



# First Baptist Surfside

## September 25, 2025 Newsletter

Do you tend to overcomplicate things?

In life I tend to take simple things and make them more complicated than they need to be. Instead of enjoying the simple things we often get distracted by details or issues that rob us of our joy.

God convicted me as I was writing the final sermon in our journey through Romans. When we began Romans I was overwhelmed by what appears to be an intimidating book. Yet as we walked through Romans for 9 months, I realized the book could not be simpler. The entire book of Romans is all about the gospel!

This is good news! Many people try to overcomplicate their walk with Jesus. Yet at the end of the day the simple gospel is that you are not enough, but Christ is more than enough! He died to give you new life and all he asks for you is to trust in him. While we want to add on a thousand other things its about a simple relationship with him.

We often overcomplicate so much by focusing on programs, and policies, and budgets, and so much more. While these are important, I'm reminded we are simply called to share the gospel with others. We don't have to have a huge outreach program to simply talk to our neighbors. We don't have to have large evangelism trainings, we just need to tell others what Christ has done for us. Studies have shown that the vast majority of people who go to a new church do so, not because of the preaching, the music, or the events, they go simply because a friend or neighbor invited them.

This week, let's not overcomplicate! Let's pause to remember the gospel that has changed us. Then let us be intentional to speak with one person about Jesus.

In Christ,

Pastor Nathan

### Weekly Schedule

#### Sundays

9:00 AM: Worship Service & Small Groups  
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4:00 PM: Choir Practice  
5:00 PM: Surfside Kids and Youth  
5:15 PM: Adult Classes

#### 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

#### Friday, September 26

1:00 PM: Food Pantry

#### Sunday, September 28

6:45 PM: Called Church Conference

#### Sunday, October 5

New Member Commissioning

#### Thursday, October 9

10:00 AM: Meet at Church to Assemble OCC Shoeboxes

#### Friday, October 10

1:00 PM: Food Pantry

#### Saturday, October 11

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

#### Sunday, October 12

11:45 AM: Haiti Fundraiser Chicken Lunch

#### Sunday, October 26

5:00 PM: Fall Festival

#### Saturday, November 8

9:00 AM: Church Work Day

**Called Church Conference**  
**Sunday, Sept 28**  
**6:40 PM**

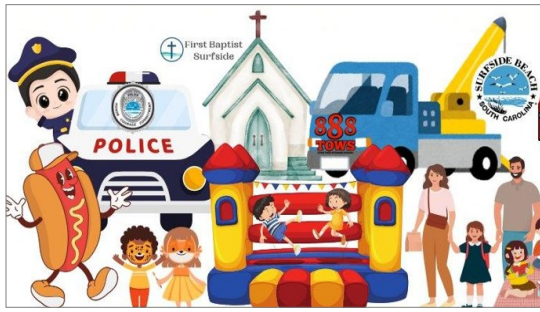
### Sunday's Worship Guide

## Unashamed Of The Gospel The Gospel; Romans 16:17-27

- I. Be Focused On The Gospel (17-23)
- II. Be Transformed By The Gospel (25-27)

### New Member Commissioning

We believe that the Bible emphasizes the importance of church membership. On Sunday **October 5** 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.



## Community Safety and Fun Day Saturday, September 27 Cancelled

Because of the inclement weather, we regret to inform you that the event has been cancelled. We will let you know if it is rescheduled at a later date.

## Help Assemble Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes



We have **200 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes** that need to be assembled! If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please join us at the church on **Thursday, October 9 at 10 AM**. Your help will make a difference, and we look forward to serving alongside you!

## Haiti Fundraiser Lunch



The fundraiser lunch is Sunday, October 12th at 11:45 AM. A donation of \$10 per plate is recommended. Plates are pre-ordered and take-out only. The menu is fried chicken, green beans, potato salad, roll and dessert. Sign-up in the lobby or click [here](#).

## The Shelter Ministry Is Growing



We are still in need of **5-7 volunteers** to serve at the Women's and Family Shelters. If you are willing to be a part of this ministry, contact the church office or Terry Kirby at **843.798.9944**.



## Disaster Relief Fall Training

Saturday, October 11  
Concord Baptist Church, Anderson, SC  
8:30 AM—4:30 PM  
See Vic Larsen for more information



**Church Work Day**  
**Saturday, November 8**  
**(New Date)**  
**9 AM—Noon**

## Fall Festival

**Sunday, October 26 5-7 PM**

**Candy Needed!**

Click [here](#) to sign-up



**SENIOR  
ADULTS  
MINISTRY**

## Carolina Opry Christmas Show

Thursday, November 6 at 1 PM

\$35 per person. Click [here](#) to sign up or go to [fbcsurfside.org/events](http://fbcsurfside.org/events). Space is limited.

**SIGN UP**

**BY OCTOBER 20**



## 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