



31st NEWS SCOPE

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

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

June 2026



Words From Our Pastor

Happy June Family! Our month kicks off with our Vacation Bible School experience on June 1-4 at 6 PM

nightly and we have classes for all ages and stages of life! Following VBS, we will honor our young people and their many accomplishments this school year during our annual Children and Youth Day on June 14th, with worship in the sanctuary and an outdoor extravaganza for all to enjoy following service. 31st Cares Inc. will also be awarding the annual Drs. William and Jacqueline Joyner Scholarships for graduating high school seniors during worship; and congregants and visitors will have a special opportunity to invest in the next generation through special gifts to the organization on that day. The following week we will celebrate one of my favorite holidays, Father's Day, and will salute the great fathers of our congregation. Finally, we will conclude the month with our semi-annual church meeting on Thursday, June 25th at 7 PM in the sanctuary as we provide updates on the first half of our year! It's going to be a power packed month on the corner of 31st and O and I look forward to experiencing it all with you!

Scripture of the Issue:

I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Luke 5:32 (NIV)



When Jesus throws a party, He defies all expectations. Jesus is full of surprises!

Join us for Vacation Bible School

June 1-4, 6-8 pm. Dinner will be served 6:00 pm to 6:20 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Want to bring a gift to the party for our SHARE Saturday? Bring a canned good, such as tuna or salmon or hygiene supplies like toothbrushes/toothpaste!

Register NOW for VBS at 31sbc.org or scan the QR code.



Suggested Attire

- o Monday 6/1 - Anything Goes
- o Tuesday 6/2 - Bling Anything Sparkles
- o Wednesday 6/3 - Favorite or Crazy Hat
- o Thursday 6/4 - Birthday Party Attire

CHILDREN & YOUTH DAY

Theme: KINGDOM KIDS Mark 10:13-16
 "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Mark 10:14b

All children and youth are invited to be celebrated on our annual Children and Youth Day. Activities are planned for the morning worship service and will continue afterward in the back parking lot. Come and join us for a joyful and praise-filled time!

BOUNCE HOUSES | SIDEWALK CHALK CONTEST | CORN HOLE BASKETBALL | NURSERY CORNER | LIMBO CONTEST
 FOOD AND MORE

SUN JUNE 14 **10 am**

31st Street Baptist Church
 823 N. 31st St.
 Richmond, VA 23223

SHARE Saturday

Community Outreach
 Giveaway Event

June 13, 2026

11 AM - 1 PM

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

Contact: Rev. Jan Roane

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REGISTRATION



Young Men: 6th-11th Grade

Children's Church & Nursery will celebrate their Moving Up Ceremony on Sunday, June 28th at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. All parents are invited to attend.



The Progressive League
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LIVE ON STAGE

Save the Date

September 11-12, 2026

Sight & Sound Theatres
 Lancaster, PA

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Important Dates

- June 1 - 4: "Surprise Party" VBS
6 PM Fellowship Hall
- June 2: WIDOWS SUPPORT MINISTRY MEETING
1 pm 1ST Flr Conf Rm
- June 11 & 25: PROGRESSIVE LEAGUE MEETING
1 PM Fellowship Hall
- June 13: SHARE Saturday
(Community Outreach Giveaway Event)
11 AM to 1 PM Fellowship Hall
- June 13 & 20: Kingdom Kidz Dance Practice
10:30 AM Fellowship Hall
- June 14: Children & Youth Day
- June 19: Juneteenth
- June 21: Father's Day
- June 25: CHURCH MEETING 7 PM Sanctuary
- June 28: Children's Church & Nursery Moving Up Ceremony
10:30 AM Fellowship Hall

Weekly Happenings

- Morning Prayer Call 6:00 AM Mon - Fri
[youtube.com/@JoshuaMitchellTV](https://www.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 1st, 3rd, and 4th Sundays (Fellowship Hall)
- Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM Virtual Sanctuary
 (Zoom link available at www.31sbc.org)
- Thursday Noon Prayer 12 Noon Virtual Sanctuary
 (Zoom link available at www.31sbc.org)