



First Baptist Surfside

March 9, 2023 Newsletter

Why do you love your church?

Our world is full of bad news, complaining, and division. Today, instead of focusing on the negative I want to focus on something positive. Why do I love First Baptist Surfside? Here are just a few reasons.

- 1) ***I am thankful for a church that loves well.*** Jesus is clear in John 13:35 that the defining mark of Christians is the love they show one another. Before we can love the world, we first have to love each other. I often talk to guests who say what stood out about our congregation was the love they felt when they came to our services. Thank you church for loving!
- 2) ***I am thankful for a church that is willing to change.*** We must not and will not ever change the gospel truth. The gospel alone has the power to save (Romans 1:16). However, we must be willing to make changes in order to share the gospel most effectively. I am thankful we do.
- 3) ***I am thankful for a church that desires to honor God.*** While many ask, "What's in it for me?" "Are things done my way?" A healthy church instead asks, "What glorifies God?" "How does God want it to be done?" I am thankful to be in a church that wants to glorify God more than please man.
- 4) ***I am thankful for a church that wants to impact the community.*** Our natural tendency is to stay home and stay comfortable. Instead, I see our church welcoming new people, even people that are not like them. I see a church ready to go out starting this Sunday night and invite people to our Easter weekend. I am thankful for a church wanting to be faithful to the Great Commission.

These are just a few reasons I love my church. Why do you love your church?

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
- 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

Saturday, March 11

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

Sunday, March 12

- 2:00 AM: Daylight Time Begins (Set Clocks Up)

Wednesday, March 15

- 3:00 PM: NHC Devotion

Saturday, March 18

- 4:00 PM: March Madness for Senior Adults

Tuesday, March 21

- 3:00 PM: St. Gabriel Devotion

Friday, March 24

- 6:00 PM: 2nd Annual Chili Cook-off

Wednesday, March 29

- 6:00 PM: Quarterly Church Conference

Wednesday, April 5

- 6:00 PM: New Small Group Begins
Home of Jerry and Cindy Gilbert

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 Stay On Course!; 1 Timothy 1:18-20

- God's Grace In The Church (18)
- God's Provision In The Church (19)
- God's Discipline In The Church (20)

VBS Decorating Supplies

The decorating committee is already planning for VBS. They are in need of toilet paper and paper towel rolls. If you can save yours and drop them off at the church by May 1, it would be greatly appreciated.

Saturday, March 11



Men's Breakfast
8:00 AM



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10:30 AM



March Madness for Senior Adults

Saturday, March 18 4-6 PM

In the Fellowship Hall

\$5 per couple or \$3 per individual

Guest Speaker: Minnesota Hall of Fame Women's Basketball Coach



2nd Annual Chili Cookoff

Bring a pot of your best chili to share on Friday, March 24 at 6 PM. For non-chefs, we also need all the fixings: Cheese, sour cream, jalapenos, cornbread, drinks. Awards will be given for hottest chili, most unique chili, and best traditional chili. Sign up available in the lobby or church office.

Reminder!

Daylight time begins
Sunday, March 12 at 2 AM.
Set your clocks up an hour!



Church Conference
Wednesday, March 29
6:00 PM



**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!**



Secret Church
Friday, April 21
6 PM—Midnight

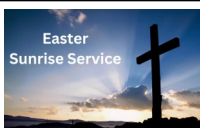
What is Secret Church? Secret Church is a unique, one-night event that is streamed online to more than 50,000 participants around the world. Encouraged by our persecuted brothers' and sisters' example, we meet for close to 6 hours for intense study of God's Word and passionate prayer for the persecuted. [Click here to register](#)



New Adult Small Group

Begins: Wednesday, April 5
6:00 PM

Home of Jerry and Cindy Gilbert



Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 9 at 6:30 AM
Beach access at the end of Surfside Drive