



# First Baptist Surfside

## August 25, 2022 Newsletter

“What is the purpose of my life?” Many people ask that question, but they do not, with any seriousness, seek an answer. The majority in our secular society seem to think that the answer to that question is up to them—that they are in control of creating purpose for themselves. “God, what do you want me to do with my life?” Many Christians ask that question, and it is certainly a better question to ask. Sadly, however, even many Christians have a shortsighted answer to that question.

You see, many Christians, especially in American culture, are only seeking earthly and temporal answers to that question. When people in the American church ask that question, what they are really asking are things such as: “God, what college should I go to?” “God, what career should I pursue?” “God, who should I marry?” “God, when can I finally retire?” These questions are not unimportant, but they ultimately do not answer the original question, “God, what do you want me to do with my life?”

The answer is ultimately “To live for the glory of God, by spreading the good news to the ends of the earth.” So, yes, God wants you to have a healthy marriage. Yes, God gave you certain gifts and abilities for a certain type of career. Yes, God may allow you to retire one day. BUT, all of those things are for the purpose of spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth for the glory of God.

God wants you to have a healthy marriage because it reflects the gospel, the relationship between Christ and the church. God wants you to use your abilities, not just to make a lot of money, but to use it somewhere strategically for God’s mission to redeem people from every nation. If God allows you to retire, that only means that you have a unique season of your remaining life to spend it getting the Gospel to those who have never heard the name of Jesus. The missionary call is not just for professional Christians or pastors, it is for every person who follows Jesus. God may call you to uproot your life, to take your profession to another country where there are no Christians. God may call you to spend your retirement living among an unreached people, learning a new language so that someone can hear about Jesus for the first time. Jesus said, “As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” (John 20:21) The question is not “if” God is calling you, but “where and how.”

“Whom shall I send, who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.” (Isaiah 6:8)

Praying for you,  
Adam Heaney

### Sunday’s Worship Guide

#### The Mission Of First Baptist Surfside Equip Christ Followers To Make Christ Followers; Ephesians 4:11-16

- I. Every believer is given a spiritual gift... (11)
- II. to build up the body of Christ... (12-14)
- III. that is united by truth and love (15-16)

### Weekly Schedule

#### Sundays

- 9:00 AM: Worship Service & Small Groups
- 10:30 AM: Worship Service & Small Groups
- 4:00 PM: Choir Practice
- 5:30 PM: Surfside Kids, Youth, Adults

#### Tuesdays

- 7:00 AM: Men’s Bible Study at Bob Evans
- 6:00 PM: Celebrate Recovery

#### Wednesdays

- 10:00 AM: Prayer Meeting and Psalms Study

#### Thursdays

- 10:00 AM: Faith Class

### Upcoming Schedule

#### Saturday, August 27

- 4:00 PM: Seniors Celebrating the 50s Evening

#### Sunday, August 28

- Vote on 2022-23 Proposed Budget and Deacons
- 11:45 AM: Small Group Interest Lunch in FH

#### Monday, September 5

- Holiday: Church Closed

#### Saturday, September 10

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

#### Sunday, September 11

- Observance of the Lord’s Supper

#### Tuesday, September 13

- 3:00 PM: Devotion at St. Gabriel

#### Wednesday, September 14

- 6:00 PM: Adults, Youth, Kids Small Group
- Teachers Meeting

#### Wednesday, September 21

- 3:00 PM: Devotion at NHC
- 6:00 PM: Deacon Ordination

### Food Bank



Grand Strand Community Church has started a community food bank and has a low supply. We will redirect our food collection to them. If you feel you can help with this ministry, drop your nonperishable food items by the office, and we will be glad to deliver it.



The Grief Care Ministry, led by Lee and Shirley Ritchey, will begin Monday, October 17 at 11:00 AM in Room 102. This six week program is designed to support people after the loss of a loved one. Anyone going through grief of a loved one, is encouraged to join us.

## Sundays at 5:30 PM

**Adult**  
*Equip 2 Engage*  
*Evangelism Training*

**Youth**  
**Grades 6-12**  
*Gospel of John*

**Surfside Kids**  
**Nursery—5th Grade**  
*Kids Love Jesus*



### Seniors Celebrating the 50s Saturday, August 27 4-6 PM

Celebrate the 50s with us and dress the part!  
Cost: Donations to cover cost of food.  
Bring two canned goods to donate to the food bank



### Sunday, August 28 Ballot Vote for:

- 2022-23 Proposed Budget
- Deacons



### Small Groups Interest Lunch Sunday, August 28 11:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall Childcare through 5th grade provided



### Observance of the Lord's Supper Sunday, September 11



### Deacon Ordination Wednesday, September 21 6:00 PM



### Save the Date! Friday, October 28 Trunk or Treat Lots of Candy and Volunteers Needed! More Information to Follow



## Thank You



"Thank You " seems so inadequate to say to my precious church family for the love you have shown to me during my recent sickness. The adult Sunday school classes who have provided a meal, the beautiful cards, phone calls and visits will never be erased from my memory. I love and appreciate each one of you. Sonya Bentley

Thank you for being so thoughtful and getting meals together for my sister, Sonya Bentley, so she could go home from rehab. You are always such a blessing and sweet friend. In Christian love, Janet