

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.

Morningside Baptist Church

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Mside Sings!! ***Featuring the Kingdom Kids*** **Sunday, May 7 5:00 P.M.**

Join us in the Sanctuary to enjoy musical selections from the Morningside Children's Choir, Kingdom Kids. Various speakers will also share information about how you can pray for and support upcoming summer activities including Vacation Bible School (June 26-30), the Mission Trip, and CentriKid Camp. Then, continue to fellowship with members by supporting the fundraiser held immediately afterwards in the Fellowship Hall. Be sure to invite family members and friends!



Sunday, May 7 6:00 P.M.

Following *Mside Sings!!* you can support our Youth and Children's Ministries at our Spaghetti Fundraiser in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner includes baked spaghetti, bread, homemade desserts, and beverages. Proceeds will help defray the cost of two specific events scheduled for July: MissionLab (Mission Trip to New Orleans July 8-15) and CentriKid Camp (July 17-21). No cost for the dinner has been set, but please give a generous donation to support our groups.



Graduate Sunday
May 21 9:30 A.M.

The following graduates will be recognized and honored:

Byrnes High School
John Emerson, Will Emerson

Dorman High School
Abby Franks, Seth Martin

SC Connections Academy
Joshua Ongemach, Eric Wiggins

Spartanburg High School
Robbie Owensby

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 Ministry Outreach - May 1, 8, 15

Tuesdays

Bike Ministry - 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.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 Beautiful Hats Bible Study - 11:00 A.M.
- Golden Tones Outreach - Bus Leaves at 2:30 P.M.
- 3 Proposed Budget Town Hall - 6:00 P.M.
- 7 Vote on Proposed Budget 2023-2024 - 9:30 A.M.
Deadline for Graduation Information
Mside MSings!! and Spaghetti Fundraiser - 5:00 P.M.
- 11 Stitchers and Sowers - 1:00 P.M.
- 13 Men's Ministry Breakfast - 8:00 A.M.
- 14 Mother's Day
Second Payment Due for Mission Trip
- 15 Golden Tones Outreach - Bus Leaves at 2:30 P.M.
- 16 Stampin' Up - 10:00 A.M.
- 17 Senior Recognition Night for Youth - 6:15 P.M.
- 18 Senior Adult Trip - 10:15 A.M.
Prayer Shawl Ministry - 11:00 A.M.
- 21 Graduate Sunday/Lunch - 9:30 A.M./12:00 P.M.
Vote on Messengers to SBC Annual Meeting
Deacons' Meeting - 4:00 P.M.
- 22 Golden Tones Luncheon - 12:00 P.M.
- 23 Joy of Missions - 12:00 P.M.
- 24 End-of-Year Fiesta and Game of Kickball - 6:00 P.M.
- 25 Hearts and Hands - 10:00 A.M.
Stitchers and Sowers - 1:00 P.M.

Letting the Shepherd Lead...

Recently, I read 3 John as a part of my devotion and was reminded about the importance of supporting people who are fellow workers for the truth (3 John 1:8). The question that came to my mind was, *Who is a fellow worker for the truth?*

I assume that as we speak about truth, John is referring to the Word of God, revealed to us and Jesus' preferred tool to sanctify us (John 17:17). Verse 7 tells us that a fellow worker for the truth is one who goes out for the sake of the Name of Christ, expecting nothing. Another answer to the question is found in Verse 11, where it states that whoever does good is from God. Workers for the truth lift high the Name of Jesus as they do good for others. Do you know anyone like that?

As I think about a fellow worker in the truth, Chelsea comes to my mind. She is a young lady who was a part of the last youth group I led. About a month before Easter of this year, she contacted me to invite Morningside members to come support her in the Narrowway Productions, *The Fourth Cross*. Supporting fellow workers in the truth does involve praying for them, checking on them, and also showing up when they need our assistance.

I also think of my next-door neighbor who loves the Lord. He is a member of the Wayside Slavic congregation. Every time we meet in the side yard between our houses, we discuss the topic of my sermons. His family shared with us some special pastries recently and asked me to pray for his congregation as they seek a new location in which to worship.

I have thought back to that devotion that addressed encouraging fellow workers for the truth. I have prayed that the Slavic congregation will find a new location in which to worship. Supporting others in truth sometimes means welcoming them to our fellowship. I felt that one way we could support this worker for the truth was to invite him and his small congregation to join us for worship during their search.

