



# First Baptist Surfside

## September 5, 2024 Newsletter

As I am preparing my sermon for Genesis 28, I am reminded of one simple fact. When someone truly experiences God at work, the only right reaction is worship and gratitude. After Jacob sees a vision of God in a dream his response is awe-filled praise.

Taking Jacob's lead, I want to take a moment and give praise to the Lord who is working! I have been the Pastor of FBC Surfside for more than 5 years now. In that time, I have seen God do truly amazing things. However, over the last 2-3 months I have never been more convinced of God's blessing on our church. Here are just a few ways I have seen God work since just May:

1. A full parking lot. Almost every week I hear that our parking team is struggling with where to park cars. Praise God they are struggling! Certainly, I don't wish more work for them, but it is a sign of a growing church. Over the last few weeks, we have seen our attendance at record highs.
2. Growing family. It is exciting to see our church growing. Since May we have welcomed 29 new members into our church family.
3. Baptisms. Certainly, our goal is to not just grow numerically, but also to grow spiritually. I have been burdened to see more baptisms in our church. The Lord has answered our prayer as we have seen 8 people baptized in just the last 2 weeks.

These are just a few ways that I have been blessed to see God work. I have seen God working in the hearts of people, young men rededicating their lives to Christ, God restoring hurt, and so much more. Best of all we saw one person give their life to Jesus!

I share all this not to boast in our church or what we have done, but above all to boast in the God who is sovereign over it all! Would you join me in thanking the Lord for what he has done?

In Christ,

Pastor Nathan

### Sunday's Worship Guide

#### **"Genesis: Foundation For Life" Amazing Grace; Genesis 28:1-22**

- I. Despite Our Past (1-11)
- II. Despite Our Works (12-17)
- III. Despite Our Wavering (18-22)

### Weekly Schedule

#### Sundays

- 9:00 AM: Worship Service & Small Groups
- 10:30 AM: Worship Service & Small Groups
- 4:00 PM: Choir Practice
- 5:00 PM: Students
- 5:00 PM: Surfside Kids
- 5:30 PM: Adults

#### Tuesdays

- 7:00 AM: Men's Bible Study/Breakfast at Bob Evans
- 6:00 PM: Celebrate Recovery

#### Wednesdays

- 10:00 AM: Prayer Meeting

### Small Groups Meet Throughout the Week at Various Locations

### Upcoming Schedule

#### Friday, September 13

- 1:00 PM: Food Bank

#### Saturday, September 14

- 8:00 AM: Men's Breakfast
- 10:00 AM: Celebrate Surfside Beach Festival
- 10:30 AM: wMu

#### Wednesday, September 18

- 3:00 PM: NHC

#### Saturday, September 21

- 9:30 AM: Coastline Women's Center 5K

#### Friday, September 27

- 1:00 PM: Food Bank

#### Saturday, October 5

- 10:00 AM: Surfside Beach Family Festival

#### Sunday, October 6

- New Member Commissioning

#### Sunday, October 13

- 11:45 AM: Discover Lunch (for New and Prospective Members)

#### Sunday, October 20

- 11:45 AM: Mission Fund Raiser Lunch

#### Thursday, October 31

- 6:00 PM: Fall Festival

### New Member Commissioning

We believe that the Bible emphasizes the importance of church membership. On Sunday October 6, we would like to present all of our new members to the church. If you have begun the membership process but have not been presented to the church, please contact the church office or Pastor Nathan.

## Welcome New Members!

Please join us in welcoming our new members to First Baptist Surfside.



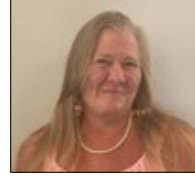
Morris and  
Sylvia Hucks



Brenda  
DeHaven



Gretta and Gary  
O'Brien



Lynn Pack



Joshua, Landon,  
Sarah Thompson



### Celebrate Surfside Beach Festival

September 14 from 10 AM -3 PM

First Baptist Surfside is having a booth at the Celebrate Surfside Beach Festival, September 14 from 10-3. Come by and visit us as we reach out to our community and invite them to visit our church.

### Coastline Women's Center 5K Saturday, September 21 at 9:30 AM



September 21, 2024  
9:30am  
at the North Myrtle Beach  
Park & Sports Complex

### Opportunity for Parents!

Are you a parent of an older child or teenager? Do you want to raise your child to know and follow Jesus but struggle with how? Do you struggle with knowing how to have conversations about difficult cultural topics?

If that is you, you are a normal parent! If that is you, there is hope. This fall we are considering offering a short four week course on helping parents know how to have conversations about difficult cultural topics with their children.

The course will be facilitated by Diane Yarbrough and Mica Pruitt will include reading, discussion, short videos, prayer, and more.

For more information or to sign up please call the church office or email [info@fbcsurfside.org](mailto:info@fbcsurfside.org).

### Surfside Community Ministry Food Bank

2nd and 4th Fridays at 1:00 PM

No bags needed  
at this time!



#### Food Pantry Needs

Pantry Needs (Non Perishable Items)

Please do NOT bring outdated items!

Jelly

Bread/Buns

Mustard or Mayo

Ketchup

Relish

Crackers

Canned Meat

Snacks

Drinks

Boxed Rice (NO BAGS)

Instant Mashed Potatoes

Canned Fruits

Large need for the above items



Save the Date! October 31  
Fall Festival from 6-8 PM  
Volunteers and Candy Needed!

