



# First Baptist Surfside

## November 9, 2023 Newsletter

There are many different ways to measure the growth of a church. Typically, we focus on things like church attendance, membership, and budgets. While these are metrics of church growth, they are limited to tell us if a church is truly growing spiritually. That is why I believe an even more important metric of church growth is outreach. A church that is continuing to grow in their outward focus as well as their faithfulness to the Great Commission, is a church that is growing in health.

That is why I am proud of First Baptist Surfside. I believe over the past six months our church has grown more in outreach than we have in more than a decade. One example of that is in our participation in Coats For The City. For the second year our church has collected winter clothing items that will be distributed in a city-wide outreach in New York City during the first weekend of December. Our church collected more than 229 coats, 122 scarves, 189 toboggans, 133 pairs of gloves. Praise the Lord!

I am also excited that we are sending a mission team to participate in that outreach and distribute winter clothing items along with Grace Baptist Church in Brooklyn. Please be in prayer for the 22 from our church that will be going to New York, November 30<sup>th</sup> through December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

I am proud of my church! My prayer is that we would continue to grow in many areas, but especially in our faithfulness to tell others about Jesus!

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
- 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

#### Saturday, November 11

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

#### Sunday, November 12

- Vote on 2024 Proposed Budget and Deacons
- Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Due

#### Wednesday, November 15

- 3:00 PM: NHC Devotion

#### Sunday, November 19

- 11:45 AM: Discover Class  
For New and Prospective Members

#### Tuesday, November 21

- 3:00 PM: St. Gabriel Devotion

#### November 22-23

- Office Closed for Thanksgiving

#### November 30-December 3

- New York Coats for the City Mission Trip

#### Wednesday, December 6

- 6:00 PM: Deacon Ordination and Reception

#### Saturday, December 9

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

#### Sunday, December 10

- 4:00 PM: Caroling

#### Sunday, December 17

- 6:00 PM: Christmas Candlelight Service

## THANK YOU, CHURCH

Thank you for supporting our Coats for the City project. We collected:

- 229 coats
- 122 scarves
- 189 toboggans
- 133 pairs of gloves

Thank **YOU** church!

### Sunday's Worship Guide

#### Daniel – A Tale Of Two Kingdoms Daniel 10: Spiritual Warfare

- I. The Reality Of Spiritual Warfare (1-3)
- II. The Real King Over It all (4-9)
- III. The Response Of Believers (10-21)

## Welcome New Members!

Please join us in welcoming Al Bartol and Dawn and Mark Adcox to our First Baptist Church Family!



Al Bartol



Dawn and Mark Adcox

# SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Men's  
Breakfast  
8:00 AM

wMu  
10:30 AM

## Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Due November 12



It is simple, get a shoebox from the lobby, fill it and return it by Sunday, November 12. Operation Christmas Child delivers great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. Each box packed full of quality toys, school supplies, and personal care items becomes a tangible expression of God's immense love for the child. For many, it is their first gift ever!



## Sunday, November 12 Vote on the 2024 Proposed Budget and Deacons



## Angel Tree Ready November 19

It's easy to put a smile on a face of a child in need this Christmas. Our Angel tree will be set up in the church lobby Sunday, November 19. It's simple! Just pick your Angel(s), purchase the item(s) listed, and return the unwrapped gift to the office by Sunday, December 10. We appreciate your participation of spreading the love of Jesus and please remember to pray for your Angel.



## Discover Lunch

### Sunday, November 19 at 11:45 AM

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



## Churchwide Christmas Caroling

### Sunday, December 10 at 4:00 PM

Meet in the sanctuary at 4 PM to go caroling. Afterwards we will return to the Fellowship Hall for some hot chocolate, cookies and fellowship!



## Save the Dates!

Sunday, December 10, 4:00 PM: Churchwide Christmas Caroling  
Sunday, December 17, 6:00 PM: Christmas Candlelight Service  
Sunday, December 24, 10:00 AM: One Christmas Worship Service (No Small Groups)  
December 25-28: Office Closed  
Sunday, December 31, 10:00 AM: One Worship Service (No Small Groups)