



31st NEWS SCOPE

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

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

March 2026



Words From Our Pastor

We are Marching into a new month family. (Did you see what I did there?) We are now in the heart of the Lenten season and I am grateful for this season of repentance and reflection as we make our way to the celebration of our Lord's resurrection! This month we will be continuing through our WWJD series in Wednesday night bible study and I pray you are already being stretched and challenged by the material. If you need a copy of Pastor Tyra's book, we still have a few available in the church office. At the end of this month, our clergy team will lead us in a special Holy Week Experience on March 31st that will provide a new twist on our typical Good Friday services- you won't want to miss this. Finally, we also celebrate the women of our church in the month of March and I am looking forward to our annual Women's Day on Sunday, March 15th! We will be blessed with a powerful word from Dr. Diamond Brooks and I'm looking forward to watching our sisters show out and lead us on this special day. May the Lord bless you and keep you as we finish the first quarter of the year strong!

We celebrate Women's Day every year on the third Sunday of March. This year's theme is "Reflecting His Image: Beholding Christ, Becoming Like Him" (2 Corinthians 3:18), inspired by Pastor Mitchell's message to emulate Christ. On Women's Day, we honor women or a ministry that embody the theme and demonstrate servant leadership, keeping the tributes a surprise until Sunday. This year we are asking women to wear **shades of rose** and/or **champagne**.

Please see flyers in this newsletter for details and to register for upcoming events: "An Afternoon of Paint & Praise" and in partnership with GWC Ministries "Getting Your Affairs In Order"

Trustee Debbie Williams, Women's Planning Ministry

Scripture of the Issue:

**"Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised."
Proverbs 31:30**

Women's Ministry Spotlight

Our mission is to provide fellowship for the women of the church through a holistic approach that addresses the spiritual, social, and economic needs of women, the church, and the community. We strive to create a welcoming space where women can come together to engage in fun, meaningful, and spiritually uplifting events and activities that encourage growth in faith and a deeper belief in Christ. To get involved, you can attend the WPCM meeting which usually meets on the first Tuesday of the month in the 1st floor conference room at 6:00pm or via zoom. All women are welcome.

Women's Planning Ministry Presents

AN AFTERNOON
of
Praise and Paint

Join us for a beautiful afternoon of creativity, fellowship and worship as we come together to celebrate womanhood and faith through art and praise!

<i>Saturday</i> MARCH 14	31st Street Baptist Church Fellowship Hall 3:00pm-6:00pm <i>Sign Up Today Space is Limited!</i>
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THEME: *Reflecting His Image: Beholding Christ, Becoming Like Him*
2 Corinthians 3:18

\$25
per person

COME PAINT, PRAISE, AND
CONNECT WITH
YOUR SISTERS IN CHRIST.

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"GETTING YOUR AFFAIRS IN ORDER"

Helping individuals and families create comprehensive estate plans to protect their assets and secure their legacies.

THIS IS A FREE INFORMATION EVENT SPONSORED BY GWC Ministries & The Women's Planning Ministry of the 31st Street Baptist Church.

Topics Covered:

- Living Wills
- Last Will and Testament
- Estates
- Probate and Elder Law
- Funeral Planning
- Final Wishes
- Life Insurance (whole/term)
- Transfer on Death (TOD)
- Caregiver Needs
- Beneficiary Appointments
- Power of Attorney
- Retirement Planning

To register please message Rev. Gina G. Whitaker or use the link provided.
Deadline: March 18, 2026



**SATURDAY
MARCH 21, 2026
09:00AM-12:00PM**

**Continental
Breakfast
Provided**

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SHARE Saturday Community Outreach Giveaway Event

The next date for our
SHARE Saturday is
March 14, 2026

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Volunteers are always
welcomed and
appreciated and are
asked to arrive by 10:00
a.m.**



NOW HIRING

**Facilities/Campus
Manager**



31ST STREET BAPTIST CHURCH IS SEEKING A FACILITIES & CAMPUS MANAGER TO JOIN OUR DYNAMIC TEAM. THE FACILITIES & CAMPUS MANAGER ENSURES A WELCOMING AND WELL-MAINTAINED ENVIRONMENT FOR WORSHIP, EVENTS, AND DAILY OPERATIONS.

INTERESTED? CONTACT A TRUSTEE OR EMAIL: info@31sbc.org



Important Dates

- Mar 1: COMMUNION Sunday
- Mar 3: WIDOWS SUPPORT MINISTRY MEETING
1 PM 1st flr Conf Rm

1st Tuesday EMERGE Young Adult Bible Study
6 PM 2nd Flr Conf Rm
- Mar 12 & 26: PROGRESSIVE LEAGUE MEETING
1 PM Fellowship Hall
- Mar 14: SHARE Saturday
(Community Outreach Giveaway Event)
11 AM to 1 PM Fellowship Hall
- Mar 15: WOMEN'S Sunday
- Mar 29: PALM Sunday / MISSIONS MINISTRY Sunday
- Apr 5: RESURRECTION (EASTER) Sunday

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)

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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