



# First Baptist Surfside

## December 15, 2022 Newsletter

Church family,

I have been so blessed by your generosity and how you give of your time, your talents, and your treasures to serve those in the body of Christ and those outside the body, as well. I want to encourage you to keep being generous!

The apostle Paul wrote to the church in Corinth, encouraging them to be generous to a group of Christians in need. He shares with them an example of the church in Macedonia, who were very poor and facing abundant persecution, yet they gave and gave generously!

Paul says, "We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part." (2 Cor. 8:1-2)

So, if the churches in Macedonia were in "extreme poverty" and in a "severe test of affliction," why were they so eager to give? What motivated them to be generous when they had nothing?

Paul says it was "their abundance of joy!" Their joy, combined with their poverty, resulted in a wealth of generosity!

So, where did their joy come from? Why were they not complaining about their needs? Why did they offer to give, instead of asking other churches to send help their way?

Well, Paul began by saying that these churches in Macedonia had been given "the grace of God!" It was knowing a gracious God that brought them indescribable joy, unexplainable joy, overflowing joy, that they could not help but be generous!

My prayer for you is that you will fix your eyes on the God of grace and find joy in him! And I pray this joy would continue and overflow in a "wealth of generosity" to "all men, especially to those in the household of faith."

In Jesus Name,

Pastor Adam

### Weekly Schedule

#### Sundays

- 9:00 AM: Worship Service & Small Groups
- 10:30 AM: Worship Service & Small Groups
- 4:00 PM: Choir (Resumes January 8)
- 5:00 PM: Youth (Resumes January 8)
- 5:30 PM: Surfside Kids (Resumes January 8)
- 5:30 PM: Adults (Starting January 2023)

#### Tuesdays

- 7:00 AM: Men's Bible Study at Bob Evans  
Resumes January 3
- 6:00 PM: Celebrate Recovery

#### Wednesdays

- 10:00 AM: Prayer Meeting and Psalms Study  
(Resumes January 4)

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

### Upcoming Schedule

#### Sunday, December 18

- 6:00 PM: Christmas Candlelight Service

#### Wednesday, December 21

- 3:00 PM: NHC Devotion

#### Sunday, December 25

- 10:00 AM: One Worship Service (No Small Groups)

#### Sunday, January 1

- 10:00 AM: One Worship Service (No Small Groups)

#### Tuesday, January 3

- 11:00 AM: Grief Care Ministry Begins

#### Saturday, January 7

- 10:30 AM: wMu

#### Sunday, January 8

- Observance of the Lord's Supper

#### Tuesday, January 10

- 3:00 PM: St. Gabriel Devotion

### Sunday's Worship Guide

## "Hope Has A Name" His Name Is *Jesus*; Matthew 1:18-25

- I. Jesus Is God (18)
- II. Jesus Is Savior (19-21)
- III. Jesus Is With Us (22-25)





### Save the Dates

Sunday, December 18, 6:00 PM: Christmas Candlelight Service  
Sunday, December 25, 10:00 AM: One Christmas Worship Service (No Small Groups)  
December 23-29: Office Closed  
Sunday, January 1, 10:00 AM: One Worship Service (No Small Groups)



### Christmas Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 18  
6:00 PM

Childcare provided for ages 4 and under



### One Christmas Service

Sunday, December 25

10:00 AM (No Small Groups)



### One New Year's Day Service

Sunday, January 1

10:00 AM (No Small Groups)

### Grief Care Ministry Begins January 3



Grief Care Ministry begins Tuesday, January 3 at 11:00 AM in Room 102 and is led by Lee and Shirley Ritchey. They started Grief Care a little over six years ago when they both lost their spouses to cancer. They know what grief is about because they have been through it. Their goal is to help spiritually and with facts about grief and how to get through it. Their classes are six weeks long and cover many helpful topics of grief.

The class starts and ends with a prayer. Each person is given contact information about Lee and Shirley, so they can be reached as needed. They also receive a journal, to write their thoughts or letters to their loved one, or how their day was, a poem, and a book on grief.

Lee and Shirley follow up on attendees to see how they are doing. If you are grieving, or know of anyone that is grieving from the loss of a loved one, they would like to help. Contact them for more information: Lee (843) 424-0157, Shirley (910) 690-3669.



### Sunday, January 8 Observance of the Lord's Supper



### Thank YOU!

A huge thank YOU for your participation in the Angel Tree. We had 12 angels and 99 gifts purchased!  
The parents have been so very appreciative of the love and generosity from the church.  
God bless you for helping a child in need enjoy Christmas.

Saturday, January 14

Saturday, January 7



Men's Breakfast  
8:00 AM



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10:30 AM