

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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Calendar of Weekly Events

Sundays

A Time for Prayer - 9:00 A.M.
Infinite Mercy Rehearsal - 9:00 A.M.
Coffee Fellowship - 9:15 A.M.
Bible Study - 9:30 A.M.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 10:35 A.M.
Worship - 11:00 A.M.
Clarion Sounds - 5:00 P.M.

Mondays

Golden Tones - 1:30 P.M.

Tuesdays

Bicycle Ministry - 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
Home School - 9:00 A.M.
Ladies' Bible Study - Part 2 - 10:00 A.M.
Staff Meeting - 1:00 P.M.
Scouts - 6:30 P.M.

Wednesdays

Infinite Mercy Rehearsal - 5:00 P.M.
Praise and Prayer - 6:00 P.M.
Biblical Round Table - 6:15 P.M.
Mside Youth - 6:15 - 7:30 P.M.
Kingdom Kids (Choir) - 6:15 - 6:45 P.M.
Journey Kids (Missions) - 6:45 - 7:30 P.M.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 P.M.

Thursdays

Good News Club at Pine Street Elementary - 2:30 P.M.

Fridays

Prayer Warriors - 9:30 A.M.

Additional Weekly Events

- 3 Beautiful Hats - 11:00 A.M.
- 4 Ladies' Bible Study - 10:00 A.M.
- 9 Golden Tones Sings in Worship - 11:00 A.M.
Scouts Banquet
- 11 Ladies' Bible Study - 10:00 A.M.
Stitchers and Sowers Ministry - 1:15 P.M.
- 14-15 Youth Overflow Weekend at Crossroads Baptist Church
Friday: 5:00 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.
Saturday: 9:30 A.M. - 9:30 P.M.
- 18 Stampin Up - 10:00 A.M.
- 20 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 2:00 P.M.
- 22 Dinner and a Show - 6:00 P.M.
- 24 Golden Tones Sing at Eden Terrace - 2:00 P.M.
- 25 Joy of Missions - 12:00 P.M.
- 27 Hearts and Hands Crafters - 10:00 A.M.
- 30 Clarion Sounds Rings - 11:00 A.M.
- 31 Golden Tones to Mountainview Nursing Home - 2:00 P.M.

Dinner and a Show

Saturday, March 22

6:00 P.M.

Fellowship Hall

We hope you and your family will join us for an evening of great talent and delicious food that assist with the costs of camps for our children and youth. Sign up by Sunday, March 16, in the Information Hallway if you plan to attend.

Menu:

baked spaghetti, side salad, bread, dessert



Morningside's Got Talent

Words from Our Pastor

It's March and pretty soon our clocks will spring forward, the days will get longer and warmer, and the flowers will begin to bloom. It is a perfect time to start something new. I'd like to invite you to the Biblical Roundtable. We have scheduled this Bible study for every Wednesday night, starting at 6:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary. For those who have never attended one of the sessions, let me explain. Think of it like a Biblical Podcast. A rotating panel of four people who have studied the particular passage for the evening share their insights as we walk through the scripture. Our goal is to be conversational and engaging, a characteristic that differs from a typical podcast. We encourage group participation. So, even if you aren't on the panel that night, you have the opportunity to share your thoughts and ask questions.

Please let me share why the Biblical Roundtable is so valuable.

1. It Is a Robust Biblical Study - First and foremost, the Biblical Roundtable is a Bible study where we dive deep into the text. Often, we only make it through a handful of scriptures each session because we attempt to unpack all that the verses have for us. I have heard it said that reading is an extremely efficient method for learning because you have allowed someone else to do the heavy lifting of studying and distilling the information. So, what may have taken hours or even a lifetime to research, has been condensed down to something you can consume in a rather short amount of time. You can reap the benefit of hours of study from at least four people each week. This excellent midweek teaching engages us with the Bible in a meaningful way and helps us grow in our understanding of God and His Word.

2. It Expands Our Perspectives - Study is best done in a community because it not only safeguards us from going too far down the wrong path with a thought, but it also broadens our horizon as each of us will pick up on different details within a text. The best way to grasp a complete picture is to study the text together. Studying in a community allows us to tap into new concepts, tools, or study methods for acquiring understanding that are not familiar to us.

