



31st NEWS SCOPE

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

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

August 2026



Words From Our Pastor

Can you believe we are in August already? As we roll into the last full month of the summer, I am excited to start our new "SummerSlam" series - a play on a popular WWE wrestling event - that concludes the summer. This month, we'll work through some themes and theological issues that many of us have been "wrestling" with this year and seek the scriptures for answers to these tough questions. We will also be returning to Wednesday Night Bible Study this month and per our custom, I will be leading our studies each week of the month of August. Join us on the church's YouTube page each Wednesday of the month as we walk through the word together. Finally, I am excited to conclude the month by celebrating another year of service as the pastor of this phenomenal family on August 30th! I'm grateful for the ability to serve, your consistent support and kindness to our family, and for the Lord knitting us together for such a time as this! I love you and "the best is yet to come!"

Scripture of the Issue:

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)



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The 31st Cares Inc. Man Talk RVA Summer Academy held from July 20th - July 24th was a great success! Thank you to all volunteers, presenters, organizations, and supporters who helped make this possible!

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PRAISE ON THE BLOCK

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER
13th



FRIDAY
AUGUST 21
DISTRIBUTION
DAY
(AFTER YOUTH
REVIVAL NIGHT)

All needed school supplies grade levels K-12
Ex. Backpacks, folders (prongs),
pens/pencils, glue, glue sticks, notebooks
(spiral and composition), rulers, papers,
3-ring Binders, index cards, etc.
Monetary donations also accepted.
Please leave donations in the School Supply
Drive box in the narthex by August 16th.

MORE INFORMATION

Please see Sis. Charlotte Crewe for more information
or to provide monetary donations.

Important Dates

- August 4: WIDOWS SUPPORT MINISTRY MEETING
1 pm 1st Flr Conf Rm

FIRST TUESDAY YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY
6 pm 2nd Flr Conf Rm
- August 8 & 15: Kingdom Kidz Dance Practice
10:30 AM Sanctuary
- August 13 & 27: PROGRESSIVE LEAGUE MEETING
1 PM Fellowship Hall
- August 15: SHARE Saturday
(Community Outreach Giveaway Event)
11 AM to 1 PM Fellowship Hall
- August 16: Back to School Supply Drive Last Day for
Donation Collection
- August 21: Youth Revival Night
- August 30: 6th Pastoral Anniversary

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 (reply 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 1st, 3rd, and 4th Sundays (Fellowship Hall)

Monday Line Dance Ministry 7 PM Fellowship Hall

Wednesday Bible Study 7PM
youtube.com/@31ststreetbaptistchurch

Thursday Noon Prayer 12 Noon Virtual Sanctuary
(Zoom link available at www.31sbc.org)