



31st NEWS SCOPE

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

July 2025



Words From Our Pastor

Greetings Family! We are officially in the summer season and this month we are turning up the heat! I'm excited to start a new "Summer Playlist" series where we are growing through messages found in some of our favorite songs and movies. I am also looking forward to celebrating the men of our congregation on the fourth Sunday of the month for Men's Day 2025! As a reminder, this seventh month of the year is also a time of sabbath for our Christian educators and we will be suspending our Wednesday night bible study during the month of July. Finally, in an attempt to remain comfortable in the rising temperatures, we encourage you to dress "reverently relaxed" in the sanctuary for the remainder of the summer. Drink your water, invite a friend and we'll see you in the sanctuary!

Scripture of the Issue: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)

Ministry Spotlight: Men of the Village

Men of the Village Men's Ministry is a multigenerational group of 31st Street Baptist Church males unified and committed to making disciples and making a difference through sound Biblical doctrine and healthy relationships.

Since the relaunch in January of 2024, the Men of the Village have taken part in several events. We met at The Park RVA for an afternoon outing and at Cold Harbor Restaurant for our Men's Fellowship Breakfast. We also planned and executed a successful Men's Day Celebration in July of 2024 where we displayed our new Men of the Village polo shirts.

This month, we will have our annual Men's Day Experience 2025. The theme this year will be "*Growing with a Purpose*." The experience will include three opportunities for men to engage:

Men in Study

On Wednesday, July 23, 2025, from 6PM to 7PM there will be an all men virtual Bible Study. The guest facilitator will be the Rev. Dr. Patrick Bland, Pastor of the Mt. Pero Baptist Church in Powhatan, Virginia.

Men at Play

On Friday, July 25, 2025, the men will meet at the Diamond, Segra Picnic Zone, at 5:30PM to enjoy a food buffet before the first pitch at 6:35PM. The buffet includes hamburgers, hot dogs, pulled pork, mac and cheese, pasta salad, cole slaw, and non-alcoholic drinks. Buffet will also be available one hour into the game. The cost for a reserved field level seat along with the buffet is \$34 per person. If you plan to attend, please email mensministry@31sbc.org or text 804-921-1556 by July 10, 2025.

Men in Worship

On Sunday, July 27, 2025, at 10:30 AM we will conclude with a spirit-filled worship experience. Everyone is asked to wear **shades of blue**.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about the ministry, please email mensministry@31sbc.org or call the church office. Deacon Freddie Oliver, Jr., Co-Chair Lay Leader A. Ramon Moore, Co-Chair

Pastoral Anniversary Souvenir Booklet

All are invited to place an ad in the 5th Pastoral Anniversary Souvenir Booklet. Individuals, families, businesses, and entrepreneurs are welcome to submit an ad with congratulatory remarks and/or information promoting their business. The cost is detailed below:

Front Inside Cover: \$500.00
 Inside Back Cover: \$300.00
 Back Outside Cover: \$500.00
 Gold Sponsors Section: \$200.00
 Full Page: \$125.00
 Half Page: \$100.00
 Quarter Page: \$75.00
 Business Card (1/8 page): \$50.00



*Ad sales will conclude and must be paid in full and finalized by **Sunday, August 3rd.***
 Please contact the church office for more information on submitting an ad.

Important Dates

- **July 12: Community Outreach Distribution Event**
11 AM to 1 PM
Fellowship Hall
- **July 20: RSVP Deadline for Pastoral Anniversary Brunch**
(Tickets are \$50/person and are on sale now.)
- **July 21-25: Man Talk RVA Summer Academy**
- **July 23: Men in Study**
- **July 25: Men at Play**
- **July 27: Men in Worship / Annual Men's Day**
- **August 29: Pastoral Anniversary Revival Night**
- **August 30: Pastoral Anniversary Brunch**
- **August 31: 5th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration**

Check out our digital platforms!



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Community Outreach Event

Our next monthly Community Outreach Mission Event will occur on Saturday, July 12, 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.

We Need YOU for the Membership Video Directory Project

Pastor Mitchell would like a visual reference in the form of a membership directory. Please meet Sis. Paris Boynes on the second floor wall side wing near the baptismal pool, to be QUICKLY documented every Sunday following the Divine Worship Service. Thanks for your participation, as this is HIS gift request for the 5th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration Experience next month.



Let Us Pray for You

Personal and private prayer will be available each Sunday following Worship Service. Just be seated on the front pew on the window side in the sanctuary and a minister will greet you. Be abundantly blessed!

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) - NO BIBLE STUDY THIS MONTH

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



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