

# 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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## Grow with Us! Wednesday Nights



Bible Studies and Missions  
A Grief Support Group,  
and Music Groups

## Fall Kickoff

Pancake Supper and Kickball Game  
September 6 6:00 P.M.

We will enjoy breakfast for supper with pancakes in the Fellowship Hall then head outdoors at 6:45 P.M. for a fun family game of kickball. Sign up in the double hallway leading to the Welcome Center no later than Sunday, September 3.

## All Regular Activities Begin September 13

Daytime

- Grief Share Group

### Evening Events

- Infinite Mercy Rehearsals
- Kingdom Kids (Children's Choir)
  - Journey Kids (Missions)
  - Youth Thrive
- Flickering Lamps (Adult Bible Study)
- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals

*We hope to see you then.*

### 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 - Beginning Sept. 10 - 5:00 P.M.

#### Mondays

Golden Tones - Beginning Sept. 11 - 1:30 P.M.

#### Tuesdays

Bike Ministry - 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.  
Staff Meetings - 11:00 A.M.

#### Wednesdays

Grief Share Group - 12:00 P.M.  
Infinite Mercy Rehearsals - 5:00 P.M.  
Flickering Lamps Bible Study - 6:00 P.M.  
Kingdom Kids and Journey Kids - 6:00 P.M.  
Youth Thrive - 6:00 P.M.  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals - Beginning Sept. 13 - 7:00 P.M.

#### Thursdays

Good News Club at Pine Street Elementary  
September 14 - November 16 - 2:35 P.M.

#### Fridays

Prayer Warriors - 9:30 A.M.

### Additional Activities

- 4 Labor Day - Office Closed
- 6 Family Pancake Supper and Kickball - 6:00 P.M.
- 10-17 Week of Prayer for State Missions
- 10 College Colors Sunday - 9:30 A.M.
- 11 Beautiful Hats Bible Study - 11:00 A.M.
- 13 Grief Share Group Begins - 12:00 P.M.  
Flickering Lamps Study Begins - 6:00 P.M.  
All Regular Activities Resume
- 14 Stampin' Up - 10:00 A.M.  
Stitchers and Sowers - 1:00 P.M.
- 16 Men's Ministry Breakfast - 9:00 A.M.
- 17 Harvest Feast with Slavic Congregation - 3:00 P.M.
- 21 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10:30 A.M.
- 23 Samson: The Last Judge - Dinner Theatre  
Bus Leaves at 10:00 A.M.
- 24 Robin Gilliam, Guest Speaker - 9:30 A.M.
- 28 Hearts and Hands Crafters - 10:00 A.M.  
Stitchers and Sowers - 1:00 P.M.

## Letting the Shepherd Lead...

The church that perhaps supported Paul the most in the New Testament was the church at Philippi. In the book of Philippians, Chapter 1:4-5, Paul says that he is praying for the church there because of their "partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." He uses words like "fellow workers" and "true companion" in Chapter 4:2-3 when describing their combined efforts in the gospel. The end of Chapter 4 describes how thankful he was to the Philippians. They had shared in his trouble by sending him a gift. In Verse 18, he tells them that he is sure their cooperation is "a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God."

The spirit of cooperation shared between Paul and the Philippian church was one that united them in prayer, provision for needs, and partnership. As believers, we should encourage and welcome each of these types of cooperation. *Praying* together is a wonderful way to begin having a shared concern for one another and for what God wants. *Provision* happens when we see a worthwhile need for which we can help someone share a solution. *Partnership* can take the form of fellowship, or it could take the form of service. The point of partnership is sharing a common goal.

This month we have the opportunity to cooperate in many ways as a church. We can come together inside the church family to cooperate as small groups on Wednesdays. We can cooperate with nearby schools and colleges by finding ways to minister to the students through the Good News Club or College Colors Sunday. We will have the opportunity to give to South Carolina Baptist missions this month as we observe the Week of Prayer for State Missions and give to the Janie Chapman Offering. Later this month, we will hear about how we can cooperate with CUPS Mission to be on mission in the Dominican Republic. Perhaps the most exciting opportunity we have to work together is by participating in the Slavic Congregation's Harvest Feast held in our Fellowship Hall Sunday, September 17.

Cooperation begins with prayer. Cooperation becomes more serious when we seek to provide for the needs of others. Cooperation benefits others most when we partner together for the gospel. Let's strive to be more and more cooperative.



**Sunday, September 17 3:00 P.M.**

The Golgofa Baptist Church has invited Morningside members to join them in celebrating their time of thanksgiving for God's provision. This celebration, to be held in the Fellowship Hall, will include a devotion, music by Infinite Mercy, and a delicious feast provided by the Golgofa congregation. Please sign up in the hallway leading to the Welcome Center no later than Sunday, September 10.

## Week of Prayer for State Missions Janie Chapman Offering September 11-17

*"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world,  
and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15*

We ask you to read the Prayer Guide available in the Worship Guide for Sunday, September 10. Please pray for the eight missionaries in our state, and read the information about their ministries and prayer requests. Also, please pray about your family's financial contribution to the Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions, Missions Education, and Kingdom ADVANCE in South Carolina. We will receive this offering throughout the month of September. State Goal: \$2,100,00



### Fall Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale

**Saturday, October 14**

**9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.**



Our annual sale is just around the corner, and we are hoping Morningside families will again provide handcrafted goods made from wood, fabric, yarn, and other mediums. Of course, those delicious breads, jams, cakes, jellies, casseroles and stews will also be in demand for the coming holidays. We would like to get the word out about this year's Bazaar. You can help by picking up several publicity cards, available outside entrances to the Sanctuary. Invite anyone you see in the coming days. What a great way to begin a conversation about our Lord and Savior! Drop-off donations in the Fellowship Hall Friday, October 11, from 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. Contact Gail Medlin or Debby Byars for more details or if you would like to volunteer to help Friday and/or Saturday.

