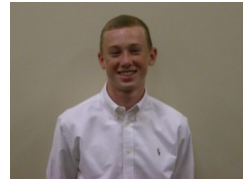


WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH



Justin David Lane
223 Magnolia Place
Baptism



Chelsea Loggia
8229 Georgia Southern University
Letter



Dr. John Waters
Pastor



In a world filled with so much sadness and hopelessness, we carry the wonderful news of Jesus Christ. The story of Jesus is called the "gospel," which means "good news." Do you know of someone who needs some good news? Do you or your family need some good news? This Sunday we celebrate Easter—the day of Christ's resurrection. Both of our morning worship services will be a great time of remembering and celebrating the difference that Jesus makes in our lives. He said "I am the resurrection and the life" to remind us that we can have hope during hopelessness and peace during turmoil.

Various studies have shown that the number one reason most people attend a new church is that a friend asked them to come. That's the power of a personal invitation. Our church runs newspaper ads, maintains a web site, and advertises in multiple ways, but nothing is more effective than you inviting someone to be your personal guest for a day of worship at First Baptist Church. Don't just tell the person where the church is located and what time the service begins—arrange to meet your friend at the door and plan to sit with him/her during the service. There is no better day to invite a friend or neighbor to worship than on Easter Sunday. Will you practice the "ministry of inviting"? You may just be surprised at how easy and effective it is to share your faith simply by inviting someone to be your personal guest on Sunday.

Starting a Church from Scratch

When we talk about possibly "planting a church" in Statesboro, it means nothing more than "starting a church from scratch." This phrase was used by our guest speaker this past Sunday night to remind us of how simple and biblical this process is. Given the thousands of unchurched and unreached families of Statesboro and Bulloch County, starting a church from scratch would be another means of reaching out in the name of Christ. If we accept this challenge, our goal would be to send out Stewart Moody as the new church planter/pastor sometime in the fall, with the goal of the new church holding Sunday services next spring, sometime around March 2012. The location of the new church is not yet determined, so that decision would be made later in this calendar year.

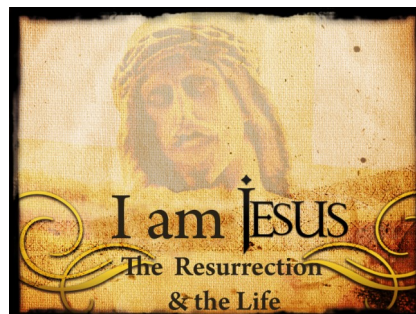
Why would we start a new church while we are building a new sanctuary? Even though we are building a larger sanctuary, First Baptist alone cannot reach every family. The new sanctuary is simply a tool to reach more families for the Lord, and starting a new church is another avenue to do the same.

What is the cost? The impact to our church budget will be minimal, and the tentative plan is to provide Stewart Moody's salary as the new church planter/pastor through the first few months of the launch of the new church. We may provide some administrative help, office space, copying, etc., but no other monies will be added to the budget.

Continue to pray about the possibility of starting a new church in our area.

Please let me or our Church Planting Leadership Team know of any questions you have as we seek God's direction in this exciting opportunity. To view some Questions & Answers about church planting, visit our website at fbc-statesboro.org.

This Sunday:



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CALENDAR

CHURCH MAIN LINE
(912) 764-5627
PRAYER LINE 489-5371

Sunday, April 24

- 7:00 a.m. Mission Action Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. Early Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Library Open
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- Korean Worship
- Worship Broadcast Channel 2
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir
- 5:30 p.m. Library Open

Monday, April 25

- 6:00 a.m. Worship
- Rebroadcast Channel 30
- 11:30 a.m. Library Open
- 1:30 p.m. Celebration Singers
- 5:30 p.m. Exercise

Tuesday, April 26

- 6:00 a.m. Worship
- Rebroadcast Channel 30
- 10:00 a.m. Exercise
- 1:00 p.m. Caring Threads

Wednesday, April 27

- 5:00 p.m. Dinner Line Opens
- Library Open
- 5:30 p.m. Preschool & Children's Choirs
- 6:30 p.m. The Gathering (Youth)
- 6:45 p.m. Midweek on Main St.
- Bible Studies
- CIA & Mission Friends
- Celebration Choir and Orchestra Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Korean Service
- 8:00 p.m. College Prayer & Praise

Thursday, April 28

- 6:00 a.m. Worship
- Rebroadcast Channel 30
- 5:30 p.m. Exercise



April 17, 2011

Sunday School..... 911
Morning Worship Services..... 1167

Weekly Receipts

Budget Needs\$50,961.53
Budget Receipts\$44,788.68
Designated Gifts.....\$3,573.79
God Is Faithful Gifts.....\$6,903.00

Year to Date as of 03-31-2011

Budget Needs\$662,499.94
Budget Receipts\$568,134.51
Budget Expenses.....\$592,728.16

Capital Campaign ... God Is Faithful

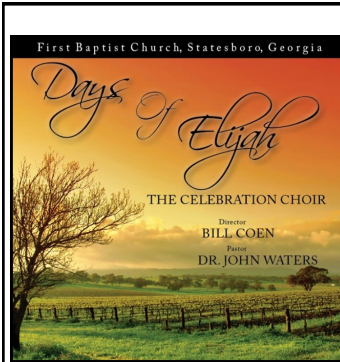
Total Pledged.....\$4,450,602
Total Receipts\$1,556,649

Sanctuary Memorial Items

Total Receipts\$140,050

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Total Receipts\$8,612.03



The First Baptist **Celebration Choir's** new CD Has just been released with many of our favorite songs sung in our worship services, including.

