



First Baptist Surfside

August 24, 2023 Newsletter

Last night, I watched the first debate for the Republican presidential primary. A lot of things were said; some things that I found myself nodding my head in agreement with, and other things that made me concerned. But I was quickly reminded that every person on that stage—as well as every person in congress, every person in the Supreme Court, and whoever occupies the White House—will disappoint you.

As we enter into election season this next year, my prayer for our church family and churches everywhere, is that we would not be divisive over government politics. What unites us as a church family is the gospel of Jesus Christ, and on less important issues we can faithfully disagree but remain in fellowship with one another.

In emergency rooms, medical staff often “triage” the patients that come in. This means after a brief evaluation, they decide which patients need immediate and urgent treatment and prioritize accordingly. A person actively experiencing a heart attack is prioritized over someone with a low-grade fever.

In the church, we should do “theological triage.” This means there are certain issues and doctrines that are more important than others. Think of these issues in three tiers:

Tier 1: These are issues that are essential to being a Christian. This would include: the dual nature of Jesus, the Trinity, Jesus’ literal and physical resurrection from the dead, and the authority and sufficiency of Scripture.

Tier 2: These are issues that are not essential to being a Christian, but group people into different churches or denominations. This would include: baptism (babies or believers?), the Lord’s Supper (open or closed?), pastors (men only?), or spiritual gifts (speaking in tongues?). While we may not fellowship in the same local church, we still celebrate the grace of Jesus in our lives.

Tier 3: These are issues that members of the same local church can agree to disagree about, yet still have wonderful fellowship together. This would include: the end times (pre-trib, post-trib, premillennial, postmillennial, amillennial?), the age of the earth (Old earth or young earth?), and politics.

Church family, the only thing that brings us all together is that we have all been changed by the transforming grace of Jesus Christ. Let’s unite over the essentials and love one another as we seek to be faithful to the Lord in all things.

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: Surfside Kids (Birth—5th grade)
- 5:00 PM: Students (6th—12th grade)
- 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

Sunday, August 27

Deacon Nomination Forms Due

Sunday, September 3

No Evening Activities

Monday, September 4

Holiday: Office Closed

Saturday, September 9

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

Sunday, September 10

11:45 AM: Discover Class for New and Prospective Members

Sunday, September 17

Observance of the Lord’s Supper

Tuesday, September 19

3:00 PM: St. Gabriel Devotion

Wednesday, September 20

3:00 PM: NHC Devotion

Sunday’s Worship Guide

Equipped – 2 Timothy

It’s Not How You Start. It’s How You Finish; 2 Timothy 4:6-8

- I. Sacrifice For Jesus (6)
- II. Remain Faithful By Jesus (7)
- III. Have Hope In Jesus (8)

TRANSPORTATION NEEDED



Transportation is needed for people in our community wanting to come to church but lack transportation. Currently we are looking for 3-5 men or couples who would be willing to help pick up people for church. If we have enough people willing to help, it would only be a once a month commitment. If you are interested, please contact the church office. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ!



FIRST BAPTIST SURFSIDE NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our new members:

Barbara Fletcher
Charlie Mills
Greg and Lisa Sweet
Mason Clark
Leyna Gould
Patrick Welch
Tom and Jeanne Eckert



DEACON NOMINATIONS

Due August 27

It is time to nominate men you wish to serve on our Deacon Ministry for a three year term. A nominee must be a member of the church for one (1) year. Remember that all Deacon Nomination Forms must be turned in by Sunday, August 27 by the end of the 10:30 worship service.



2024 Budget Request Due



Committees, coordinators, and ministry teams, etc. need to submit a written detail 2024 budget request to the Finance Committee by Friday, September 1.

Saturday, September 9

Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM

wMu 10:30 AM



DISCOVER
FBC SURFSIDE

NEW & PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Discover Lunch

Sunday, September 10 at 11:45 AM

For new and prospective members. Call the church office to order your lunch and reserve your spot!

Observance of the Lord's Supper

Sunday, September 17



SAVE THE DATE!

TRUNK OR TREAT



OCTOBER 27



I would like to thank everyone for their calls, visits, cards, and prayers since I fell and broke my hip. All of your kindness has meant so much to me and played an important part in my healing. I am walking with the walker, getting out some and attending Sunday School and Church. I love you all, Shirley Acosta