## mside youth

**Youth Bible Study**  
**Wednesdays**  
**6:00 - 7:30 P.M.**



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**Instagram**

*@msideyouth to stay informed on all things MSIDE YOUTH!*

## mside kids

**Music and Missions for Children**  
**6:00 - 7:30 P.M.**



**Kingdom Kids**  
**Children's Choir**



**Journey Kids**  
**Children's Missions**



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**Sunday,  
September 10**



Did you know that the Spartanburg area has seven colleges that serve 20,000 students? It's true! What a mission field! Sunday School classes have been challenged to pray for, connect with, and serve these students. Reach out to college students, and show them your love with some sort of care package. You can be a part of a special day on September 10 by inviting them to worship with us, beginning at 9:20 A.M. Wear your college colors. Be sure to welcome students you see that day, and invite them to meet with Steven following the service to discover if they may be interested in participating in Bible study here. Welcome them into your Sunday School class. You might even want to invite them to lunch!



**Beautiful Hats  
Bible Study Group  
Monday, September 11  
11:00 A.M.  
Fellowship Hall**

Meet other ladies interested in fellowshiping and studying God's Word.  
Bring a bagged lunch to eat as we learn.  
Facilitators: Edna Ellison, Vickie Holt



**Begins Wednesday, September 13  
12:00-1:00 P.M.  
Office Conference Room**

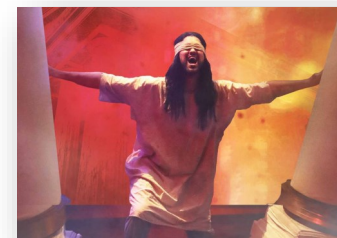
*Grief Share* is a video-based Bible study that helps those who have recently experienced the loss of a loved one. We have fifteen openings for the fall class that will include time for fellowship and refreshments. Pastor Steven, Robert Mitchell, and Ricky Heath will rotate as facilitators. Cost: \$10 for book.

**Men's Ministry Breakfast  
Saturday, September 16  
Fire Pit Ranch (590 Foster Mill Road)  
9:00 A.M.**

Breakfast, Devotion, and Men's Activity  
Watch for More Information in Future Publications.

***Flickering Lamps*  
Adult Fall Bible Study  
Begins Wednesday, September 13  
6:00 P.M.**

*Flickering Lamps* examines what can happen if Christ comes and knocks on the door of our church. Henry and Richard Blackaby (authors of *Experiencing God*), assert that once we allow Christ to receive control of the church, a renewed hope and a bright future are possible. Facilitators Pastor Steven and Jody Welch will take participants through the letters to the Seven Churches of Revelation. Cost: \$10 for book.



***Samson:  
The Last Judge*  
Saturday, September 23  
10:00 A.M.**

*Samson: The Last Judge* examines the biblical time of the Judges in Israel when everyone

did what was right in their own eyes. The musical then applies the lessons learned to America, applauding America's Founding Fathers and the Judeo-Christian moral foundation of our nation. The bus leaves the church at 10:00 A.M. Lunch will be served at 12:00 P.M.



**Mission Trip to  
Dominican Republic  
July 8-13, 2024**

Morningside will partner with Crossover CUPS Mission for the 2024 Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic. On September 24, join us in welcoming our guest speaker, Robin Gilliam, Director for Church Partnerships with Crossover CUPS Mission. She will share information about this organization and how Morningside can get involved by going on mission next summer! Church members who have completed at least the ninth grade are eligible. Ninth and tenth graders must have a parent/guardian attend. If you may be interested in taking this trip or need more information about cost and other requirements, contact Connor Bastin or Steve Kibbe.

## Volunteers Needed for Two Teams

Please contact Cathy Godfrey or Debby Byars if you would like to serve on the Bereavement Team or the Fellowship Team. General responsibilities for both groups include planning/preparing/serving meals at church-wide events or after the death of a church member. Other duties include running the dishwasher, cleaning up after events, and cleaning the kitchen when needed. Being a part of one or both of these teams will bless others.



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*Now is a great time to join a group, serving God through singing, playing, and glorifying Him.*

- ♦ **Clarion Sounds**  
Resumes Sunday, September 10  
Handbell Room 5:00 P.M.
- ♦ **Golden Tones**  
Resumes Monday, September 11  
Music Suite 1:30 P.M.
- ♦ **Infinite Mercy**  
Wednesdays  
Sanctuary 5:00 P.M.
- ♦ **Kingdom Kids (Children's Choir)**  
Resumes Wednesday, September 13  
Children's Wing 6:00 P.M.
- ♦ **Sanctuary Choir**  
Resumes Wednesday, September 13  
Music Suite 7:00 P.M.
- ♦ **Orchestra Ensemble**  
Resumes Wednesday, October 4  
Sanctuary 7:30 P.M.

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

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