



31st NEWS SCOPE

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

June 2025



Words From Our Pastor

Greetings Family! As we slide into the summer time and continue in our "Year of Growth" we are excited to spotlight our young people throughout the month of June. Join us for our annual Children and Youth Day celebration on June 8th as we celebrate all of the accomplishments of our students during this school year! The following week we invite members and friends of all ages to join us for our nightly Vacation Bible School experiences here at the church and to celebrate our fathers on June 15th! We are also wrapping up registration for our Man Talk Summer Academy on July 21-25 in partnership with 31st Cares Inc. for young men in 6th - 8th grade. Please register your student today! To volunteer for the Man Talk Summer Academy, please send an email to info@31sbc.org. Looking forward to an incredible month and can't wait to see you in the sanctuary!

Scripture of the Issue:

"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." Colossians 3:13 (NIV)

Ministry Spotlight: The Deacon Body

As one of the two biblical offices of the Christian Church, Deacons are an ordained group of individuals that are partners with the Pastor and support the Pastor's leadership, vision, and mission. Deacons assist the Pastor with the administration of the ordinances of the church, Baptism and Holy Communion. The Deacons' primary responsibility is congregational care. Congregational care focuses on providing support to members of the church. Some examples of congregational care are supporting members during grief/bereavement, prayer request, check-in's (by phone, email, text) etc. Each Deacon is assigned to members based on their last name. Those assignments can be located in this publication, on the church website and in the church office.

If you need to contact your Deacon, please call the church office or send an email to: deaconsbody@31sbc.org.

The 31SBC Deacon Body

Pictured left to right, front row (assigned last names):

Gloria Barnes (Bas-Bro), Jackie Johnson (Jon-Lo), Beverly Wynn (We-Z), Lorraine Claiborne (Co-Dr), Alisha Winston (Tu-Wa), Kimberley Johnson (Ma-Mu), Sharon Gray (Gri-He)

Pictured left to right, back row (assigned last names):

Durwynn Boynes (Bry-CI), John Cunningham (Du-Gre), Rodregus Porter (Pr-Ru), Emmitt Thomas (Sa-Su), Al Baker (A-Bar), Freddie Oliver (Ne-Po)

Not pictured:

Sandra Hansboro (Hi-Joh), Dewvaul Tracy, III (Ta-Tr)





Register for Vacation Bible School at 31sbc.org or using the QR code below



Why is the world such a messy place? How does Jesus respond to our messiest moments? Join us for VBS 2025 from June 9th - June 12th. to answer these questions and several others. Snacks will be served 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. nightly. Participate in nightly messy dress attire if you wish. Themes: Mismatched Monday (ever wanted to wear that purple and orange plaid shirt with your green /yellow striped pants?); Technicolor Tuesday-show off your favorite color by wearing it from head to toe; Wrinkled Wednesday (don't touch that iron; and Themeless Thursday (wear your favorite T-shirt). Team awards for "Messiest" will be presented to winning classes. Mark your calendars!

Important Dates

- **June 3:** 1st Tuesday EMERGE Young Adult Bible Study 6:00 PM (2nd Flr Conf Rm)
- **June 3:** Little People Choir Rehearsal 6 PM (Sanctuary)
- **June 8:** Children & Youth Day Celebration AND Extravaganza
- **June 9-12*:** Vacation Bible School
- **June 14:** Outreach Ministry Event 11:00 AM
- **June 15:** Father's Day
- **June 19:** Juneteenth

*date correction

Community Outreach Event

Our next monthly Community Outreach Mission Event will occur on Saturday, June 14, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A list of items needed is in the narthex. This will be a monthly event on 2nd Saturdays. Volunteers are needed to distribute flyers, to help with the set up and the distribution. A box will be in the narthex for donations. Event Contacts: Trustee Emeritus Carolyn Brown and Rev. Jan Roane.

Annual Children & Youth Day

We will celebrate our Annual Children & Youth Day on Sunday, June 8, 2025 during morning worship. Our high school graduates will lead worship and we will recognize all of our young people. We will have our Children's Day Extravaganza after service (12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.) in the small parking lot. We will have music, food, fun and fellowship for all. Please join us.

Parents are asked to submit recognition information, to include student's name, age, grade and achievements, to Lisa Gibbs at studentministry@31sbc.org by no later than Wednesday, May 28, 2025.

Help the Missions Ministry



The Missionaries need your help. They are collecting the most needed items of shelf stable milk (powdered and can milk) and peanut butter for donation to FeedMore. The collections will run from June 1st - June 22nd.

Have a submission for 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 31SBC Line Dancers 6:00 PM 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)

Check out our digital platforms!



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