



First Baptist Surfside

June 1, 2023 Newsletter

Vacation Bible School Starts Sunday! We are excited to see what God will do next week through VBS. Months of planning and preparation have gone into making this week a reality. While we are hoping for a smooth and fun week, I am reminded that if the Lord does not bless it will be a waste. Therefore, would you join with me in praying for God's blessing on VBS? Here are a few ways you can pray:

- I. **For Children** – We are praying for 120 children to attend.
 - ◇ Pray that each child will be excited and eager to learn about Christ.
 - ◇ Pray that each child would clearly hear the gospel and that they would respond in faith.

- II. **For Families** – Each child that comes represents a family. Therefore, VBS is not just a children's ministry it is a whole family ministry.
 - ◇ Pray for parents to have a peace about dropping their child off and that they will feel the love of Christ even as they drop off and pick up.
 - ◇ Pray for children to go home each night excited for the gospel and that this will be contagious to the whole family.
 - ◇ Pray that whole families will give their life to Christ.

- III. **Volunteers** – This year we are blessed to have more than 90 adult and youth volunteers! Wow! Our church has stepped up in such a tremendous way.
 - ◇ Pray for strength and endurance over a long week.
 - ◇ Pray for patience and love for all children under their supervision.
 - ◇ Pray for gospel conversations and wisdom on how to answer questions.
 - ◇ Pray for the Lord to bless the conversations that will happen.

Looking forward to the best VBS yet!

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 (Not June 4)

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 (Not June 7)

Small Groups Meet Throughout the Week at Various Locations

Upcoming Schedule

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 Breakfast
- 10:30 AM: wMu

Sunday, June 11

- 11:45 AM: VBS Celebration 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

Tuesday, July 4

- Holiday, Church Office Closed

Sunday, July 9

- 6:00 PM: Pastor Adam Ordination

Sunday's Worship Guide

The Church - A Pillar Of Truth Theology Of Work; 1 Timothy 6:1-2

- I. God Cares About Every Area Of Your Life
- II. Work Is Not Inherently Evil
- III. Work Reflects The Image Of God
- IV. Work Is Not Your Identity

Food Bank

Grand Strand Community Church, has a food drive on Fridays for those in need. We have been helping to support this for some time. If you feel you can help with this ministry, please drop your nonperishable food items by the office and someone will be glad to deliver it.





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.

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



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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!



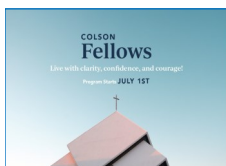
VBS Celebration

Sunday, June 11 at 11:45 AM

Come join us for a pizza lunch as we celebrate VBS with the attendees and their families!



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.

THANK YOU

Thank you, thank you, thank you from the bottom of my heart with all the love and gratitude to my church family. All of you that showed up to meet and to help my sister and niece load the truck and to pack up my stuff on the move to Asheville, NC, will never be forgotten. They arrived safely from two trips to and from the beach but I definitely don't have everything unpacked. I would appreciate lots of prayers for my upcoming and extensive surgery on Monday, June 5, to open up once again this abdominal wall wound to locate a pus pocket somewhere in it. I'm anxious about this third time. Thank you for all you have done for me over the years and I send all my love, hugs, and prayers to each one of you. Sonya Bentley