



First Baptist Surfside

January 26, 2023 Newsletter

This past Sunday morning we gathered as we normally do to worship through prayer, song, preaching, and more. However, it is sometimes in the normalcy of life that God shows up in an extraordinary way. You see, I believe one of the greatest acts of worship this past Sunday took place outside the walls of the church entirely.

When I woke up Sunday morning, I looked out of the window and saw the rain falling hard against the window. As a pastor, I knew that meant we would have less attendance at church. However, what I thought would be a negative turned out to be a blessing. The rain persisted throughout the morning, and it was so hard that just walking from the car was enough to nearly soak you. As a result, many would have a hard time getting into the church building.

However, as the morning progressed, I was able to watch firsthand the epitome of Christlike service. Several of our men put on their raincoats, picked up umbrellas, and began walking people in from their cars. One-by-one they walked likely well over 100 people in from the rain, practically being soaked in the cold rain themselves. I don't want to try and list their names as I would likely leave some of them out, but their service was the very illustration of Christlike love.

It was a reminder to me of the power of the body of Christ. It was the definition of Jesus' words in Matthew 23:11 that "The greatest among you shall be your servant." Did you get that? The greatest among us isn't the one who preaches or holds an office but is the one who walks people in from the rain! It is a reminder that as the body of Christ we all have a role to play. No matter what your role is there is no "insignificant" member of the body.

To those who served Sunday, and to all of those who serve in a hundred other ways that go unnoticed, thank you! You were the illustration of Jesus to our community. For the rest of us, let their example be a reminder of our call to serve others.

I love my church,

Pastor Nathan Sweet

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
- 5:30 PM: Adults E2E

Tuesdays

- 7:00 AM: Men's Bible Study at Bob Evans
- 11:00 AM: Grief Care
- 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

Saturday, February 11

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

Wednesday, February 15

- 3:00 PM: NHC Devotion

Tuesday, February 21

- 3:00 PM: St. Gabriel Devotion

Wednesday, March 29

- 6:00 PM: Quarterly Church Conference

Saturday, April 8

- 10:00 AM: Easter Eggstravaganza

Friday, April 21

- 6:00 PM: Secret Church

April 28-30

- DNOW Student Ministry Event

Sunday's Worship Guide

"God's Heart For The Nations"

Revival, Reconciliation and Repentance: Jonah 3

I. Repentance is necessary for reconciliation and revival (3:1-4)

Because...

II. Repentance is an acknowledgement of God's Authority (3:5)

III. Repentance is an acknowledgement of Personal Responsibility (3:5-8)

IV. Repentance is an acknowledgement of God's Faithfulness (3:9-10)



**Equip 2 Engage
For Adults
Sunday, 5:30 PM
*How Do I Talk to Someone
with a Different World View***

Saturday, February 11



Men's Breakfast
8:00 AM



wMu
10:30 AM

**SECRET
CHURCH**

**Friday, April 21
6 PM—Midnight**

What is Secret Church? Secret Church is a unique, one-night event that is streamed online to more than 50,000 participants around the world. Encouraged by our persecuted brothers' and sisters' example, we meet for close to 6 hours for intense study of God's Word and passionate prayer for the persecuted. Join us Friday, April 21 at 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall and invite your friends. [Click here to register](#)

FBC Surfside
Easter Egg-Stravaganza

April 8, 2023
10 - Noon



**Easter Egg-Stravaganza
April 8: 10-Noon**

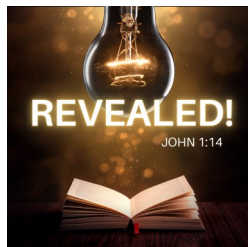
Join us for a trip through the Easter story. You'll collect treats as you travel with Jesus from Palm Sunday through Resurrection Day.

It's an Easter egg-sperience you don't want to miss!

[Click here to register](#)

Volunteers Needed!

Upcoming Youth Events



DNOW
Student Ministry Event
April 28-30
[Click here to register](#)



Crossroads Youth Camp
Anderson, SC
July 17-21
[Click here to register by May 15](#)

Save the Dates
Upcoming Events
for Children



**Vacation Bible School
June 4-8**

**Look Up Lodge Kid Camp
July 23-26**