



First Baptist Surfside

February 2, 2023 Newsletter

This week I am reminded of the simple power of words. Each day we speak thousands of words, often with little thought to what we are saying. However, Brennan Manning once said, "In every encounter we either give life or we drain it; there is no neutral exchange." Every time we speak we leave that person different than we found them. Our words either build that person up or tear that person down. Even if it is subtle, our words leave a wake behind us everywhere we go.

I have seen this far too often in my own life as others speak to me. How many times in life can I receive hundreds of good comments, but it is that one negative comment that stands out. It is like the dart that pops a balloon. I dwell on that one comment and carry it with me for far too long.

On the other hand I think of difficult times in my life. Maybe I was going through a time of discouragement or hardship and at the perfect moment someone offers that one sweet word of encouragement. Likely they don't even do it intentionally, but that simple word clears the clouds and it seems like a new day.

This is just a simple reminder, our words matter. Let's not just flippantly throw our words around as we don't know what someone is going through today. Let us be intentional to use our words to build up, to encourage, to speak life. Ultimately let's use our words to point others to The Word, that is Jesus himself. The world is lost and hurting, let's share the gospel of life with them!

I love my church,

Pastor Nathan

Sunday's Worship Guide

"God's Heart For The Nations" God Still Wants To Use You; Jonah 4:1-11

- I. You Are Still A Work In Progress (1-4)
- II. You Still Have Blind Spots (5-9)
- III. God's Still Not Done With You (10-11)

Weekly Schedule

Sundays

- 9:00 AM: Worship Service & Small Groups
- 10:30 AM: Worship Service & Small Groups
- 4:00 PM: Choir (Not February 5)
- 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

Sunday, February 19

- 11:45 AM: Discover FBC Lunch

Tuesday, February 21

- 3:00 PM: St. Gabriel Devotion

Wednesday, March 29

- 6:00 PM: Quarterly Church Conference

Saturday, April 8

- 9:00 AM: Easter Eggstravaganza

Friday, April 21

- 6:00 PM: Secret Church

April 28-30

- DNOW Student Ministry Event



Equip 2 Engage For Adults
Sunday, 5:30 PM
*Why Does God Allow
Bad Things To Happen?*

Welcome New Members



Please join us in
welcoming Cathy and
Cliff Nicholson to our
First Baptist
Church family.

Saturday, February 11



Men's Breakfast
8:00 AM



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10:30 AM



Discover Lunch
Sunday, February 19 at 11:45 AM
For New and Prospective Members
Call the office to order lunch and reserve your spot



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](#)



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

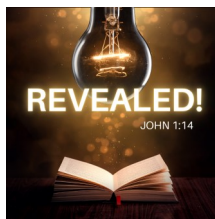
Join us for a trip through the Easter story.
You'll collect treats as you travel with Jesus from
Palm Sunday through Resurrection Day.

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

[Click here to register](#)

Volunteers 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