



# 31st NEWS SCOPE

"Year of Discipleship: Look Like, Love Like, Live Like JESUS"

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

May 2026



## Words From Our Pastor

Church family, I've got sunshine on a cloudy day and when it's cold outside I've got the month of May (I'm sorry, I couldn't fight the Temptation!). I am excited to bring in another month as we swiftly move towards the midway point of our year. I want to encourage you, your family and friends to join us on the second Sunday of the month for Mother's Day 2026. Mother's Day is always a big day at our church and we invite you to come as early as 9:45 a.m. to take pictures with your friends and families in our photo booth prior to service. As we continue in our year of discipleship, we are also starting a new series in Bible Study and are gearing up for Vacation Bible School 2026. As we walk through the spiritual disciplines that help us to look like, love like, and live like Jesus, I pray that we are able to implement them into our daily lives and see the fruit of our faith in action. As always, I love you and there is nothing you can do about it!



**Join the 31<sup>st</sup> SBC Line Dance Class**  
**Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM Fellowship Hall**  
**Contact: Alma Griffin**

Scripture of the Issue:

**Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.**

Matthew 24:35

Open it. Read it.  
*Watch the Word still work.*

Take the first step today. Pick a time. Pick a place. Bring your Bible, a journal, and an open heart — and let God meet you there.



01

5 MIN

### Centering Worship Song

Begin with one song that quiets your spirit and draws your heart toward God.



02

15 MIN

### Daily Scripture Reading

Open the Word with expectancy. Read slowly. Let it speak before you respond.



03

10 MIN

### Journal & Reflection

Write what stirs your heart. Wrestle honestly. Notice what God is saying.



04

5-10 MIN

### Prayer Time

Respond in prayer — adoration, confession, thanksgiving, supplication.

THE DAILY RHYTHM

Thirty-five minutes a day.  
*A lifetime of formation.*

<https://wordstillworks.lovable.app/>

**The Progressive League**  
31st Street Baptist Church

# JOSHUA

LIVE ON STAGE

*Save the Date*

September 11-12, 2026

Sight & Sound  
Theatres  
Lancaster, PA

Bus Departs: 7:30 AM | From Target's Parking lot South Laburnum (White Oak Shopping Center)

**\$50 Non-Refundable Deposit Reserve Your Seat**  
Make Checks Payable to Progressive League  
Deposit will be accepted starting March 15, 2026

Due Date	Single	Double	Triple	Quad
	\$475	\$380	\$360	\$345
April 26 <sup>th</sup>	\$106.25	\$82.50	\$77.50	\$72.50
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	\$106.25	\$82.50	\$77.50	\$72.50
June 28 <sup>th</sup>	\$106.25	\$82.50	\$77.50	\$72.50
July 26 <sup>th</sup>	\$106.25	\$82.50	\$77.50	\$72.50

Contact: Barbara Bailey - (804) 274-8044  
If you want to cancel trip due to non-emergency, you will have to find a replacement in order to get your money back.

## SHARE Saturday

Community Outreach  
Giveaway Event

May 9, 2026

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Volunteers start 10 AM  
Hygiene items and canned  
meats needed. For clothing  
donations, now accepting  
only children and youth  
clothing.

Contact: Rev. Jan Roane

MAN TALK JUL 20-24

# REGISTRATION



Young Men: 6th-11th Grade



## NOW HIRING

Facilities/Campus  
Manager



31ST STREET BAPTIST CHURCH IS SEEKING A FACILITIES & CAMPUS MANAGER TO JOIN OUR DYNAMIC TEAM. THE FACILITIES & CAMPUS MANAGER ENSURES A WELCOMING AND WELL-MAINTAINED ENVIRONMENT FOR WORSHIP, EVENTS, AND DAILY OPERATIONS.

INTERESTED? CONTACT A TRUSTEE OR EMAIL: info@31sbc.org

SAVE THE DATE!

## Vacation Bible School

6/1/26 - 6/4/26

Classes for all ages. Needed: Teachers, Teacher Aides, Arts & Crafts Support. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please contact Lay Leader Ramon Moore, Deacon Sandra Hansboro, Deacon Jacqueline Johnson, Deacon Beverly Wynn, or leave your name and contact information in the church office / via email to info@31sbc.org. Background checks are required.

## Important Dates

- May 4: 31<sup>st</sup> SBC Line Dance Class  
6 PM Fellowship Hall
- May 5: WIDOWS SUPPORT MINISTRY MEETING  
1 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Flr Conf Rm  
  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday EMERGE Young Adult Bible Study  
6 PM 2<sup>nd</sup> Flr Conf Rm
- May 7 & 21: PROGRESSIVE LEAGUE MEETING  
1 PM Fellowship Hall
- May 9: SHARE Saturday  
(Community Outreach Giveaway Event)  
11 AM to 1 PM Fellowship Hall
- May 9 & 16: Kingdom Kidz Dance Practice  
10:30 AM Fellowship Hall
- May 10: Mother's Day

Share your ministry's activities in the  
31st News Scope!  
Go to 31sbc.org → Requests → Newsletter to  
submit your request today!

## Weekly Happenings

Morning Prayer Call 6:00 AM Mon - Fri  
[youtube.com/@JoshuaMitchellTV](https://youtube.com/@JoshuaMitchellTV) (replay available)

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)

Tuesday: Girl Scouts 5:30 PM Fellowship Hall

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

Wednesday: Cub Scouts 6:00 PM Fellowship Hall

Thursday Noon Prayer 12 Noon Virtual Sanctuary  
(Zoom link available at [www.31sbc.org](http://www.31sbc.org))

Check out our digital  
platforms!

