



31st NEWS SCOPE

Pastoral Anniversary Edition

31st Street Baptist Church
Rev. Dr. Joshua L. Mitchell, Senior Pastor

August 2025



Words From Our Pastor

Happy August Family! It has been a power-packed summer thus far and I am

excited to experience all that August has to offer. As our young people head back to school this month, we will have a special time of prayer for them on the Second Sunday of the month and our Wednesday Night Bible Study returns this month with a study through my newest book, "Bread For Life." Finally, I'm excited for the opportunity to celebrate five years of pastor and people at the conclusion of the month! It has been one of the joys of my life serving as the pastor of this incredible family, and I look forward to our time of reflection and celebration!

Scripture of the Issue: "And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." Jeremiah 3:15 (KJV)

Remember...It's Celebration Time! A Celebration of Pastor & People: The Fifth Dimension

Friday, August 29th, 7:00 p.m.

The Pre-Anniversary One Night Revival

Music by the 31SBC choir and music ministry

Revivalist: Dr. Marcus D. Cosby, Wheeler Ave. Baptist Church, Houston, Texas

Saturday, August 30th, 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

The Anniversary Celebration Luncheon (limited space)

Featured Artists: Saxophonist Gregory Amos, Soloist Desiree Roots

Minister Milton Gross will tickle the ivory keys as you dine

Micah "Bam Bam" White will tickle your funny bone while you enjoy dessert

Venue: Coastal Church (formerly Village Green RVA) 1501 S Providence Rd, Richmond, VA 23236

***Please arrive by 12:45 p.m. The pastoral party will be escorted through the Spirit Tunnel and seated at 12:55 p.m.

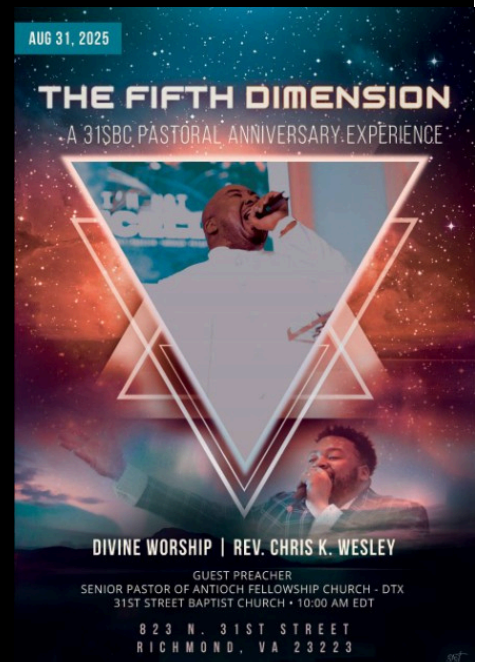
Sunday, August 31st, 9:45 a.m.

The Divine Worship Service

(9:45) Video Preamble

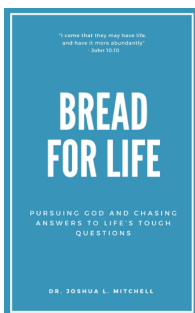
(10:00) Prelude by Dr. Melanie Hill (virtuoso violinist to Pope Francis and the Obamas)

Mr. David Michael Wyatt (and company) returns as our musical psalmist
Rev. Chris Wesley, Antioch Fellowship Church, Dallas, Texas is the guest preacher.



"Back to School" Supply Drive

It's that time of year again! Let's support the children of our community and church as they head back to school. You can drop off school supply donations in a box in the narthex.



As we jump back into Bible Study this month, we will be using the "Bread For Life" devotional book as a guide. This is Pastor Mitchell's latest book release. You can get your copy today. Books are available for purchase for \$20 in church office immediately following Sunday's Worship Service.

Important Dates

- **August 9: Community Outreach Distribution Event**
11 AM to 1 PM
Fellowship Hall
 - **August 23: Children's Event with Pastor Mitchell**
9:45 AM Fellowship Hall
 - **August 29: Pastoral Anniversary Revival**
7 PM Sanctuary
 - **August 30: Pastoral Anniversary Brunch**
1 PM Coastal Church
 - **August 31: 5th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration**
10 AM Sanctuary
- ***Please note service time change of 10 AM***

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Community Outreach Event

Heartfelt appreciation is extended to our church family for your contributions and to the volunteers who helped us with our event in July. Our next distribution event will occur on Sat. Aug 9th from 11 AM - 1 PM. Volunteers are always welcome and needed. Everyone is requested to donate full sized items (no sample sizes) from the list in the narthex. We are in special need of hygiene items. Please do not donate used items, cosmetics, or medications. A box is in the narthex for donations. Thank you for your contributions to this monthly church-wide outreach event.

We will have two distributions in September on Sat. Sept 13th and Sun. Sept 28th. Event Contacts: Trustee Emeritus Carolyn Brown and Rev. Jan Roane.

We Need YOU for the Membership Video Directory Project

Pastor Mitchell would like a visual reference in the form of a membership directory. Please meet Sis. Paris Boynes on the second floor wall side wing near the baptismal pool, to be QUICKLY documented TODAY following Worship Service. The project will end on Sun. Aug 10th.



Let Us Pray for You

Personal and private prayer will be available each Sunday following Worship Service. Just be seated on the front pew on the window side in the sanctuary and a minister will greet you. Be abundantly blessed!

Have a submission for the 31st News Scope?
Go to 31sbc.org – Requests – Newsletter to submit your request today!

Weekly Happenings

Sunday Church School 9:00 AM 2nd FLR CONF RM

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 AM Sanctuary

*Nursery available every Sunday (Fellowship Hall)

*Children's Church on 1st, 3rd, and 4th Sundays (Fellowship Hall)

Monday 31SBC Line Dancers 6:00 PM Fellowship Hall

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM Virtual Sanctuary**

Thursday Noon Prayer 12 Noon Virtual Sanctuary**

**Zoom link available at www.31sbc.org → About → Welcome Home! → Virtual Sanctuary



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