



31st NEWS SCOPE

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

September 2025



Words From Our Pastor

Words cannot express how grateful my family and I are to have experienced the incredible "Fifth Dimension" celebration for our 5th Pastoral Anniversary. I felt the love of our congregation from the time I walked into worship on Friday night and am blown away by your testimonies and expressions, generosity, and every effort made to make the weekend what it was! THANK YOU FAMILY! We love you and there is nothing you can do about it.

As we SHIFT into the month of the September and officially say our goodbyes to summer, I'm excited to start a new series entitled "Growing Pains" where we will examine some of the painful, but sometimes necessary, elements of growth through the story of Abraham, Sarah, and Lot. The series will culminate with our Praise On The Block experience on Sunday, September 28th as we take the power and message of Christ from the sanctuary to the streets! We will be having worship at 9:00 a.m. that Sunday morning and will spend the rest of the morning engaging our community with a block party that has something for brothers and sisters of all ages! We also will begin our budgeting process for the 2026 Church Year and are asking ministries to provide any budget requests for next year to the church office or via email to info@31sbc.org no later than September 23rd. We are looking forward to a powerful month as we continue to grow with God and one another.

Scripture of the Issue:

"Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart."

Psalms 37:4 (ESV)

girl scouts

***It's Girl Scout time here at
31st Street Baptist Church!***

Adventure Awaits!

We are looking for girls in grades Kindergarten thru Twelve. Adults are needed too!

JOIN NOW

Our first meeting is:
Tuesday, September 9th
5:30 PM to 6:45 PM
Fellowship Hall

Financial assistance is available to cover registration.

For more information, please contact:
Deacon Jackie Johnson 804-921-5146

WINTER CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

All fall submissions for Church announcements have now closed! We're now accepting all Winter announcements for the months of December, January, and February due by Nov. 30th. Kudos and thank yous can be submitted at anytime and will be displayed for 3 weeks before/after Sunday worship.

To submit: visit our website ("REQUEST" > Announcements"), call the office, or email:
media@31sbc.org



www.31sbc.org



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Community Outreach Event

Thank you church family for your contributions and to the volunteers who helped us with our Community Outreach Give Away Event in August. Our next distribution event will be on **Saturday, September 13, 2025, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** The list of items needed is in the narthex. These items may be placed in containers in the narthex. **We are not accepting clothing donations at this time and will notify you when we resume. We are requesting a donation of a new apartment size combo washer and dryer. We are also requesting a donation of a new medium freezer.** We will distribute items on both **Saturday, September 13th** and **Sunday, September 28th**. This mission project is open to the entire congregation and is a church wide mission project. Both male and female volunteers are needed to help with distribution of flyers, spreading the word about this event, setting up and cleaning up and to be hosts and hostesses. See Trustee Emeritus Carolyn Brown or Rev. Jan Roane for more information or email janice.roane@31sbc.org.

Important Dates

- **September 7th: Children's Church Moving Up Ceremony**
Fellowship Hall
- **September 9th: Girl Scouts 1st Meeting**
5:30 PM Fellowship Hall
- **Little People Choir Rehearsal**
6:45 PM Sanctuary
- **September 12th: EMERGE Y.A.M Ice Cream Lab Social**
- **September 13th: Community Outreach Event**
11 AM Fellowship Hall
- **September 14th: Youth Sunday**
10:30 AM Sanctuary
- **September 19th: Early Voting for General Election Begins**
- **September 23rd: Ministry Budget Requests Due**
Email to info@31sbc.org
- **September 28th: Praise on the Block**
9 AM
Church Parking Lot

Please note service time change of 9 AM
Community Outreach Event will begin after the worship experience.

Check out our digital platforms!



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We want to see your Back to School Pics!
Email pictures or videos to media@31sbc.org.
(For Youth Sunday, so don't delay. Send them NOW!)



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**

Thursday Noon Prayer 12 Noon Virtual Sanctuary**

**Zoom link available at www.31sbc.org → About → Welcome Home! – Virtual Sanctuary



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