First Baptist Surfside

September 14, 2023 Newsletter

When I was in college, I went through a study called "Experiencing God," by Henry Blackaby. One of the many things I learned was about seeing God at work. To paraphrase, Blackaby points out that often we want God to work in the way we want. We formulate our plan and ask God to come over to us and bless our plan. Blackaby argues instead of asking God to come and do what we want, we should look for where God is already at work and seek to join in.

As I look around First Baptist Surfside, I see God at work in many ways. One of the clearest ways is how our church has begun to love our community. Over the last few weeks, I have seen our church care for a family in need, provide rides for people to church, and help people in need. I have seen our church really be the "hands and feet" of Jesus to our community. However, what we have found is there is so much more we could be doing.

Would you consider joining what God is doing and helping reach our community? Here are a few needs:

- Give rides to church. Currently we have people that are given rides to church on Sunday morning, Sunday nights, and Celebrate Recovery on Tuesday nights. However, we estimate 10-20 more people would come to church if they were given a ride. Would you be willing to pick someone up on your way to church? For some of us, we cannot go overseas on a mission trip, but we can give someone a ride..
- 2. **Give to support those in need.** Our church has a benevolence fund to help those hurting or struggling. We use this fund to help provide for physical needs which opens the door for gospel conversations. Would you consider giving to our benevolence fund? The more given means the more we can do.
- 3. **Give canned goods and non-perishable food.** Items can be dropped off in the box outside of the church office. They are then taken to a food pantry.

If you are interested in helping in any of these ways, please reach out to us at info@fbcsurfside.org.

In Christ,

Pastor Nathan

Sunday's Worship Guide

Daniel – A Tale Of Two Kingdoms Daniel 2: Where Is Wisdom?

- I. Man's Wisdom. A Kingdom Built On Sand (1-13)
- II. God's Wisdom. A Kingdom Built On Rock (14-19)
- III. The Source Of Wisdom (20-30)

Weekly Schedule

Sundays 9.00 AM· W

9:00 AM: Worship Service & Small Groups 10:30 AM: Worship Service & Small Groups 4:00 PM: Choir 5:00 PM: Surfside Kids 5:00 PM: Students 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, 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, September 24 11:45 AM: Nursery Volunteers' Meeting In Surfside Kids Room **Tuesday, October 3** 11:00 AM: Grief Care Ministry Begins for Six Weeks Saturday, October 14 8:00 AM: Men's Breakfast 10:30 AM: wMu Sunday, October 29 5:00 PM: Fall Festival Wednesday, November 1 6:00 PM: Church Conference (Budget Q&A, Vote on Nominating Report)



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!

Ladies Evening Small Group We are exploring starting a new Ladies Small Group during the early evening. Any ladies interested should call Darlene in the church office.







Grief Care Ministry Begins October 3

The Grief Care Ministry, led by Lee and Shirley Ritchey, begins Tuesday, October 3 at 11:00 AM in Room 204. This six week program is designed to support people after the loss of a loved one. Anyone going through grief of a loved one, is encouraged to join us.

Saturday, October 14	
Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM	wMu 10:30 AM





Church Conference Wednesday, November 1 at 6:00 PM Budget Q&A and Vote on Nominating Report