- "Days of Elijah"
- "A Mighty Fortress"
- "My God"
- "Child Forgiven"
- "Lord God Almighty"
- "The Lord is My Light"
- "Trumpet of Jesus"
- "The Anchor Holds"
- "Alpha and Omega"

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Copies are available for \$15 in the music office during the week and on Easter Sunday in the Multi-Purpose Room during the fellowship time and following the 11:00 service in the Fellowship Hall lobby.

Previously recorded CD's
I WILL SING PRAISE and I WILL EXALT YOU
are also now available.



Building:

Dr. J. Curtis Lane, Mr. Joseph Olson,
Mrs. Janice Gracen, Mr. James Gay, Sr.

Fellowship:

Mrs. Janice Gracen

IN MEMORIAM	IN MEMORIAM	IN MEMORIAM
Janice Gracen	Tommy Nasworthy	Mary Phelps
June 2, 1944	October 13, 1926	July 1, 1944
April 13, 2011	April 17, 2011	April 19, 2011

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP

The flowers are given this Sunday to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jimmy Prosser by Mooney, Dot, Mike, Debbie and Emily Prosser.

The Gardenia is placed on the organ in loving memory of Charlotte Lane Brannen by her family.





In recognition of Administrative Professional's Day on Wednesday, May 27th, we express appreciation and gratitude to the administrative staff of our church for their excellent work. Thank you very much for all you do for the ministry of First Baptist.

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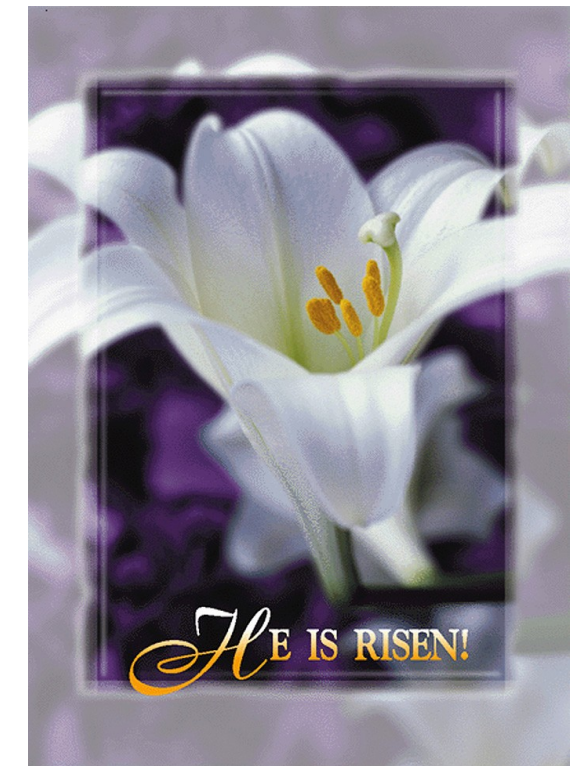
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Easter Sunday Schedule

Worship Service 8:30 am & 11:00 am

Korean Service 11:00 am

Invite a Friend to join you at one of our services

No Evening Service—Enjoy the time with your family

Upcoming Events

Graduate Sunday



Graduate Sunday will be here soon. We are asking that you turn in pictures for our presentation. We will need:

- 1 wallet size formal senior photograph
- 4 to 5 "growing up" photographs

You will receive these photographs back, so please bring originals, especially the formal senior picture. If you have any questions please contact Susan in the Student Ministry Office at 489-7930 or childrensministry@fbc-statesboro.org.

SafeWATCH

Wednesday, April 27 at 5:30
2nd Floor KidzPlace
Room 220

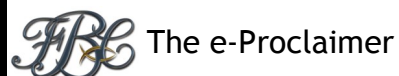
Every effort MUST be made to be at this meeting if you are working with children in any capacity!

National Day of Prayer

May 5
11:30 am
Courthouse Lawn

Lunch & Bible Study with the Pastor

April 26 at 11:30 am
Perry Fellowship Hall



The e-Proclaimer

Over the past few months, many of you have received our weekly newsletter, *The Proclaimer* by e-mail. This is a tremendous help as we utilize technology to effectively and inexpensively communicate the events of FBC. Starting May 1st, we will only provide a printed copy of *The Proclaimer* if you do not have an e-mail address or you notify the Church Office of your preference to receive a mailed copy. Thank you.

First Baptist Church Kidz Morning Out Summer Program For Ages 1 year to 5 years

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
1st Session—June 14—July 2
No KMO July 5-9
2nd Session July 12-30
\$125.00/session
Tuition is per session.

There is no registration or activity fee.

To sign-up get in contact with
Gwen Wilson or Becky Cobler
@ 489-7926



VBS
June 6-10, 2011
Don't forget to sign up for
Big Apple Adventure
on-line at
fbc-statesboro.org

Church History Committee Needs You!

Our Church History Committee needs your help! You don't need to be a "historian" to volunteer. All kinds of skills are needed: scrapbooking, organizing records, collecting memories, finding information, computer skills (all levels), photography, writing/editing, etc. No age requirement—we have tasks for the young and the young-at-heart. If you are willing we can show you how to help. We will begin some special projects this summer, so now is the time to sign up. Please contact Iris Durden, Church History Committee Chair, for more information or to volunteer. Phone—587-2553 or email ibdurden@gmail.com.

INFORMATION SESSIONS (drop-in)
AVERITT ROOM
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 5-6 pm
SUNDAY, MAY 1, 5-6 pm