



# First Baptist Surfside

## January 16, 2025 Newsletter

Have you ever had to look for a new church? It's not easy!

I remember when Kelli and I were first married, living in Raleigh, we went through the process of looking for a new church. We started off excited to see what the Lord had in store for us. We started researching in the area looking for a solid, Bible teaching church.

The first church we visited taught the Bible clearly, had Christ exalting music, good community, and great ministries. We visited a few weeks but decided to try another church before we made a commitment.

Upon entering the 2<sup>nd</sup> church, we also found a large church with lots of people, big facilities, and a welcoming Sunday school class. However, it did not take long to realize this wasn't the church for us. Not only did the Sunday School teacher seem unprepared, what was lacking was good theology and biblical truth. Instead of opening the Word, it felt more like a self-help seminar.

After deciding not to stay for the service we quickly ran back to the first church. Why? Because they faithfully taught the Word of God. Everything else aside, that was the most important part of a church.

This Sunday we are continuing our journey through Romans. As we see Paul's interaction with the church of Rome we see elements of a vibrant church. This Sunday we will be exploring, "The Church I Want To Go To!"

If you are in the process of looking for a church, we would love to have you! In fact, this Sunday is our Discover Class for new members, or anyone interested in the church. Even if you forgot to sign up, plan to stay after our 2<sup>nd</sup> service for lunch as we share the mission and vision for First Baptist Surfside.

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

#### Sunday, January 19

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

#### Friday, January 24

- 1:00 PM: Food Pantry

#### Saturday, February 8

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

#### Friday, February 14

- 1:00 PM: Food Pantry

#### Wednesday, February 19

- 3:00 PM: NHC

#### Saturday, February 22

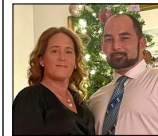
- 6:00 PM: Father-Daughter Dance

#### Wednesday, February 26

- 6:00 PM: Church Conference

## Welcome New Members!

Please join us in welcoming Jessica and Matthew Lowery, Jim Pillion and Dawn Zulla to our First Baptist Church family.



Jessica and  
Matthew Lowery



Jim Pillion



Dawn Zulla

### Sunday's Worship Guide

## Unashamed Of The Gospel The Church I Want To Go To Romans 1:8-15

- I. A Church Known For The Gospel (8)
- II. A Church That Loves People (9-13)
- III. A Church That Is Outward Focused (14-15)

### New Member Commissioning

We believe that the Bible emphasizes the importance of church membership. On Sunday **February 2**, we will 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.



**DISCOVER  
FBC SURFSIDE**

**NEW & PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS**

**Discover Lunch  
For New and Prospective Members  
Sunday, January 19 at 11:45 AM**



**Surfside Kids  
Father-Daughter Dance**

**Saturday, February 22  
6-8 PM Dinner Provided  
Ages 2 to 5th Grade  
Limited space available. Sign up by 2/8/25.  
Click [here](#) to register.**



**Church Conference  
Wednesday, February 26 at 6 PM**



**Kid's Ministry**

**Kids Ministry Training  
Saturday, March 15 (time TBD)**

**Sessions, Games, and Lunch  
Highly Recommended for All Kid's Ministry Volunteers  
Speakers Include:**



DeShannan Paddock



Dr. Donna Peavey



Stephanie King



Erin Collins



**Save the Date  
Vacation Bible School  
Wonder Junction  
June 8-12 6-8 PM**

**FOOD  
Pantry**



**Surfside Community Ministry  
Food Pantry**

**2nd and 4th Fridays at 1 PM**

**Pantry Needs (Non Perishable Items) Please do NOT bring outdated items!**

Boxed rice  
Bottled juice  
Canned fruit

Crackers  
Jelly  
Noodles

Spaghetti Sauce  
Soup  
Boxed or canned milk

Canned veggies  
Canned meat (SPAM, chicken, etc.)  
Instant mashed potatoes