



First Baptist Surfside

January 5, 2023 Newsletter

What step of faith do you need to take in 2023?

A new year is upon us! With that comes new years resolutions. Many people are well into their new resolve to eat healthier, exercise more, save money, and the list goes on and on. While many of these resolutions won't last long, it is always beneficial to grow as a person. Complacency is a dangerous place in life, especially in our walk with Christ. I'm reminded that in our faith there is no neutral ground; either we are growing close to the Lord or growing further apart. In 2023 Which direction will go? How do you need to grow in your faith? **What is the next step you need to take in your faith?**

Here are few ways you might consider as the next step:

1. **Devote 5 extra minutes a day in personal fellowship with God.** Some call this a quiet time, but I think of it as an intentional time carved out to fellowship with God through reading scripture and prayer. Just as we cannot be healthy physically apart from a healthy diet, so we cannot be healthy spiritually apart from a healthy diet of God's Word.
2. **Baptism.** Baptism does not save us but is the first step of obedience after salvation. It is the public symbol of what has happened personally. It identifies you as a believer and part of the body of Christ.
3. **Church membership.** Membership is a biblical concept in which we identify ourselves as part of the church. Unlike a membership at a store or a gym, church membership is more like being a member of a family.
4. **Serving.** Perhaps one of the greatest ways we grow is by serving others. Who is someone in your life that you could serve by inviting them to coffee, praying for them, or simply offering a word of encouragement? What area in the church could you use your gifts and talents to serve?

Certainly, this is not an exhaustive list. What other areas is the Lord leading you to take that next step in 2023? Growing in our faith can be a daunting task. However, I am reminded that if God calls us, he will equip us.

Happy New Year!

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
- 5:30 PM: Adults E2E (Starting January 15)

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, January 7

- 10:30 AM: wMu

Sunday, January 8

- Observance of the Lord's Supper

Tuesday, January 10

- 3:00 PM: St. Gabriel Devotion

Saturday, January 14

- 8:00 AM: Men's Breakfast

Wednesday, January 18

- 3:00 PM: NHC Devotion

Sunday, January 22

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

Wednesday, January 25

- 6:00 PM: Quarterly Church Conference



**Please pray for
Good News Club
Resuming January 10
at 2:15 PM**

Sunday's Worship Guide

"God's Heart For The Nations" Arise! Go!; Jonah 1:1-6

- I. God's Heart For The Nations (1-2)
- II. Our Heart For The Nations (3)
- III. Yielding To God's Heart (4-6)

FOOD DRIVE

Grand Strand Community Church has a community food bank on Fridays. Their supply is low. We have 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.



Sunday, January 8 Observance of the Lord's Supper

Saturday, January 14

Saturday, January 7



Men's Breakfast
8:00 AM



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10:30 AM



Sunday, January 22
11:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall
Call the church to reserve your spot and order lunch



Church Conference
Wednesday, January 25
6:00 PM



Easter Eggstravaganza
Saturday, April 8
Vacation Bible School
June 4-8
Look Up Lodge Kid Camp
July 23-26



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Student Ministry Event
April 28-30
More Information to Come