



# First Baptist Surfside

## July 17, 2025 Newsletter

Almost every week we see the headline, "Church closes its doors." There is a picture of a once vibrant church now a shadow of its former self. A church that once was active and influential in the community now a memory. While each is different, it is a reminder of the greater narrative of the decline of the American church. So, what needs to happen for our church not to be just another statistic, but we would continue to be a church that actively influences our culture for Jesus?

Richard Niebuhr in his book, "Christ and culture," gives three different options we have to interact with our culture:

1. **Christ Against Culture** – in which we would have an "us vs them" mentality. Where we make our culture the enemy or retract from the culture, isolating ourselves in our Christian bubble. The issue is that while we as Christians should be distinct from our culture, we are called to impact our culture for the gospel.
2. **Christ of Culture** – instead of being against, we should embrace culture. This takes the form of a church trying to be more "relevant" and look like the culture. The issue is that when churches try to look like the culture we do not look "relevant" we look ridiculous and lose our credibility.
3. **Christ Above Culture** – we as Christians are not superior to anyone. However, we recognize that Jesus is greater than our culture. Therefore, Jesus is not changed by our culture, but our culture is changed by Jesus. As Christians we are not called to retreat from our culture in fear or to be like our culture. Instead, we are to go into our culture and see it transformed by the gospel.

This Sunday, I hope you will join us as we continue our time in Romans. In Romans 12:14-21 Paul shows us how we are to impact our culture for Christ. He shows us that the love of Christ that transforms us, should motivate us to transform our culture.

In Christ,

Pastor Nathan

### Sunday's Worship Guide

#### Unashamed Of The Gospel Transformational Love; Romans 12:14-21

- I. Love Your Enemies (14)
- II. Love People (15-16)
- III. Love The Gospel (17-21)

### Weekly Schedule

#### Sundays

- 9:00 AM: Worship Service & Small Groups
  - 10:30 AM: Worship Service & Small Groups
  - 4:00 PM: Choir Practice (**Resumes August 3**)
- 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

#### Wednesday, July 23

- 7:00 PM: Students Attend the Pelican's Game

#### Friday, July 25

- 1:00 PM: Food Pantry

#### Saturday, July 26

- 5:00 PM: Senior's Event "In The Good Ole Summertime"

#### Sunday, July 27

- Move Up Sunday (Kids move up to new class)

#### Wednesday, July 30

- 6:00 PM: Church Conference

#### Friday, August 1

- Colson Registration Ends

#### Sunday, August 3

- 4:00 PM: Choir Resumes

#### Friday, August 8

- 1:00 PM: Food Pantry

#### Saturday, August 9

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

#### Sunday, August 17

- 6:00 PM: Ocean Baptism

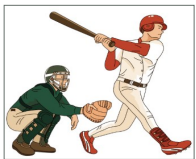
### School Prayer Portraits Ministry

It's that time of year again as we look ahead and pray for another school year. We are excited to announce that our **Prayer Portraits Ministry** will be returning! In previous years, we have printed portraits of our kiddos and displayed them in the church lobby for members of our congregation to pick up and commit to praying for each child throughout the year. If you are comfortable sharing a photo of your child and would like them to be included, please provide:

- Your child's name and photo
- Birthday and current grade
- Three things they enjoy doing

All submissions are due by **August 1st** by emailing [secretary@fbcsurfside.org](mailto:secretary@fbcsurfside.org).

## Surfside Students Summer Event



### Pelican's Baseball Game

Date: Wednesday, July 23

Time: 7 PM

Where: Pelicans Stadium

Bring: Money for concessions



## Church Conference

Wednesday, July 30 at 6 PM

## FBC Shirts for Sale



Want to show your FBC spirit? Navy blue FBC shirts are available for about \$25 each! To order, call the church office or see Wayne Daniel. Don't miss out!



## Ocean Baptism Sunday, August 17 6 PM

Beach Access at the end of 16th Ave N  
Contact Pastor Nathan or the church office if interested.



## Senior's Event

### "In The Good Ole Summertime"

Saturday, July 26 from 5-7 PM

Cost: \$5.00 Per Person

Sign up in the lobby, or call the church office by Monday, July 21



## Move-Up Sunday July 27

A special day when all students and children move up to the next age group!



**Colson  
Fellows**

**2025-2026 Colson Registration Is Open!**  
Register before August 1 by clicking [here!](#)  
For more information contact: Mica Pruitt 843-457-8714



## Choir Resumes August 3!

Get ready to lift your voices and your spirits—choir kicks off Sunday, August 3 at 4 PM. We are looking forward to an inspiring season and can't wait to make a joyful noise with our talented singers!



## Pray for Kids Going to Kids Camp August 1-4



## 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