



31st NEWS SCOPE

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

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

October 2026



Words From Our Pastor

Welcome to October family! As we have officially transitioned to the Fall and the last quarter

of the year, I am excited about experiencing all that God has in store for us in this new season. October is special at 31st Street because it is Homecoming Season and we are intentional about inviting family members and friends who have been away from the fold...back home. This year, we begin with our Homecoming Revival on October 13-15, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. nightly as we will be blessed by the ministry of Dr. Marc Lavarin, Dr. Kia Hood-Scott, and Dr. Sammie Dow. When revival concludes, we will join together on Sunday, October 18, 2026 for our annual Homecoming Sunday and invite you to wear paraphernalia from your favorite school, organization, or team. Invite a friend, family member or former church member to join us for Homecoming 2026 - It's going to be a great month!

Scripture of the Issue:

And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Romans 10:15

October is Clergy Appreciation Month!
Join us in honoring our Pastor and the Ministers of our church. Let's thank them for committing to the call of God's service! We will celebrate Clergy Appreciation Sunday on Oct 25th.



Rev. Sean Barley



Min. Orlando Beale



Dr. Alvin Campbell



Dr. Barbara Conyers



Rev. Frederick Christian



Min. Kayle Cox



Dr. Naomi Davis



Min. Avis Harrold



Dr. Patricia Heath



Dr. Leo Keith, Jr.



Dr. Peyton McCoy



Min. Doug Mosby



Min. Hope Paige



Rev. Janice Roane



Rev. Earl L. Robinson



Min. Elaine Sampson



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HOMECOMING REVIVAL



DR. MARC LAVARIN
DURHAM, NC

DR. KIA HOOD-SCOTT
CHARLOTTE, NC

DR. SAMMIE J. DOW
MARIETTA, GA

OCT 13 - 15, 2026 31st Street Baptist Church
7:00PM 823 N. 31st St
Richmond, VA 23223



Important Dates

- Oct 6: **WIDOWS SUPPORT MINISTRY MEETING**
1 PM 1st Flr Conf Rm

FIRST TUESDAY YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY
6 PM 2nd Flr Conf Rm

LPC REHEARSAL
6:30 PM Sanctuary
- Oct 8 & 22: **PROGRESSIVE LEAGUE MEETING**
1 PM Fellowship Hall
- Oct 10: **SHARE Saturday**
(Community Outreach Giveaway Event)
11 AM to 1 PM Fellowship Hall

NEW MEMBER MEET & GREET
11 AM 2nd Flr Conf Rm
- Oct 10 & 17: **Kingdom Kidz Dance Practice**
10:30 AM Sanctuary
- Oct 13 - 15: **HOMECOMING REVIVAL**
- Oct 18: **HOMECOMING SUNDAY**
- Oct 24: **FALL FESTIVAL**
- Oct 25: **CLERGY APPRECIATION SUNDAY**



FALL FESTIVAL

Harvest of Blessings

Leviticus 23:22

"When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and for the foreigner residing among you. I am the Lord your God."

Saturday, October 24 • Noon–2:00 pm
31st Street Baptist Church
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Festival Highlights

- Pumpkin and Caramel Apple decorating
- Live music & food
- Games, fall crafts, prizes & family activities
- Costume parade & photo opportunities
- Bouncy House

Festive Fun for Everyone

Bring your family, invite your friends, and join the fun!

Volunteers needed: We need volunteers to decorate their trunks and host an activity for Trunk-A-Treat. Candy will be provided.

To register or ask questions: email childrenministry@31sbc.org or visit Children's Church.

Share your ministry's activities in the
31st News Scope!

Go to 31sbc.org → Requests → Newsletter to
submit your request today!

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)

Monday: Line Dance Class 6:00 PM 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)