



First Baptist Surfside

May 18, 2023 Newsletter

I am proud to be a part of a church that is seeking to reach others for the gospel. One of the most encouraging moments I have had recently was on a Sunday night with our Equipped 2 Engage team. We spent an hour talking about all the ways we could reach out to our community and promote things like Vacation Bible School. There was a tangible excitement in the air as we began to talk about outreach and evangelism.

Talking to others about church or Jesus may be intimidating, yet it is nothing complicated. In fact, one of the most effective ways to reach others is simply to invite them to church. Lifeway did a study that showed one out of three people said they were likely to come to church if someone they knew simply invited them.

Let me put that into perspective. Currently our church averages 225 people on a Sunday morning. That means if this week each person invited just one person to church, we would have 75 new people come to our church this Sunday. If that 300 then invited another person each the next week we would have 100 people come the following week. Do you see how quickly our church would grow if we simply were intentional to invite?

Who is one person this week that you can simply invite to come this Sunday? It is OK if they say no but let us be faithful to invite and to share the good news of the gospel.

Thankful for each of you,

Pastor Nathan

Weekly Schedule

Sundays

9:00 AM: Worship Service & Small Groups
10:30 AM: Worship Service & Small Groups
4:00 PM: Choir

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, May 21

11:45 AM: VBS Training for all Volunteers
4:15 PM: Set-up for Spring Fling
5:30 PM: Church-wide Spring Fling (fun for all!)

Tuesday, May 23

10:00 AM: Ladies Small Group Interest Meeting
Room 103

Sunday, May 28

Holiday: No Evening Activities

Monday, May 29

Holiday: Church Closed

June 4-8

6:00 PM: Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, June 6

11:00 AM: Grief Care Ministry Begins

Saturday, June 10

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

Sunday, June 11

11:45 AM: Discover FBC Lunch
5:00 PM: Youth Water Games Evening

Tuesday, June 20

3:00 PM: St. Gabriel Devotion

Wednesday, June 21

3:00 PM: NHC Devotion

Sunday's Worship Guide

Trust God Proverbs 3:5-6

- I. Trust in the LORD with all your heart (5)
- II. Do not lean on your own understanding (5)
- III. In all your ways acknowledge him (6)
- IV. He will make straight your paths (6)



DISCOVER FBC SURFSIDE

NEW & PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Sunday, June 11

11:45 AM (Fellowship Hall)

Call the church office to order lunch
and reserve your spot!



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



Volunteers Needed for Set-Up at 4:15 PM



Ladies Small Group Interest Meeting
10:00 AM Tuesday, May 23
Room 103 at the Church



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

Grief Care Ministry



Grief Care Ministry begins Tuesday, June 6 at 11:00 AM in Room 102 and is led by Lee and Shirley Ritchey who started it a little over six years ago when they lost their spouses to cancer. They know what grief is about because they have been through it. Their goal is to help spiritually and with facts about grief and how to get through it. Their classes are six weeks long and cover many helpful topics of grief. Anyone going through grief of a loved one, is encouraged to attend.

Saturday, June 10



Men's Breakfast
8:00 AM



wMu
10:30 AM



Youth Water Games
Sunday, June 11
5-7 PM

Haiti Food Drive

Thru June 11

We are collecting dried beans, canned meat and peanut butter for Haiti thru June 11. Drop your donations off at the church office!



Colson Fellows Beginning in July



The world needs you! Are you interested in developing practical skills that will help you navigate the ideas that you are surrounded by in today's culture? Do you want to engage others with biblical wisdom? Are you ready to go deeper with Christ? Are you ready to develop practical skills that will help you as you engage the culture? Join us beginning in July as we learn to 'Live with clarity, confidence, and courage!' Find out more about Colson Fellows [here](#) or call the church office for further information.