



31st NEWS SCOPE

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

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

September 2026



Words From Our Pastor

Scripture of the Issue:

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. John 12:32 (KJV)

The seasons are changing again family, and I am excited to bring in the month of September at 31st Street Baptist Church! As we prepare for the transition from pool parties and summer sun to falling leaves and the brisk autumn air, we are heading OUTSIDE of the four walls of our church to engage our community and our neighbors. On Saturday, September 12 at 9:30 a.m. our church is teaming up with 31st Cares Inc. and Ark Financial Strategies for the kickoff of a series of monthly workshops designed to empower our families in the area of our finances- to include practical tools and strategies for financial planning, debt elimination, tax planning, investing and more. The following day, September 13 at 9:00 a.m., we will not be meeting in the sanctuary at our usual 10:30 a.m. worship time, but will be heading outside for our annual Praise on the Block service at 9:00 a.m. Bring a lawn chair, invite a neighbor, colleague, or friend and join us for a day of worship, fellowship, community resourcing, and fun for the whole family. I look forward to connecting with our community in this exciting way. Finally, let me take a moment of personal privilege to say "Thank You 31st Street" for all of the love and kindness during the celebration of our 6th Pastoral Anniversary. Words cannot express my gratitude for your consideration and care for our family and as we say each week- we love you and there's NOTHING you can do about it!



SHARE COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT

Please pick up the list of items needed in the Narthex. Our Pantry needs to be restocked, and we are in need of many items! Volunteers are needed for September 12th at 10 am and also for Praise On The Block to help with set up, clean up and distribution. See Sis Carolyn Brown, Jan Roane or Rev. Dr. Pat Heath for concerns.



It's Girl Scout time here at
31st Street Baptist Church!

Our first meeting is
Tuesday, September 15
5:30pm – 6:45pm
Fellowship Hall.

We are looking for girls in
grades Kindergarten through Twelve.
Adults are needed too!

Financial Assistance is available to cover registration.
Plan to join Girl Scouts for a year of excitement and fun!

For more information, please contact:

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TRANSFORMATION & RENEWAL MINISTRY MEETING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

FELLOWSHIP HALL

**FOLLOWING WORSHIP
SERVICE**

The Transformation & Renewal Ministry /
Social Justice Ministry will hold monthly
meetings every 3rd Sunday following worship
service in the Fellowship Hall.

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Important Dates

- Sept 1: **WIDOWS SUPPORT MINISTRY MEETING**
1 pm 1st Flr Conf Rm
- **FIRST TUESDAY YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY**
6 pm 2nd Flr Conf Rm
- Sept 7: **Labor Day**
- Sept 10 & 24: **PROGRESSIVE LEAGUE MEETING**
1 PM Fellowship Hall
- Sept 12: **SHARE Saturday**
(Community Outreach Giveaway Event)
11 AM to 1 PM Fellowship Hall
- Sept 12 & 19: **Kingdom Kidz Dance Practice**
10:30 AM Sanctuary
- Sept 13: **PRAISE ON THE BLOCK** 9 AM
- Sept 20: **T & R Ministry / Social Justice Ministry MTG**
Fellowship Hall after worship service
- Oct 13 -15 : **FALL REVIVAL**
- Oct 18: **HOMECOMING SUNDAY**

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31st News Scope !

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submit your request today !**

Weekly Happenings

Morning Prayer Call 6:00 AM Mon - Fri
[youtube.com/@JoshuaMitchellTV](https://www.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 Virtual Sanctuary***

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