



First Baptist
Surfside
The Family Church at the Family Beach

September 2 Newsletter

This week, I had the opportunity to go with several other pastors in our area on a vision trip to New York City. Our Baptist association (Waccamaw Baptist Association) sponsored us to go and see what God is doing in the city and how we as First Baptist Surfside might be a part. I first want to say thank you, church, for allowing me to be gone a few days this week. For me, going on trips that are missions focused always help to bring perspective and clarity as to how we should be on mission.

When some people hear about missions in a place like New York, their thought may be, "why?" Why should we go and do missions far away when we have so many needs here? I don't want to downplay the needs we have here, but the needs in a place like New York are exponentially higher. Here we have a high person to church ratio, with many of those churches having ample resources to share the gospel. In a place like New York, neither of those things are true.

Let me try to paint a picture of the immense needs. The Metro New York Baptist Association is tasked with sharing the gospel within a 75-mile radius from Times Square. In that area there are 22-million people, with some areas as densely populated as 66,000 people per square mile. To put that in perspective, the current population of Myrtle Beach is less than 40,000 people. With that amount of people in NYC, the Baptist Association estimates that to effectively reach NYC for the gospel, they would need 20,000 churches to do so. Currently, there are 250 churches. That number is higher when you factor in other gospel preaching denominations, but the point is still that the need is immense.

The need is for churches that will share the gospel with NYC. Current estimates are that much of NYC is around 2% born again believers. According to the IMB (International Mission Board) that would be considered an unreached people group. We send people to every part of the globe to reach unreached people groups (and we should), yet we have one of the largest less than a 2 hour flight from us!

This week I met with several of the pastors who have devoted their lives to reach this city. God is doing incredible things through them and their churches, but they need help. They need churches to partner with them to pray for them, provide for them, and participate in what God is doing in the City.

This week would you stop and pray for the work God is doing in NYC? As you pray, pray for pastors Jordan, Logan, and Chris and their families working in NYC. Pray for God to provide for them in every way. Pray that God would send the gospel to NYC and pray perhaps how we can be involved in the future.

It's an honor to be your Pastor,
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

Tuesdays

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

6:00 PM: Celebrate Recovery

Wednesdays

10:00 AM: Prayer Meeting

Thursdays

10:00 AM: Faith Class

Upcoming Schedule

Saturday, September 4

10:30 AM: wMu

Sunday, September 5

Observance of the Lord's Supper

Promotion Sunday

No Evening Activities

Monday, September 6

Holiday: Church Office Closed

Saturday, September 11

8:00 AM: Men's Breakfast

Sunday, September 12

11:45 AM: Discover FBC Lunch for New and Prospective Members

Tuesday, September 14

3:00 PM: Devotional at St. Gabriel

Wednesday, September 15

3:00 PM: Devotional at NHC

Friday, September 17

6:00 PM: Family Fellowship Night

Wednesday, September 22

6:00 PM: Admin Council Meeting

Sunday's Worship Guide


The Gospel Of Luke: Good News For All People

Marriage Matters; Luke 16:14-18

- I. The Standard For Right Living (14-15)
- II. The Authority Of Right Living (16-17)
- III. An Example Of Right Living (18)

Welcome New Members

Please welcome to our church family, Wanda Cart and Don Reed



Christmas Haiti

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

Pick up a plastic container from the lobby and fill it with items listed in the box. Enclose \$5.00 in the envelope to cover shipping and mark appropriate age for boy or girl. Return it to the church by Sunday, September 26.

Meet Our New Church Secretary



Donna Michael and her husband, John, and 3 daughters (Campbell- 17, Greyson- 16, and Della- 9) recently moved from King NC the Myrtle Beach area to be a part of a local church plant. Donna is a '94 Meredith College grad that majored in Social Work but landed in the golf business for 15 years before being a stay at home mom, homeschooling her older 2 and starting her own Skincare Business. Because of her love for kids, she worked as a Moms Morning Out Preschool Teacher for 6 years in Fuquay Varina, NC. She also worked with Stokes County Schools in various positions. As a family, they enjoy sports and the outdoors. You will find them at their girls basketball & volleyball games, soccer and tennis matches. They love the beach, hiking, watching any activity their girls are involved in and anything involving their 2

English Golden Retrievers, Buxton and Mo.

With her husband being called into full-time ministry, she and her family moved to King and served at First Baptist Church King. From there, they partnered with Two Cities Church out of Winston Salem NC in their pastoral residency program. They partnered with a Summit RDU Church plant, COASTWAY CHURCH, as their Executive Pastor. COASTWAY CHURCH will be meeting on the Coastal Carolina Campus starting September 19th. Please be in prayer for their family as they transition to new schools, jobs, and challenges that go along with planting a new church!



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).

Sunday, September 5 Observance of the Lord's Supper

DISCOVER
FBC SURFSIDE

FOR NEW AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Sunday, September 12 at 11:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
Call the church office to order lunch and reserve your spot!



Friday, September 17: 6:00 PM

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