P.M.
Free snacks and drinks for all!
Invite your friends and neighbors, and be
sure to bring a lawn chair and a blanket.

Angels Say What?
A Christmas Musical
Presented by Kingdom Kids
Sunday, December 4 9:30 A.M.



Children who want to participate must
attend Wednesday night practices,
beginning at 6:00 P.M.

- Special Rehearsals**
- ♦ **Sunday, November 27 Noon - 2:00 P.M.**
A pizza lunch will be served after Sunday School.
 - ♦ **Wednesday, November 30**
6:00 - 7:00 P.M.

inside youth



Fellowship for Youth Girls
November 6
12:00 - 2:00 P.M.

Following Sunday School, the youth girls will enjoy lunch at Broncos and return to the church to make Christmas crafts and decorate ornaments. Bring money for lunch. Please sign up in the Youth Room.

Operation Christmas Child
November 22
4:00 - 11:30 P.M.

Adults and youth (Age 13 and older) are invited to participate in packing shoeboxes at the Processing Center in Charlotte. All must complete the waiver online. We will leave the church and eat supper at Chick-fil-A, before packing shoeboxes from 6:00-10:00 P.M. Bring \$10 to offset the cost of dinner. Sign up in the Youth Room or contact Connor.



January 14-16
Phenomenal speakers and worship leaders focus on evangelism and discipleship as they share the gospel and challenge youth to live for Christ wherever they are. A **non-refundable** deposit of \$50 is due by Sunday, November 27. The final payment of \$60 is due Sunday, January 8. Scholarships are available.

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Welcome Team Training
Tuesday, November 1
6:30 P.M.
Fellowship Hall

All members who are interested in being a part of Mside's new team are encouraged to participate. Team members needed are greeters, parking attendants, ushers, safety, and guest services.

Ordinance of Baptism
Sunday, November 6

If you are considering making a profession of faith, contact Pastor Steven for an appointment to talk with him about being included in the upcoming Baptism.



BAPTIST WOMEN'S WORLD DAY of PRAYER

Monday, November 7
10:00 A.M.
Fellowship Hall

When believers lift our hearts in prayer, knowing others are doing the same, we find encouragement and reassurance that God is at work around the globe. Gather with other women of our church to pray. Afterwards, you are invited to join the Beautiful Hats Study Group for their program and time of devotion. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy the fellowship with these ladies.



Sunday	November 6	5-6
Wednesday	November 16	5-6
Sunday	November 20	5-6
Saturday	November 26	12 PM until

Thanksgiving Service
Sunday, November 20

Worship with us as members of the congregation share testimonies of how God has blessed them during the past year. If you are interested in sharing a brief testimony, contact Robert Mitchell.



South Carolina Baptist Convention

Annual Meeting November 14-15
Riverland Hills Baptist Church
Irmo, South Carolina

We will vote on Messengers to represent Morningside on Sunday, November 6.



Operation Christmas Child

Pickup a shoebox containing information for Operation Christmas Child in the double-wide hallway

and start buying supplies now! Check out the phenomenal ideas on what to pack and not pack. Additional shoeboxes can also be found at Chick-Fil-A or Hobby Lobby. All shoeboxes need to be turned in no later than Sunday, November 20.



The Church Office will be closed November 23-24 for Thanksgiving.

Volunteers Needed to Decorate
Friday, November 25
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 Hall.

Listening Lunch with Pastor Steven
December 9 12:00 P.M.

The goal of our Listening Lunch is to hear the Holy Spirit speak through the members of our congregation. At our next gathering, we will enjoy a meal together of soup prepared by the Staff and then discuss sermon topics for the next four months. Register by Sunday, November 6, by calling Kathy Green (Ext. 2) if you would like to attend. You will receive the topics ahead of time so that you can pray for God's direction.



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December 4

Angels Say What?!

Presented by Kingdom Kids - 9:30 A.M.

December 4-11

Week of Prayer for International Missions

December 18

Christmas Cantata - *Sing Gloria!* - 9:30 A.M.

Christmas Caroling for the Entire Family
4:00 P.M.

December 24

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

December 25

Worship Service Only - 10:00 A.M.

December 26-28

Church Office Closed

Sympathy Extended to

*... Ruth Abraham and family in the death of her husband,
Gerald, on October 14 in Spartanburg, South Carolina.*

*Thank You Notes for Prayers
and Support Received from*

*Greater Spartanburg Ministries
Mobile Meals*



Ministers on Call This Month

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