



# 31st NEWS SCOPE

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

April 2025



## Words From Our Pastor

Greetings Family and welcome to the best month of the year (I know I'm a bit biased). Not only am I grateful for another year of life, but I am excited about our road to Resurrection Sunday and this most holy season. This month we have several offerings that are designed to renew our spirits and lead us to reflection- beginning with our Spring Revival on April 8-10th! Services will begin nightly at 7pm, and I invite you to practice the spiritual discipline of evangelism and invite someone to join you each night. We will kick off Holy Week on Palm Sunday, April 13th and celebrate Good Friday on April 18th at 12 noon, as our ministers preach from Jesus' 7 last sayings from the cross. Finally, I pray you will put on some of your best white and join us in the sanctuary for Resurrection Sunday 2025 on April 20th. It is going to be a high and holy season, and I cannot wait for us to journey together!



EMERGE Young Adult Ministry pictured with Artist Bro. Rondall "RJ" James at their "Paint Night" Event held last month.

### Scripture of the Issue:

**"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16 (NIV)**

## Ministry Spotlight: The Progressive League

The Progressive League Ministry was birthed in the 1970's-early 80's. The visionaries to this ministry are Mr. Jack Hines, Deacon George Keith, Sis. Rosa Gentry and Sis. Mary Buster. They felt the need to be productive and busy as we know seniors can be. The target age is 50 years and older. Presently, they have about 25 members.

This ministry convenes twice a month, the second and fourth Thursday. The business meeting is normally on the second Thursday. They have elections, bylaws and also a constitution. The fourth Thursday is usually filled with fun activities: hanging out with members, attending plays, bus trips to casinos, and going out to eat. It gives members the opportunity to socialize at different venues.

Some of the ministry's outreach consist of but not limited to:

- Visiting nursing homes (engaging residents in games, crafts, singing and prayer)
- Gathering items and creating care bags for the homeless.
- Volunteering at a local Rehabilitation Center
- Making contributions to the church
- Laminating the church covenant and purchasing bibles for 31<sup>st</sup> Street.

Many thanks to past president Sis. Barbara Price. We continue to anticipate great things from this Vibrant group of individuals under the new leadership of Sis. Valerie Rhodes.

**"Oh, How Good It Is for Brethren to Come Together in Unity"**

To God Be the Glory for the Great things He has done



31ST STREET BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENTS



APRIL 8TH  
Jamison Hunter

APRIL 9TH  
Allison Henderson-Brooks

APRIL 10TH  
Sammie Dow

# Spring Revival

@ 31ST STREET



APRIL 8-10  
2025

31st Street Baptist Church  
823 N. 31st Street  
Richmond, VA 23223

7:00PM

## Important Dates

- April 7: 31<sup>st</sup> Steppers 6:00 PM (Fellowship Hall)
- April 8-10: Spring Revival 7:00 PM (Sanctuary)
- April 9: Youth in Celebration 6:00 PM (Fellowship Hall)
- April 13: Palm Sunday
- April 18: Good Friday Service 12 Noon (Sanctuary)
- April 20: Resurrection Sunday
- Tuesdays: Girl Scouts 5:30 PM (Fellowship Hall)
- Wednesdays: Cub Scouts 6:00 PM (Fellowship Hall)

Check out our digital platforms!



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## Cub Scouts Seeking New Members

**THE SCOUT OATH**  
On my honor I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law;  
To help other people at all times;  
To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

**THE SCOUT LAW**  
A Scout is:  
Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, Reverent



Cub Scouts Pack 414 has been a mainstay at 31<sup>st</sup> Street Baptist Church for many years. Since COVID, we have been attempting to rebuild the program. We are looking for boys from kindergarten through fifth grade as represented by the patches above. We meet every Wednesday in our church's Fellowship Hall from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The primary goal of Cub Scouts is for the boys to have FUN while instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. If anyone has questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Dewvaul Tracy III, Cubmaster, via email: [dwtracy3@gmail.com](mailto:dwtracy3@gmail.com).

Special thanks to Contributing Writers of this issue: Gail Scruggs and Dewvaul Tracy III.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM Virtual Sanctuary  
(Zoom link available at [www.31sbc.org](http://www.31sbc.org))

Thursday Noon Prayer 12 Noon Virtual Sanctuary  
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