



# First Baptist Surfside

## September 15, 2022 Newsletter

How do I know I am a Christian? How do I know I am really saved? How can I be sure I am going to heaven? I often get questions like these from individuals who are questioning how they can have assurance they are truly saved. They often are not questioning the reality of God or the truth of the Bible. They are questioning whether they have done the right things or taken the necessary steps to inherit eternal life. Few other questions have such important ramifications. Also, as they are wrestling with these questions there is a feeling of uncertainty and hopelessness.

How can we have full confident assurance that we are truly born again? Is that assurance even possible? This Sunday morning, we will begin a new sermon series through the book of 1 John. the entire theme of John's letter is about assurance of salvation. In 1 John 5:13, John says, "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life." Throughout his letter John gives roughly 10 tests for us to examine ourselves so that we may know that we are truly Christ followers.

The purpose of this series is not to cause us to doubt or to despair over our salvation. Instead, it is to give us peace, knowing that we are in Christ. My prayer as we go through 1 John is that for some perhaps, they would experience true salvation for the very first time. On the other hand, for those that know Christ, I pray that this would be a time of examination leading to great joy as we rest in the finished work of Christ and not our own works.

I look forward to seeing you Sunday!

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
- 5:00 PM: Youth
- 5:30 PM: Surfside Kids, 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

**Small Groups Meet Throughout the Week at Various Locations**

### Upcoming Schedule

#### Wednesday, September 21

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

#### Sunday, September 25

- Singalong with Mike Sunday!
- 11:45 AM: NY Mission Trip Interest Meeting

#### Sunday, October 9

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

#### Monday, October 17

- 11:00 AM: Grief Care Ministry

#### Sunday, October 23

- 11:45 AM: Mission Fund Raiser Lunch

#### Wednesday, October 26

- 6:00 PM: Quarterly Church Conference

#### Friday, October 28

- 6:00 PM: Fall Festival



## Singalong With Mike Sunday

We are declaring Sunday, September 25, as **Singalong With Mike** Sunday. We are encouraging our members to meet in the choir room at 10:15 to sing with the choir. No practice, no commitment...just come ready to make a joyful noise. We will sing: Jesus Is The Sweetest Name I Know, Blessed Assurance, Who You Say I Am, I Stand Amazed In the Presence and Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone). Come have fun as we sing praises to our Lord.

### Sunday's Worship Guide

#### "That You May Know"

#### Test #1: Faith In Jesus Christ; 1 John 1:1-4

- I. True Christians Believe The True Gospel (1-2)
- II. True Faith Leads To True Fellowship (3)
- III. True Faith Leads To True Joy (4)

## Sunday Nights

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

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

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



### Good News Club Is Back in Action!

Share Jesus Christ at St. James Elementary School! Just serve one afternoon a week for six weeks in the fall and six weeks in the spring. See Lindsay Steelman for more details.



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



**Interest Meeting**  
**for NYC Mission Trip**  
**Sunday, September 25 at 11:45 AM**

## Saturday, October 1



**Men's Breakfast**  
**8:00 AM**



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**10:30 AM**

Melissa Cloer, Georgette Jones' daughter and IMB missionary, will be the guest speaker and share her experiences with us!



**Sunday, October 9**  
**11:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall**  
Call the church to reserve your spot and order lunch



### Grief Care Ministry Begins October 17

The Grief Care Ministry, led by Lee and Shirley Ritchey, begins 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.



### Haiti Mission Fundraiser October 23

Our Mission Fundraiser lunch is Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> following the 10:30 worship service. A donation of \$10 per plate is recommended. Plates are pre-ordered and take-out only. The menu is fried chicken, green beans, potato salad, roll, and dessert. To sign up [click here](#) or see Vic Larsen or any member of the Mission Committee.



**Fall Festival**  
**Friday, October 28**  
**600 Pounds of Candy**  
**Small Gifts for Prizes**  
**and Many Volunteers Needed!**

