



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
STATESBORO**

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30am
11:00am

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45am

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00pm

WEDNESDAY

All Wednesday night activities this week will be held at Mill Creek Park starting at 5:30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us for food and fellowship.

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May 7, 2017

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From the Pastor

The popular, former radio commentator Paul Harvey has been quoted as saying, "You can always tell when you are on the road to success; it's uphill all the way." Haven't we all learned that some of the most important things in life require effort, diligence, and lots of work? The easy way is rarely the best way, which is a truth that applies to life, vocation, and family.

It also applies to a church.

One of our commitments at First Baptist Statesboro is to be a church of all ages with families of all shapes and sizes. That is certainly not the easy way; instead, it is uphill all the way. In a day when people "want it their way," I am so pleased to be part of a church where we set aside our personal preferences so that people from all age groups and backgrounds can worship and serve together.

For more than 130 years, this church has traveled uphill by reaching each generation as it came along. New generations bring new ideas, but First Baptist Statesboro has remained faithful in reaching families for Christ through the decades.

Change is inevitable—whether it's from the impact of WWII in the 1940s, the social revolutions of the 1960s, the Baby Boomers of the 1990s, or the Millennials who seemed to be everywhere today. Faithful churches remain committed to their mission, even if it requires them to journey uphill.

One of the strengths of this congregation is that we are anchored to the value of reaching multiple generations simultaneously. That certainly is not the easy way, but it is the biblical way. Older families need to worship with younger adults, and young families need the interaction with older adults. Simply put, we all need one another.

Let's keep moving forward together—all ages from all family types—worshiping and serving the Lord as one church. It's an uphill journey for sure, but well worth the effort. Are you ready for the journey?

-- John Waters

Today at FBC

How to Forgive and Forget
Dr. John Waters

- Open Up The Heavens
- How Great Is Our God
- Lord I Need You
- I Stand Amazed in The Presence
- I Want Jesus to Walk With Me



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CHURCH WIDE

Family Fun Night at Mill Creek

--- Celebrate the end of another great year in music and missions; Wednesday night May 10; 5:30 - 7:30pm; Mill Creek Park.

Boots & Bandanas

--- May 21; 6:00pm; Appreciation dinner for all Sunday School Leaders & Guest Services Volunteers

Mother's Day

---Be sure to be here next Sunday as we celebrate Mother's day; photographers will be on hand to take family pictures at the elevator lobby as well as the Perry Fellowship Hall entrance.

SENIOR ADULT

Young at Heart Luncheon

--- Tuesday, May 9; \$7 per person; Lunch served at 12:00pm; Join us for Spring Fling with special music from David Brinson, Lisa Muldrew and Nancy Riggs.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Celebration Singers

---Join us tonight for special selections from our Celebration Singers; 6:00pm; 5:15 rehearsal in the worship center.

Music Camp

--- June 5-9 noon - 4:00pm; \$75 per child. More information and registration is available at fbc-statesboro.org.


WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Praise Moves: The Christian Alternative to Yoga

--- Mondays @ 5:30pm; Tuesdays @ 9:30 & 11:00am; Thursdays @ 11:00am & 5:30pm; Fridays @ 9:30am; All classes held in the Historic Sanctuary.

---We express our deepest sympathy to Dr. and Mrs. Lynn Batten and family in the loss of his father and to Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Olson in the death of their son.

Look for FBC Statesboro on the YouVersion Bible app Events and follow along with Dr. John's sermon each Sunday



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Vacation Bible School 2017

--- Galactic Starveyors VBS; June 5-9; 9:00am - 12:00pm Register online at fbc-statesboro.org.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Graduate Sunday

--- May 21; 11:00am; High School Senior Recognition. Luncheon for seniors and their families will be served at noon in the Perry Fellowship Hall.

FBSM Six Flags Trip

--- May 31; \$35 due at sign up.

FBSM Rafting Trip

--- New for Summer 2017; Rafting the Ocoee July 12-15; \$75 - register before May 27.

Rock The Universe

--- September 8-10; Universal Studios Florida; \$90 due at sign up.

COLLEGE MINISTRY

Mayday: Where Is God when Life Hurts?

--- Sunday Morning Bible Study each Sunday in May; 9:45am in the Historic Sanctuary.

FBC ON MISSION

Mission Israel 2017

--- Mission trip to Israel this October; if interested contact Dave Parker at (912) 489-7911 for more information; deadline to sign up is May 15.

FOR THE RECORD - APRIL 30, 2017

Attendance	
Morning Worship.....	982
Sunday School.....	710

Gifts Received	
General.....	\$46,004.80
Designated.....	\$3,224.00
Building.....	\$10,216.00

Year-to-Date General Fund	
Receipts.....	\$910,702.80
Goal.....	\$1,028,284.56

Spring Missions Offering	
Total Given.....	\$22,901.15

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