



First Baptist Surfside

April 27, 2023 Newsletter

We live in a world full of distractions. Research has shown that our phones, computers, tablets, and other devices have served to distract us, often much more than they have helped us. Text messages, news alerts, phone calls, emails, and many other notifications distract us from the 15 other tasks we are trying to accomplish all at once. We are distracted people!

Even before modern technology, however, people were easily distracted from the Lord Jesus. Peter was. Three times in the gospels, we find Peter taking his eyes off of Jesus.

First, he looks at himself. In Luke 5, Peter encounters the Lord on his fishing boat and in verse 8, Peter says, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." Peter's response is right, but only partially. Peter is right in saying that he is a sinful man, but look deeper at his response. Peter is way too focused on his own sinfulness, so much so that he fails to see the gracious invitation that Jesus is offering. Peter was distracted by looking inwardly at himself.

Second, he looks at his circumstances. In Matthew 14, Peter saw Jesus walking on the water, and Jesus invited Peter to step out of the boat and walk on the water toward him. Initially, Peter walks on the water! But in verse 30, it says when Peter saw the wind, he became afraid and began to sink. Peter began to sink when he took his eyes off of Jesus and looked at his circumstances.

Third, he looks at other people. In John 21, Jesus is patiently working to restore Peter after he denied Jesus three times. After recommissioning Peter to service, Jesus foretells how Peter will die. Peter looks and sees John following close behind. Peter then asks Jesus, "Lord, what about this man?" Jesus' response was perfect: "What is that to you? You follow me!"

What about you? How are you distracted? What is taking your eyes off of Jesus? Are you too consumed with your own sin and failures to see the beauty of Jesus? Are you so overwhelmed by the circumstances of your current season of life that you feel like you are sinking? Are you concerned more about other people's business than God's will for your life? Whatever the case may be, our gracious and patient God is tenderly inviting you, "Follow me."

In Jesus Name,

Pastor Adam

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, May 6

- 9:00 AM: VBS Workday to Decorate the Church

Sunday, May 7

- Observance of the Lord's Supper
- 11:45 AM: Mission Haiti Fundraiser Lunch

Saturday, May 13

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

Sunday, May 14

- Mother's Day: No Evening Activities

Tuesday, May 16

- 3:00 PM: St. Gabriel Devotion

Wednesday, May 17

- 3:00 PM: NHC Devotion

Sunday, May 21

- 11:45 AM: VBS Training for all Volunteers
- 5:30 PM: Church-wide Spring Fling (fun for all!)

Sunday, May 28

- Holiday: No Evening Activities

Monday, May 29

- Holiday: Church Closed

June 4-8

- 6:00 PM: Vacation Bible School

Sunday's Worship Guide

The Church - A Pillar Of Truth Satan Wants To Go To Church; 1 Timothy 4:1-5

- I. Satan's Messengers (1-2)
- II. Satan's Tactics (3)
- III. Satan's Defeat (4-5)



VBS Workday May 6

Come join us Saturday, May 6 to help decorate our church for the upcoming VBS (Keepers of the Kingdom). We plan to start at 9 and work until it is completed. No special talents needed just helping hands!



Observance of the Lord's Supper Sunday, May 7



Haiti Mission Fundraiser May 7

The Haiti Mission Fundraiser is Sunday, May 7th following the 10:30 worship service. A donation of \$10 per plate is recommended. Plates are pre-ordered and take-out only. The menu is fried chicken, green beans, potato salad, roll and dessert. Register online by [clicking here](#).

Couple's Breakfast, Saturday, May 13



The men's ministry invites all **married couples** to breakfast, Saturday, May 13 at 8:00 AM. Men, bring your wife and join us for a time of inspiration, prayer and fellowship. **Reservations are required** by calling the church office 843.238.0206 by Wednesday, May 10.

Saturday, May 13



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10:30 AM

Welcome New Members

Please join us in welcoming Mark and Shellie Misenheimer to our First Baptist Church family.

STUDENTS AND CHILDREN CAMPS

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

Look Up Lodge
Kid Camp
July 23-26



Sunday, May 21 at 5:30 PM
Churchwide Spring Fling
Food, inflatables, fun for all!



Vacation Bible School: June 4-8

6:00-8:00 PM Ages 3 to 5th grade

We are engaged in an epic battle for the hearts and minds of our children. Every day, they're bombarded with lies about who they are, who their Creator is, and where their salvation comes from. Thankfully, God has given his children armor to wear in this battle between truth and lies, light and darkness, good and evil. With this VBS, your children will learn how they can be part of God's kingdom through salvation in his Son and will be equipped with the armor of God to become Keepers of the Kingdom who stand strong in today's battle for truth. Click [here](#) to register.

Training for all VBS Volunteers Sunday, May 21 at 11:45 AM