



# First Baptist Surfside

## February 16, 2023 Newsletter

What is First Baptist Surfside known for? What do we want our reputation to be?

This past Sunday we began our journey through 1 Timothy. We considered how God used an imperfect pastor (Timothy) who led an imperfect church (Ephesus) to show the world the beauty of a perfect gospel. In the same way, First Baptist Surfside is not a perfect church and I am certainly not a perfect pastor. However, God uses the local body of Christ to steward and share the gospel.

As I was leaving church Sunday, someone stopped me and said something I will never forget. She said enthusiastically, "Pastor, you are right we are not a perfect church. However, I believe we are a loving church!" I agree with that assessment. There are many things we can improve on, but as a whole our church loves each other well and seeks to love our community with the gospel.

Then, later this week, I had a conversation with someone who came to one of our church events last year. She told me one of the things that stood out to her was how much her child was loved, but also how she was loved by the church. That love impacted her and made her feel like she belonged at our church.

What do we want to be known for? Many churches are known for their facilities, their programs, their music, or their preaching. While those are well and good, I'm proud to be a part of a church that is known for its love. Jesus said, "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).

I love my church,

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

#### 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

#### Sunday, February 19

- 11:45 AM: Discover FBC Lunch

#### Tuesday, February 21

- 3:00 PM: St. Gabriel Devotion

#### Saturday, March 11

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

#### Wednesday, March 15

- 3:00 PM: NHC Devotion

#### Wednesday, March 29

- 6:00 PM: Quarterly Church Conference

#### Saturday, April 8

- 9:00 AM: Easter Eggstravaganza

#### Sunday, April 9

- 6:30 AM: Easter Sunrise Service

#### Friday, April 21

- 6:00 PM: Secret Church

#### April 28-30

- DNOW Student Ministry Event

### Sunday's Worship Guide

**The Church - A Pillar Of Truth  
Loving Truth; 1 Timothy 1:3-7**

- I. Love For The Truth (3-4)
- II. Love Others With The Truth (5-7)



EQUIP 2 ENGAGE

**Equip 2 Engage For Adults  
Sunday, 5:30 PM**

*How Can I Steer  
A Conversation  
To The Gospel?*



**Discover Lunch**  
**Sunday, February 19 at 11:45 AM**  
**For New and Prospective Members**

**Saturday, March 11**



Men's Breakfast

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**8:00 AM**



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**10:30 AM**



**Church Conference**  
**Wednesday, March 29**  
**6:00 PM**



**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. [Click here to register](#)



**Easter Egg-Stravaganza**  
**And Pancake Breakfast**  
**April 8: 9 AM—11 AM**

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 and Candy Needed!**

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR STUDENTS AND CHILDREN**

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

**Crossroads**  
**Youth Camp**  
**Anderson, SC:**  
**July 17-21**  
[Register here by May 15](#)

**Vacation Bible**  
**School**  
**June 4-8**

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