Fir	st Baptist Surfside	

The Family Church at the Family Beach

November 4 Newsletter

Trunk or Treat was a success! This past Friday night our church came together to love our community in an incredible way. During the weeks leading up to the event our church prepared well, collecting nearly 700lbs of candy, inviting neighbors, and praying for God to move. The night of nearly the event, 80 volunteers from our church worked together to love roughly 850 people in our community. Candy was given out, children had fun, and laughter was heard. However, do numbers and candy mean that the night was a success? Not necessarily.

The question we must ask, is what does success look like in evangelism? Is success the number of people that come or even how they respond to the gospel? Does someone have to receive Christ for it to be a success? As one of my Seminary professors taught, success in evangelism is defined by one word, "faithfulness." The results of the gospel are only in the hands of God. Therefore, we are called to love and serve others with the intent of verbally sharing the gospel. Then we pray and ask God to use what we have done. Regardless of how someone responds, we are called to be faithful.

Friday, our church was faithful. Our intention in Trunk or Treat is to build relationships for the sake of the gospel. Everyone who came on our campus received a gospel tract and information about our church. Next week our deacons will begin the process of following up with those who came and do not have a church home. Please pray for those conversations that will be had in the coming days.

Lastly, I want to remind you about a church wide survey that will be available one more week. This is a survey for members and non-members of our church. It covers a wide range of topics related to our church. Please take the 10-15 minutes to fill out the survey thoughtfully and truthfully. The better we understand our church, the better we can move forward together!

Click here to take the survey.

Thankful to serve with you,

Pastor Nathan Sweet

JUST DO IT!

1 Chronicles 28:1-28 Be Strong and Do It...And God Will See You Through It!

- 1. Be Obedient (8)
- 2. Be Knowledgeable (9a)
- 3. Be A Loyal and Willing Servant (9b)
- 4. Be A Seeker– Not A Forsaker (9C)
- 5. Be Strong and Courageous (10, 20)
- 6. Be Not Afraid nor Discouraged (20)
- 7. Be A Doer until you have finished! (10, 20)

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: Youth Ministry, Children's Ministry

Mondays

11:00 AM: Grief Care Class

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: Ladies Bible Study

Thursdays

10:00 AM: Faith Class

Upcoming Schedule

Saturday, November 6

8:00 AM: Men's Breakfast 10:30 AM: WMU

Friday, December 10

6:00 PM: Birthday Party for Jesus

Sunday, November 21

9 &10:30 AM: Lord's Supper

Wednesday, December 15

6:00 PM: Caroling

Sunday, December 19 6:00 PM: Candlelight Service

Please make sure you click <u>here</u> or go to the church website for a very important survey. Our church is growing & we would



love input on our future direction. All church members and non-members are highly encouraged to fill it out. Hard copies are available in the church lobby for those who would like to hand write their responses. Thank you!



You can help make this Christmas memorable for children in our community. We are once again partnering with St. James Elementary School to help those families who are less fortunate at Christmas. We will soon receive the names from the school and should have the Angel Tree in the lobby by November 21st.

We appreciate your participation in spreading the love of Jesus.



BABY SHOWER

For Sean & Erin Collins on Sunday, November 14th from 4:30-6:00 PM Let's shower them with the essentials for baby Aiden. Diapers, wipes, baby potions & lotions are what they still need.



Grief Care Class Starting Monday, November 8th, 11:00 AM Sign up in the lobby or by calling the church office Class led by Lee & Shirley Ritchey

New Church Members

Please join us in welcoming to the FBC Surfside Church Family

Gene & Jean Holland

DISCOVER FBC/SURFSIDE

FOR NEW AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Sunday, December 12th 11:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Call the church office to order lunch & reserve your spot!