



First Baptist Surfside

December 8, 2022 Newsletter

This past weekend, 14 from our church went to New York City on mission. What an incredible weekend it was! We went to be a part of a city-wide outreach called Coats For The City. Roughly 25 churches from South Carolina and North Carolina came alongside 20 NYC churches to help distribute close to 5000 coats and 2500 pairs of gloves, hats, and scarves. We went to be a blessing to others and to share the gospel of Jesus Christ, but the blessing surely was ours. Let me share 3 things God did during the weekend:

1. **Bringing us together** – If you want to get to know your brothers and sisters in Christ and to build unity together, the number one way is to serve together! The people that I know the best are the people I have served together, especially in a mission setting. It was such a blessing to get to know our team and see their heart for the gospel and for others. Do you want to build meaningful relationships? Roll up your sleeves and serve!
2. **Seeing God at work** – Many times we have tunnel vision of our immediate context. It was a beautiful and powerful reminder that the Lord is truly at work all over the world with all peoples. Our team saw two different churches up close and saw their heart for their communities even in difficult places.
3. **Gospel impact** – On short term mission trips you often don't see the immediate results. However, one of the leaders for Coats For The City shared with me a story from one of the other distribution sites. A man named Jose came on Saturday and received a coat. On Sunday he came back to worship and gave his life to Jesus. That's what it is all about!

NY was a great trip. However, we could not have done it without you! Church, you gave clothing items, you gave financially, you prayed, and you encouraged. Thank you for being a part of what God is doing.

My prayer is that this is only the beginning of what God is doing through missions at First Baptist Surfside.

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 (Not December 11)
- 5:00 PM: Youth (Not December 11)
- 5:30 PM: Surfside Kids (Not December 11)
- 5:30 PM: Adults (Starting January 2023)

Tuesdays

- 7:00 AM: Men's Bible Study at Bob Evans
- 2:15 PM: Good News Club
- 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

Friday, December 9

- 6:00 PM: Birthday Party for Jesus

Saturday, December 10

- 8:00 AM: Men's Breakfast

Sunday, December 11

- Angel Tree Gifts Due
- 4:00 PM: Christmas Caroling

Tuesday, December 13

- 3:00 PM: St. Gabriel Devotion

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)

Sunday's Worship Guide

"Hope Has A Name"

His Name Is *The Christ*; Matthew 1:1-17

- I. Jesus Is The True And Eternal King
- II. Jesus Is The Gracious And Redeeming King



Grief Care Ministry Begins January 3

The Grief Care Ministry, led by Lee and Shirley Ritchey, begins Tuesday, January 3 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 attend.

Saturday, December 10

Saturday, January 7



Men's Breakfast
8:00 AM



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10:30 AM



Come and Celebrate
God's Greatest Gift—Jesus
Friday, December 9th at 6 PM
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
A Special Play, Games, Music, Prizes and Cake



Angel Tree Due December 11

It's easy to put a smile on a face of a child in need this Christmas.
After picking your Angel(s), purchase the item(s) listed, and return the unwrapped gift
by Sunday, December 11. We appreciate your participation of spreading the love of Jesus
and praying for your Angel!



Come Join Us!

Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 PM
As we go Christmas caroling. Meet in Sanctuary at 4:00 PM.
Afterwards we will return to the church for a light meal and a time of fellowship.



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)



Save the Dates

Sunday, December 11, 4:00 PM: Churchwide Christmas Caroling
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)