



First Baptist Surfside

May 15, 2025 Newsletter

Thank you to our Parking Team!

In Matthew 23 Jesus takes our understanding of greatness and turns it upside down. Our world views greatness as influence, power, or having others do as you say. Yet, Jesus says, "The greatest among you shall be your servant" (Matthew 23:11). That was countercultural then, and it is countercultural now.

Jesus demonstrated this for us, by humbling himself by laying down his life on the cross. Therefore, to be followers of Jesus is not about pursuing power, influence, or having authority over others, it's about serving others. That means we are most like Jesus not when we are sitting comfortably in an airconditioned room wearing our Sunday best. It means we are most like Jesus when we roll up our sleeves and serve. When we are tired, sweaty, back hurting, dirty from working to serve others; that is when we are most like Jesus!

This Sunday was a nasty, rainy, and stormy Sunday. When I arrived in the heavy rain, I could already see our parking lot had large puddles that would make parking difficult. Yet, what I saw next was such a blessing. I saw the men of our parking team showing up with rain boots, rain jackets, and umbrellas. I saw them standing in the heavy rain, directing traffic, opening car doors, and helping people into the building. After they looked tired and soaked, but they also looked like Jesus. This week if you see one of our Parking Team members make sure to tell them, "Thank you!"

This is just one of many examples of men and women in our church who are faithful servants; many who go unrecognized each week. If you are one of the many who serve without thanks, please know your work is appreciated. FBC Surfside would not be what it is without you.

In Christ,

Pastor Nathan

Sunday's Worship Guide

Unashamed Of The Gospel
God Our Father; Romans 8:12-16

- I. God's Children Obey Him (12-13)
- II. God's Children Belong To Him (14)
- II. God's Children Benefit From Him (15-16)

Weekly Schedule

Sundays

- 9:00 AM: Worship Service & Small Groups
- 10:30 AM: Worship Service & Small Groups
- 4:00 PM: Choir Practice

Regular Sunday Nights Resume in the Fall

Tuesdays

- 7:00 AM: Men's Bible Study at Family Barn Hwy 17
- 6:00 PM: Celebrate Recovery

Wednesdays

- 10:00 AM: Prayer Meeting

Small Groups Meet Throughout the Week at Various Locations

Upcoming Schedule

Sunday, May 18

- 5:00 PM: Churchwide Spring Fling (Inflatables and Food)

Wednesday, May 21

- 3:00 PM: NHC

Friday, May 23

- 1:00 PM: Food Pantry

Saturday, May 24

- 9:00 AM: Prep for VBS Decorations

Sunday, May 25

- Observance of the Lord's Supper

Saturday, May 31

- 9:00 AM: Decorate for Vacation Bible School

Thursday, June 5

- 6:00 PM: VBS Training for All Volunteers

Sunday, June 8—Thursday, June 12

- 6:00 PM: Vacation Bible School

Saturday, June 14

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

Sunday, June 29

- 11:45 AM: Colson Informational Meeting



Abigail's Place
Grand Opening
Friday, May 23
10-12
Call 843.236.0350

New Member Commissioning

We believe that the Bible emphasizes the importance of church membership. On Sunday **June 1** we will 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.



**Colson
Fellows**

2025-2026 Colson Registration Is Open!
Informational Meeting Sunday, June 29 at 11:45 AM
For more information contact: Mica Pruitt 843-457-8714



Coastline Baby Bottle Fundraiser

We're excited that we kicked off our Coastline Baby Bottle Fundraiser on May 11! Pick up a provided baby bottle, fill it with loose change or dollar bills, and return it by Father's Day, June 15. Every bottle helps change or even save a life.



Churchwide Spring Fling Sunday, May 18 at 5 PM

Our **End-of-the-Year Spring Fling** is a fun-filled celebration for the whole church family! We'll have inflatables, food, and fellowship as we wrap up the season. Hope to see you there!

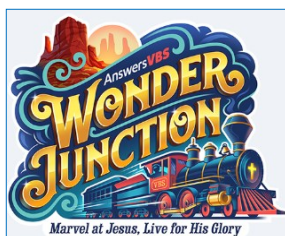


Observance of the Lord's Supper Sunday, May 25



Help Prep and Decorate for VBS

Are you ready for an exciting Vacation Bible School? We need your help to bring it to life! Come be a part of the fun as we transform our space into a energetic, welcoming environment for the kids. It does not matter if you are crafty or just willing to lend a hand, your help makes a huge difference. Join us as we make this years VBS unforgettable—many hands make light (and joyful!) work! We will begin prepping May 24 at 9 and start decorating May 31 at 9. Hope to see you there!



Vacation Bible School: *Wonder Junction*

June 8-12 6-8 PM

Ages 4 Years—5th Grade

Click [here](#) to register

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Thursday, June 5 at 6 PM—Training for ALL VBS Volunteers



Surfside Community Ministry Food Pantry 2nd and 4th Fridays at 1 PM

Pantry Needs (Non Perishable Items)

Please no outdated items!

Boxed rice
Bottled juice
Canned fruit

Crackers
Jelly
Noodles

Spaghetti Sauce
Soup
Boxed or canned milk

Canned veggies
Canned meat (SPAM, chicken, etc.)
Instant mashed potatoes