Friends, consider those you know that love Jesus and work for the truth. Can you encourage and support those individuals? Maybe you could send a card or make a call. Perhaps you could express some other special kindness. Take some time to show them support today! You will bless them and also receive a blessing.

Pastor Steven

mside youth



Graduation Announcements

♦ **Sunday, May 7**

Deadlines for Information

- Turn in pictures for slideshow
- Register family for Graduation Luncheon on Sunday, May 21
- Inform Connor of your participation on Graduate Sunday

♦ **Wednesday, May 17**

Senior Recognition Night

During Youth Thrive, all graduating seniors are invited to share information about their plans following high school. They are also encouraged to share godly wisdom and advice with their peers.

♦ **Sunday, May 21**

Graduate Recognition and Luncheon

All graduates and their families are invited to celebrate this milestone at the Worship Service. Then following Sunday School, we will meet at Hickory Tavern at 12:00 P.M. for lunch.

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Vacation Bible School *Keepers of the Kingdom*

Monday-Friday, June 26-30

9:00 A.M. - Noon

Rising Kindergarteners - Grade 5

If you would like to volunteer to serve this week, please contact Laura White at lwhite@msidechurch.org.

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Senior Adult Trip Thursday, May 18 Happy Cows Creamery and Lunch at Coach House Restaurant

The bus will leave Morningside at 10:15 A.M. and return at approximately 3:30 or 4:00 P.M. We will have an early lunch (Dutch Treat) in Simpsonville at Coach House Restaurant, then tour the dairy and enjoy an ice cream treat. Cost: \$8.00 per person, plus lunch. Sign up with Robert Mitchell by May 14.

Vote on Messengers to Southern Baptist Convention Meeting

The SBC Annual Meeting will be held in New Orleans, LA, June 11-14. Steven Owensby and his family will attend, and we ask anyone else who is interested in serving as a Messenger to contact Pastor Steven. We will vote on these representatives and commission them Sunday, May 21, during Worship.



2023 Mission Trip to New Orleans July 8-15

The second payment of \$50 for the trip is due no later than Sunday, May 14. Contact Connor Bastin.

MServe

Event: MServe

Date: Sundays in May

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*



Let's have a large gathering of our men in the church for fellowship, a delicious breakfast, and a time of discussion. We will consider some possibilities for a summer Bible Study, a monthly men's fellowship, and ways we can *seek, serve, and share* Jesus as Mside Men. Invite your Morningside friends to join you for this time of sharing. Be sure to sign up in the Fellowship Hall Lobby no later than Wednesday, May 10.



Wednesday, May 24

6:00 - 7:30 P.M.

Don't miss out on this celebration as we end the year of activities with a fiesta. Supper includes a free taco bar with all the fixin's in the Fellowship Hall, beginning at 6:00 P.M. Afterwards, we will head to the field and play an exciting game of kickball. Children, youth, and adults of all ages are encouraged to participate, either as players or spectators who will root their team to victory! The meal is free, but we need you to sign up in the Fellowship Hall Lobby by Wednesday, May 17.



Operation Christmas Child

A Project Supporting Missions

Be sure to participate each month in our monthly drive as a way the church can increase our impact on God's Kingdom. Items Needed in May: hairbrushes, combs, and socks.

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**Golden Tones
Outreach Ministry**



Our Senior Adult Choir, the Golden Tones, will continue visiting area facilities to share songs with the residents. Please pray for the group and those who are blessed by this ministry.

May 1 - White Oak Skilled Nursing

May 8 - Restoration Senior Living

May 15 - White Oak Independent Living

The bus leaves the church at 2:30 P.M.
The group sings at 3:00 P.M.



**Golden Tones Luncheon
Monday, May 22
Home of Rick and Debby Byars
Bus Leaves at 11:00 A.M.
Dinner Served at 12:00 P.M.**

Attention, Men

Men, we want you and your guest(s) to save Saturday night, August 5, for a Wild Game Dinner. Morningside will partner with Eastside Baptist Church and other churches in the Spartanburg County Baptist Network. Be sure to watch for more details about time and cost in future publications.



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

Tom and Hilda Badger

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May 20-21
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May 13-14
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May 27-28
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