



31st NEWS SCOPE

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

October 2025



Words From Our Pastor

Happy October Family! We have officially shifted into a new season as we transition

from the sunny days of summer to the brisk breeze of fall but “boy-oh-boy” did we exit September with a bang! I want to give a special shout out to Trustee Gwen James and the entirety of our hardworking “Praise on the Block” team who helped to lead us in a phenomenal experience to conclude the month. We were able to take the word from the sanctuary to the streets and it was a joy to see a sea of vendors, entrepreneurs, and community members sharing resources that will improve all of our lives. This month we continue to evangelize as we host our annual Homecoming Sunday (October 12) and Homecoming Revival (October 15-17). Invite friends, family and members of 31st Street who have not been around in a while to come back home and share with us on that special day. In keeping with the homecoming theme- feel free to put on a team shirt/jersey or paraphernalia from your favorite school or organization and let’s fill the sanctuary with praise and pride. It’s going to be an incredible month and I look forward to walking with each of you in this new season!

Scripture of the Issue:

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

Ministry Spotlight: Missions Ministry

The Missionary Society was formed on March 17, 1982 to carry out the work that has driven the history of God’s work in the world from Eden to today. Later renamed the Missions Ministry under the leadership of Pastor Mitchell, the Missions Ministry’s purpose is to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20); to reach all people, spread the goodness of God, and glorify Him.

With the support of our church family, we engage in several projects to care for our local and global communities. Past projects include donation of food, clothing and hygiene items to those in need, visiting the elderly in nursing homes, showing support to sick and shut-in and bereaved families, and more.

We support foreign missions in partnership with Lott Carey, a global Christian missional community that extends the Christian witness around the world by coming alongside indigenous communities and supporting ministries of evangelism, compassion, empowerment, and advocacy through prayer partnerships, financial support, and technical assistance. Lott Carey hosts its Annual Session, open to all, during the 2nd week of August. (www.lottcarey.org)

The Missions Ministry also partners with the Tuckahoe Baptist Association, the Baptist General Association of VA and the Baptist General Association.

Missions work has always been special to God and it’s an overflow of His desire to fill the whole earth with His glory. When He calls Missionaries to do His work, He’s calling all His people to participate. You are invited to join us for Missions Ministry meetings held monthly on 3rd Saturdays at 11 AM in the 1st Floor Conference Room. We are all missionaries. Thank you for your support. For more information regarding this ministry, please contact the leader of the Missions Ministry, Sis. Linda Adams.



Missions Ministry Projects

Past activities:

- Donated pillowcases to Haiti, which were used to make dresses for little girls
- Donated hygiene bags
- Donated eyeglasses collection to the Lion's Club
- The Love Bag donations
- Peanut Butter & Milk Drive
- Visited nursing homes
- Sent out cards to the sick and shut-in and families who have lost loved ones.
- Collected socks & gloves to donate to the nursing home.
- Black American Expressions Catalogue Fundraiser for Bopulu, Liberia to help with building a high school for the children so that they will have the opportunity to have a high school education.
- Annual Thanksgiving/Feedmore donation
- Christmas Celebration for our church family

We need your support for our upcoming activities:

- For October, Breast Cancer Awareness month, we will make donations to the Nat'l Breast Cancer Foundation.
- For Thanksgiving, we are collecting non-perishable goods for donation to Feedmore from Oct 1 – Nov 16

Important Dates

- **Oct 7: 1ST TUESDAY EMERGE Young Adult Bible Study 6 PM (2nd Flr Conf Rm)**
- **Oct 11: COMMUNITY OUTREACH GIVEAWAY 11 AM Fellowship Hall**
- **Oct 12: HOMECOMING SUNDAY 10:30 AM Sanctuary**
- **Oct 15-17: HOMECOMING REVIVAL 7 PM Sanctuary**
- **Oct 18: FALL FESTIVAL: FALLING FOR JESUS 12 Noon Church Parking Lot**
- **Oct 19: CLERGY APPRECIATION SUNDAY 10:30 AM Sanctuary**

Check out our digital platforms!



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Dance Ministry! Summer fun has come to an end, and it's time to get back to dancing for the glory of God!

**Total Praise Practice
Every Thursday
6 PM – 8 PM Fellowship Hall
Kingdom Kidz Practice
Every 3rd & 4th Saturday
10:30 AM – 12 PM
Fellowship Hall**

If God has placed it on your heart to worship Him through dance, we welcome you to join us!

**Donations of candy, gummy fruit snacks, and bagged snacks are needed
See Sis. Sheila Baker**

*Fall Festival
Falling for Jesus*

Food, Games, Pumpkin Patch,
Hayride and more

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 18, 2025
12PM – 2PM**

Community Outreach Giveaway



Donations of food and hygiene items are appreciated.
Donation box in Narthex.



**Every 2nd Saturday
Fellowship Hall
11 AM – 1 PM**



**Volunteers are always welcome!
Thank You!**

See Trustee Emeritus Carolyn Brown or Rev. Jan Roane for more info

Not accepting clothes and shoes at this time.



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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)

Tuesday: Girl Scouts 5:30 PM Fellowship Hall

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM Virtual Sanctuary
(Zoom link available at 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)



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