



September 16 Newsletter

Every Wednesday our church holds a prayer meeting at 10:00am. Each week we have 10-20 individuals who gather for Bible study and an intentional time of prayer in the Sanctuary. Over the last two years we have been walking verse by verse through the Psalms each week. This week, we looked at Psalm 61. David begins this song in verse 1, "Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer." I was at first tempted to gloss over this simple verse, but it grabbed my attention this week. It was as simple yet profound reminder that David was a man of prayer.

In the book of Psalms we have 150 written songs of prayer and praise, the majority of which were written by King David. David was a man of prayer! David prayed regularly, fervently, and passionately. David prayed when things were good and when things were difficult. David prayed in victory and in defeat. It seems David did not just view prayer as a "checklist item" or a magical formula to use when things were hard. No, for David, prayer was part of the regular rhythm of his life. Was David perfect? Absolutely not. We know his sins that are clearly laid out in scripture. He was imperfect, but that shows the very need of prayer. His prayer life showed someone who continually was dependent on the Lord.

Our prayer life and our worship are closely related. David was a man of prayer and a man after God's own heart (1 Sam 13:14). Prayer shows who or what we are dependent upon. To not pray is to be dependent only on yourself. To pray is to show we recognize God's strength and our own weakness. Today what does your prayer life indicate about your worship to the Lord? Is prayer a last resort in times of crisis or is the regular rhythm of your life a disposition of prayerful dependence on the Lord?

E.M. Bounds says, "The secret of success in Christ's Kingdom is the ability to pray," and, "The most important lesson we can learn is how to pray." This week, will you commit to a deeper life of prayer?

Pastor Nathan

Weekly Schedule

Sundays

9:00 AM: Inside Service and Sunday School

10:30 AM: Inside Service and Sunday School

Sunday Evenings

4:30 PM: Choir Practice

6:00 PM: Adult Equipping Classes, Youth & Children's Ministry

Tuesdays

7:00 AM: Men's Bible Study at Bob Evans

6:00 PM: Celebrate Recovery

Wednesdays

10:00 AM: Prayer Meeting

11:00 AM: Women's Bible Study

Thursdays

10:00 AM: Faith Class

Upcoming Schedule

Friday, September 17

6:00 PM: Family Fellowship Night

Sunday, September 19

7:30 PM: Special Called Church Meeting

Saturday, October 2

10:30 AM: wMu

Saturday, October 9

8:00 AM: Men's Breakfast

Sunday, October 10

11:45 AM: Discover Lunch

Tuesday, October 12

3:00 PM: Devotional at St. Gabriel

Wednesday, October 20

3:00 PM: Devotional at NHC

Wednesday, October 27

6:00 PM: Church Conference

Friday, October 29

6:00 PM: Trunk or Treat

Sunday's Worship Guide

The Gospel Of Luke: Good News For All People 3 Characteristics Of A Healthy Church; Luke 17:1-10

- I. Desire For Holiness (1-4)
- II. A Strong Faith (5-6)
- III. Selfless Serving (7-10)

Special Called Church Meeting

This Sunday, Sept 19th at 7:30 PM in the sanctuary



Christmas Haiti

It's simple ! Help put a smile on a Haitian child's face this Christmas by supporting Christmas Haiti.

Filled shoeboxes for Christmas Haiti must be returned by Sunday, Sept. 26th Enclose \$5.00 in the envelope to cover shipping and mark appropriate age for boy or girl.

Many Thanks to My Church Family

Lord, I thank you for the gift of First Baptist Church of Surfside Beach in my life. Every day I am reminded of what a loving and caring congregation this is. Never did I expect such an overwhelming love gift when I retired. Each of you means so much to me and my family and I cannot begin to thank you enough. I knew when Pastor John Gambrell asked me if I would like to come to work for him again that I was being put in the right place. Then Pastor Nathan came and I couldn't ask for anyone more supportive, understanding and complimentary than he has been. Retirement was not in my vocabulary, but when JL had his heart attack, we realized that not everyone is given a second chance and that we couldn't continue to do the things we wanted to do with my working. Everyone has been so supportive of my decision and we are so grateful. Again, many thanks for the love offering and support.

God bless each of you! Darlene



Starting Sunday, September 19th, all children are invited to the Good News Club (GNC) where everyone will learn from the Bible and earn GNC BUCKS to spend at the GNC Store. Come and invite your brother, sister, friend, and get your GNC Tool Box and start earning your GNC Bucks! All children can be dropped off in the fellowship hall starting at 6:00-7:30 PM (must be checked in by a responsible adult).

Volunteers Needed for Prayer Team

Our Prayer Ministry Team is in need of volunteers to help with prayer on Sunday mornings during both worship services. If you are willing to help at either service (9:00 or 10:30) with this important ministry, please contact Georgette Meyer (864-247-9922) or Dot Bessinger (843-421-0297).



Friday, October 1st 6:00 PM

Bring your dinner and lawn chairs and join us for a night of family fellowship!

**DISCOVER
FBC SURFSIDE**

FOR NEW AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Sunday, October 10th at 11:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Call the church office to order lunch and reserve your spot!

Volunteers and Candy Needed

**TRUNK
-OR-
TREAT**

**Friday, October 29
6-9 PM**