



First Baptist Surfside

December 7, 2023 Newsletter

As we fully enter the Christmas season, I wonder, how are things for you? If you could summarize your life in just one word, what would it be? Great? Joy? Anxious? Fear? Today I wonder if anyone would honestly say, "peace?"

I look around our world and all I see is chaos. Wars, division, injustice, hate, broken families, hurting children, and angry people. Every day I see people desperately seeking peace. That is why, starting Sunday, we will spend the next few weeks focusing on the promise in Luke 2 of "peace on earth." We will see how to find peace with God, peace with others, and even peace within.

What we will find is that the promise of peace in Luke 2 will not be given to every person on earth. Instead, Luke 2:14 says, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" Did you catch that? The peace of God will only be experienced with those whom he is pleased.

The most important question this Christmas is this: is God is pleased with you? The follow up question is what then can we do for God to be pleased with us? The simple answer is to look in a manger. God is not pleased with us because of our good works, or our religious duties. He is pleased with us because Isaiah 53 says God crushed his son on a cross. The baby in the manger would grow into a man to die on behalf of the sins of the world. Today, if we would repent and trust in Jesus, we would gain new and everlasting life.

So where do we find peace? We find it in a lowly manger. We find peace with ourselves and with others only when we find true peace with God.

Merry Christmas!

Pastor Nathan

Weekly Schedule

Sundays

9:00 AM: Worship Service & Small Groups
10:30 AM: Worship Service & Small Groups
4:00 PM: Choir (Not December 10)
5:00 PM: Surfside Kids (Resumes 1.7.24)
5:00 PM: Students (Resumes 1.7.24)
5:30 PM: Adults E2E (Resumes 1.7.24)

Tuesdays

7:00 AM: Men's Bible Study at Bob Evans
6:00 PM: Celebrate Recovery

Wednesdays

10:00 AM: Prayer Meeting

**Small Groups Meet Throughout the Week
at Various Locations**

Upcoming Schedule

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

Tuesday, December 19

3:00 PM: St. Gabriel Devotion

Wednesday, December 20

3:00 PM: NHC Devotion

Sunday, December 24

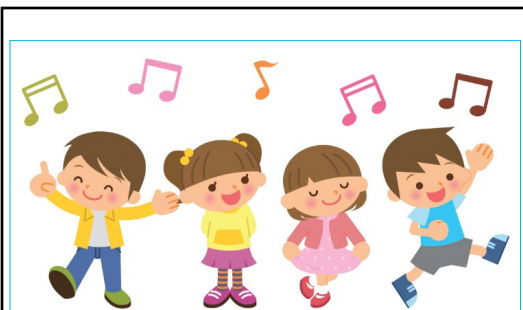
10:00 AM: One Worship Service (No Small Groups)

December 25-28

Church Office Closed for Holidays

Sunday, December 31

10:00 AM: One Worship Service (No Small Groups)



Our children
will be singing
Sunday, December 10

Sunday's Worship Guide

**Peace On Earth
Peace With God; Isaiah 9:1-7**

- I. Reality Of Darkness (1a)
- II. Promise Of Light (1b-3)
- III. Source Of Peace (4-7)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

MEN'S BREAKFAST: 8:00 AM

wMu: 10:30 AM



Return Angels by December 10

Remember to return your unwrapped gift by Sunday, December 10.
The families will begin picking the angels up December 11.



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!

**Christmas Candlelight Service:
Sunday, December 17 at 6:00 PM**

ONE 10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31



Save the Date The Singing Churchmen Thursday, January 18 at 7:00 PM

You don't want to miss this! The South Carolina Baptist Singing Churchmen is a men's chorus made up of Music Ministers from across the state serving South Carolina Baptist Churches.



Thank you church family for your support, prayers and love during the Deacon Ordination service Wednesday night. We will do our best to serve faithfully and honor God.—Austin, Bryan and Terry