3. It Provides Teaching Opportunities - Perhaps you have considerable insight on scripture, but the thought of teaching Sunday School or some other class seems intimidating. Maybe your schedule prevents you from being consistent in a teaching role. The Biblical Roundtable is a perfect opportunity for you. You are not responsible for teaching the whole class on your own; plus, you can set your own schedule. This method on Wednesday nights offers a low pressure opportunity to stretch into a teaching role if you feel so led.

4. It Equips Us to Have Biblical Discussions - This format is the real kicker for me because it gets me used to having spiritual conversations while sitting around a table with several other people. My prayer is that this approach will become normalized. For most of us, this is the most likely scenario where you can share your faith with friends or family. Getting used to this style is vital in our willingness to take it there when the opportunity presents itself. This technique is not just about evangelism; it is also about discipleship. In fact, I have found that evangelism and discipleship tend to go hand-in-hand. On more than one occasion, I have been engaged in spiritual conversation with several friends at a coffee shop or restaurant when someone sitting at a table nearby chimes in and becomes part of the discipleship.

I hope to see many more of you participate in our Wednesday night Bible study. I promise that it will benefit you greatly, and your collaboration will benefit the rest of us. Please consider making the Biblical Roundtable a part of your weekly routine. Let's help each other become more mature disciples of Jesus.

In Christ,
Brandon



Thank You, Morningside!

The Scouting for Food Drive sponsored by Scout Troop 11 was a huge success. The Scouts received a total of 876 items to stock the shelves of TOTAL Ministries!

Thank you for your support and generosity!



Items Needed for Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child

Puzzles, chalkboard and chalk, jump ropes, coloring books, playdough, stickers, sewing kits, books/picture books, fishing kits, and card games.

**Save the date of Sunday, October 27
for our Packing Party.**

mside family

PRAISE & PRAYER

Families, gather in the Sanctuary at 6:00 P.M.
for corporate prayer and songs of praise
before regular Wednesday night activities.

WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US FOR OUR

Biblical Round Table Talks

The Book of Hebrews

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 6:15 P.M.

FOLLOWING PRAISE & PRAYER IN THE SANCTUARY



Golden Tones Ministry Tour

Easter Music

March 24 - Eden Terrace

Carpool at 1:30 P.M. Sing at 2:00 P.M.

March 31 - Mountainview Nursing Home
with Converse University Music Therapy Class

Carpool at 1:30 P.M. Sing at 2:00 P.M.

Spring Gospel Music

April 28 - Lakewood Assisted Living

Carpool at 2:15 P.M. Sing at 3:00 P.M.

May 5 - White Oak Assisted Living

Carpool at 1:30 P.M. Sing at 2:00 P.M.

May 12 - Restoration at Westgate

Carpool at 1:15 P.M. Sing at 2:00 P.M.

Sing in Worship

March 9 - 11:00 A.M.

April 27, May 18



Mside youth

Youth Bible Study

March 5

Those Who Hope



With our identity
in Christ, we bring
hope and light
into a dark world.

OVERFLOW WEEKEND

CROSSROADS BAPTIST CHURCH

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

MEET AT THE CHURCH AT 5:00 P.M.

RETURN TO CHURCH AROUND 9:30 P.M.

DINNER PROVIDED FRIDAY NIGHT

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

MEET AT THE CHURCH AT 9:30 A.M.

RETURN TO THE CHURCH AROUND 9:30 P.M.

LUNCH AND DINNER PROVIDED ON SATURDAY

Distribution of the 2024 Craft Bazaar Funds

The total of \$8,300.00 will be distributed as follows:

- ◆ \$5,000.00 to Charity Mission Freewill Baptist Church in Nebo, NC to assist with
 - buying materials to build tiny homes,
 - purchasing propane heaters for tiny homes,
 - purchasing propane to refill 100 lb. tanks.
- ◆ \$3,300.00 to NC Baptist on Mission as a financial donation for rebuilding efforts.
- ◆ \$516.05 went to Steve Kibbe for supplies to assist Charity Mission Baptist Church.

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**Time to
 Spring
 Ahead**

*Daylight Saving Time will begin Sunday, March 9,
 at 2:00 A.M. Remember to set your clocks one hour
 ahead before you go to bed.*



Sympathy Extended to

*... Dale and Cathy Godfrey and family in the death of
 Cathy's sister, Candy Fowler, on February 25, 2025 in
 Spartanburg, South Carolina*

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

*Family of Phyllis Britt
 Rick and Debby Byars
 David and Charlyn McFadden
 P.S. I Love You
 St. Luke's Free Medical Center*

Pastors on Call

February 28 - March 2, 21-23
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