



# First Baptist Surfside

## January 11, 2024 Newsletter

*Ecclesiastes 4:9-10—Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!*

Ministry can be a lonely place. My first church as a worship leader was not in a healthy state. The church had just been through several splits and the associate pastor and myself were doing our best to keep the doors open. As the worship pastor, I was responsible for finding music, both contemporary and traditional. I was also responsible for leading praise & worship as well as the choir. I had no problem with the leading part, but I had a world of trouble finding music and resources to train our lay people. I had no one to look to for advice or guidance as a young worship pastor. I felt really alone. Someone mentioned that I should call the South Carolina Baptist Convention to see if someone could help me out.

Mark Powers, at the time, was over the worship and music for the convention. I had a wonderful conversation with him, and he agreed to come meet me for lunch. I'll never forget that day. It was a windy, rainy day from a tropical storm that was off the coast. Mark wanted some seafood, so we went to a local spot. We were the only ones in that restaurant that day, but it didn't matter. We ate, we spoke about common connections, we laughed, I shared in my struggles...it was so nice to be able to talk with someone who had been in my shoes. He gave me some great advice and some excellent resources to help me in my journey. He then told me about the Singing Churchmen. He invited me to come and sing with these men who love music and love Jesus. Mark told me that I would meet some amazing people that would be a huge source of encouragement for me and he was right!

The next concert, I rode down to Summerville to sing with "the guys". It was a wonderful time of singing, fellowship, and devotion. Over the years, the friendships that I made have helped me through some really difficult times in my life. I know that I no longer "toil alone".

I want to encourage you to come out Thursday night to worship with the Singing Churchmen. The group consists of music leaders and pastors from around the state; that come together to put on a worship concert. They all come at their own expense because they love the Lord and want to make Him known through their talents. I am so excited to have them come to our church so that you can get to experience them too. The concert starts at 7pm, however, I would recommend arriving at least 45 minutes early to get a seat.

See you then!

Pastor Michael

### Sunday's Worship Guide

**"Genesis: Foundation For Life"**  
**God Created; Genesis 1:1-25**

- I. God Creates The World (1-2)
- II. God Orders The World (3-13)
- III. God Fills The World (14-25)

### 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

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

### Upcoming Schedule

#### Saturday, January 13

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

#### Tuesday, January 16

- 3:00 PM: St. Gabriel Devotion

#### Wednesday, January 17

- 3:00 PM: NHC Devotion

#### Thursday, January 18

- 7:00 PM: Singing Churchmen Concert

#### Sunday, February 18

- 11:45 AM: Discover Lunch for New and Prospective Members

#### Wednesday, February 28

- 6:00 PM: Church Conference



The HUGG (Home Under God's Grace) ministry is looking for volunteers to reach out to church members who are unable to attend church for a while after surgery, etc.

#### One or more ways to help:

- Commit to pray
- Make calls
- Visit
- Send cards

If you can help with this ministry, contact John Ellis for more information at 843.353.3789 or 19rril64@gmail.com.

## Sunday Evening Schedule Resumes



4:00 PM: Choir Practice  
5:00 PM: Surfside Kids  
5:00 PM: Youth  
5:30 PM: E2E Adults



## SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

**MEN'S BREAKFAST: 8:00 AM**

**wMu: 10:30 AM**



**Sunday, January 14**

**Opening Rally Sunday—9:00 AM**

*It's A New Year—2024—Now What?*

All children K through grade 5, join us in the Surfside Kids room.



## The Singing Churchmen Concert Thursday, January 18 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.



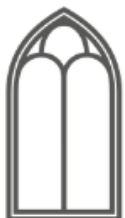
**Sunday, February 18  
11:45 AM**

**For New and Prospective Members**

Call the church office to reserve your spot and order lunch



Dear Church Family: Danny and I want to sincerely thank all of you for your cards, calls and most of all for your prayers. God is so good. We are so blessed to be a part of such a loving church family. We love you all very much. God Bless you and yours.  
Danny and Patricia Allen



We are aware of the sun issues with the church window.  
The Building and Grounds Committee is working on it  
and should have it resolved shortly.

**Thank you for your patience!**