



# First Baptist Surfside

## November 7, 2024 Newsletter

### Let's Celebrate!

This past Wednesday we had a great church conference meeting. We had a lot of exciting future projects to discuss, but what we did most was celebrate all the things God is doing in the life of our church! Let me give you just a few things we celebrated. In 2024:

- Average Sunday morning worship attendance has grown to near 300 people.
- Church membership has grown by 50 new people.
- We have baptized 12 people.
- Financial giving has been strong and we in position to finish the year well over budget.
- Small groups continue to grow with the start of one new group and the need to start three more.
- Spiritually there are so many stories of people growing in their walk with Jesus.
- Our ministries continue to grow as this year we launched Surfside Community Ministries which reaches out to our local shelters as well as our new food pantry.

Perhaps one of the bigger announcements we made was about the land behind the church on which is the Green Dolphin. I am excited to announce that as of this month that land is paid off! For the first time in over 12 years, our church is 100% debt free!

I could go on and on about how God is working in our church.

Let's give God all the praise and glory for what He is doing!

In Christ,

Pastor Nathan

### 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

#### Saturday, November 9

- 8:00 AM: Men's Breakfast
- 10:30 AM: wMu

#### Saturday, November 16

- 1:00 PM: Surfside Seniors Event

#### Sunday, November 17

- Vote on 2025 Proposed Budget and Deacons

### Abigail's Place

## Thank You For Your Donations!



Thank you for generously donating items to Abigail's Place. This will help so much as this second location opens to minister to more families. Abigail's Place is a ministry arm of

Coastline Women's Center, a ministry our church partners with. Coastline provides services to women who face unplanned pregnancies. They provide faith-based counseling and resources. Abigail's, as their resource center, provides services until a child is 3 years old. If you or your group would like to continue to support Abigail's Place with donated items, you can get information from the church office or Terry Kirby.

### Sunday's Worship Guide

## "Genesis: Foundation For Life"

### The Election Is Over, Now What?; Genesis 39-41

- I. Walk With God (1-6a)
- II. Walk In Purity (6b-18)
- III. Bless Others (19-23)

## New Member Commissioning

We believe that the Bible emphasizes the importance of church membership. On Sunday December 1, 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 De Clark, Allen and Juanita Finley, Jim and Kathy Mays and Suzanne Palmer to our First Baptist Church family.



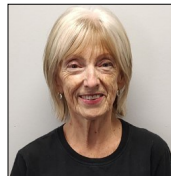
De Clark



Allen and Juanita Finley



Jim and Kathy Mays



Suzanne Palmer



## Surfside Seniors Event: The Gathering Saturday, November 16

1-3 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Call the office or see Sandra Hartley  
to sign-up by November 10.

**Cost:** Please bring an advertised food bank item to enter!



## Sunday, November 17 Vote on 2025 Budget and Deacons

## Angel Tree Ready November 17



It's easy to put a smile on a face of a child in need this Christmas. Our Angel tree will be set up in the church lobby Sunday, November 17. It's simple! Just pick your Angel(s), purchase the item(s) listed, and return the unwrapped gift with the angel attached to the office by Sunday, December 8. We appreciate your participation of spreading the love of Jesus and please remember to pray for your Angel.

## Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Due November 17



It is simple, get a shoebox, fill it and return it by Sunday, Nov. 17. Operation Christmas Child delivers great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. Each box packed full of quality toys, school supplies, and personal care items becomes a tangible expression of God's immense love for the child. For many, it is their first gift ever!

## Office Water Supply



Please contact the office if you are willing to pick up our empty Primo water jugs and take them to be filled about

## Lottie Moon Christmas Offering



In an effort to increase our giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for international missions the wMu is organizing a "make and take" the first two Sundays in December. **Men and Women** are encouraged to use their "giftedness" in creating homemade articles for others to take, giving their offering to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in return for the articles they choose. We're giving you a heads up so you can have time to create homemade items. More information will come as we get closer to December. Questions see Jeanne Eckert

## Surfside Community Ministry Food Bank

2nd and 4th Fridays at 1 PM

Pantry Needs (Non Perishable Items)

Please do NOT bring outdated items!

Jelly	Canned veggies (no corn/green beans)
Spaghetti sauce	Canned meat (SPAM, chicken, etc.)
Boxed rice	Boxed or canned milk
Bottled juice	Instant mashed potatoes
Canned fruit	Crackers
Soup	Noodles

## December Schedule

**Deacon Ordination:** Sunday, December 1 at 5 PM

**Christmas Caroling:** Sunday, December 15 at 4 PM

**Candlelight Service:** Sunday, December 22 at 6 PM

**One Morning Worship Service:** Sunday December 22 (no Small Groups)

**Office Closed:** Week of December 23, reopens December 30

**One Morning Worship Service:** Sunday December 29 at 10 AM (no Small Groups)