



First Baptist Surfside

October 31, 2024 Newsletter

****Disclaimer About Sunday's Sermon****

Dear Family,

As a courtesy, I wanted to give you a disclaimer about Sunday's sermon. If you have looked ahead, we will be in Genesis 38, which is the story of Judah and Tamar. Of all the Bible, this passage is one of the most explicit and scandalous. If you were watching TV at night with your family and came upon this story, you would be quick to change the channel! It certainly is not family friendly.

While it would be tempting to just skip this passage, I am reminded this is why we practice Expository Preaching. We go verse-by-verse through books of the Bible with the intention of letting God's Word speak for itself. This has many benefits, one of which is it means sometimes we must tackle difficult or even uncomfortable passages.

Please know that my goal is to handle this passage in a tactful way. However, I would encourage parents of children to take advantage of our Children's Sunday School during the 9:00am service and Children's Church through the 5th grade at the 10:30am service.

At first, it is hard to see God's purpose in a dysfunctional story like Judah and Tamar. However, what we will see Sunday is that Genesis 38 teaches us that in the midst of a broken world, the King of Heaven is orchestrating the chaos of our lives to bring maximum glory to Jesus who alone can redeem our world!

On the eve of an election, we need that reminder.

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 Practice
- 5:00 PM: Students
- 5:00 PM: Surfside Kids
- 5:30 PM: Adults

Tuesdays

- 7:00 AM: Men's Bible Study/Breakfast 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

Thursday, October 31

- 6:00 PM: Fall Festival

Sunday, November 3

- 2:00 AM: Daylight Time Ends (set clocks back an hour)

Wednesday, November 6

- 6:00 PM: Church Conference (Childcare Provided)

Saturday, November 9

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

Saturday, November 16

- 4:00 PM: Surfside Seniors Event

Sunday, November 17

- Vote on 2025 Proposed Budget and Deacons

Wednesday, November 20

- 3:00 PM: NHC

November 27-28

- Thanksgiving Holiday—Office Closed

Welcome New Members!



Please join us in welcoming
Bruce and Cheryl McDowell
to our First Baptist
Church family.

Sunday's Worship Guide

"Genesis: Foundation For Life" Hope For A Broken World; Genesis 38

Main Idea: In the midst of a broken world, the King of Heaven is orchestrating the chaos of our lives to bring maximum glory to Jesus who alone can redeem our world.

- I. We live in a broken world.
- II. Christ alone can fix our brokenness.
- III. We choose how to live in this world.

New Member Commissioning

We believe that the Bible emphasizes the importance of church membership. On Sunday December 1, we would like to present all of our new members to the church. If you have begun the membership process but have not been presented to the church, please contact the church office or Pastor Nathan.



Abigail's Closet Wish and Supply Needs

Bring donated items and place them in the pack and plays in the church. **Last week of collection!**

Wish List and Supply Needs

- Boys and girls clothes (size 12 month to 4T)
- Diapers - size 4, 5 & 6 (Pampers, please)
- Baby soap, shampoo & lotion
- Diaper rash cream
- Children's Books - English & Spanish
- Sippy cups (must be new)
- Bottles (must be new)
- Thermometers
- Boo-Boo Ice Packs
- Car Seats (must be new)
- Baby toys
- Baby Bouncer Chair
- Tummy Time Play Mat
- Bottle Brushes
- Nasal Items
- Baby Wipes
- Stroller
- Baby Bathtub
- Booster Seat
- Pack-N-Play



Office Water Supply

Please contact the office if you are willing to pick up our empty Primo water jugs and take them to be filled about every eight weeks.



Remember to set your clocks back, Sunday, November 3 at 2 AM!



FALL FESTIVAL
 October 31 from 6PM - 8PM
 Admission is FREE!
 GAMES | PRIZES | CANDY



Church Conference
Wednesday, November 6
6 PM
Childcare Provided



Surfside Seniors Event: The Gathering
Saturday, November 16
4-6 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Call the office or see Sandra Hartley to sign-up by November 10
Cost: To enter please bring an advertised food item for the food bank!

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Due November 17



It is simple, get a shoebox from the lobby, fill it and return it by Sunday, Nov. 17. 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!



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

In an effort to increase our giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for international missions the wMu is organizing a "make and take" the first two Sundays in December. **Men and Women** are encouraged to use their "giftedness" in creating homemade articles for others to take, giving their offering to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in return for the articles they choose. We're giving you a heads up now so you can have time to create homemade items. More information will come as we get closer to December. Questions see Jeanne Eckert



Sunday, November 17
Vote on 2025 Budget and Deacons

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We are looking for someone who can come by the church weekly to fill the pew slots, keep the pews tidy and be willing to put out communion supplies bi-monthly. Call the office if you can help!



Surfside Community Ministry Food Bank

2nd and 4th Fridays at 1 PM

Pantry Needs (Non Perishable Items)
Please do NOT bring outdated items!

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| Jelly | Canned veggies (no corn/green beans) |
| Spaghetti sauce | Canned meat (SPAM, chicken, etc.) |
| Boxed rice | Boxed or canned milk |
| Bottled juice | Instant mashed potatoes |
| Canned fruit | Crackers |
| Soup | Noodles |