



## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STATESBORO

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30am  
11:00am

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45am

### EVENING WORSHIP

6:00pm

### WEDNESDAY

6:30pm Adult Bible Studies  
6:30pm Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal

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October 15, 2017

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## From the Pastor

### **What Is a Deacon?**

When the Apostle Paul established churches during the time of the New Testament, he told church leaders to choose faithful men to serve as deacons as part of the congregation. First Baptist Church Statesboro has various men serving as deacons, but what does that mean? What do deacons do?

The word "deacon" means "servant." The Bible says, "deacons must be reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy for money, holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience. But let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons, being found blameless. Likewise, their wives must be reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things. Let deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well" (1 Timothy 3:8-12).

It is interesting to note that the Bible puts far more emphasis on the character of deacons than upon their responsibilities. Apparently, knowing who a deacon is "to be" must come before what a deacon is "to do."

Deacons at First Baptist Statesboro serve alongside me and our ministerial staff in caring for and leading our congregation. They provide counsel to me personally, and they assist in visiting church members as part of the larger pastoral care ministry of the church. I love them and respect them highly, and our congregation is stronger and healthier because of the faithful service of our deacons.

### **Deacon Ordination**

Our church recently chose John Keene to begin serving as a first-time deacon, and we will ordain him during the 6:00 pm worship service tonight. Ordination is a way of acknowledging God's special work in a person's life, and it demonstrates the church's support of what God has called that person to do and to be. I trust you will be present tonight for this special service for John and DeAnna Keene and family.

--- John Waters

## Today at FBC

### **The Message of the Lord's Supper**

I Corinthians 11:23-26

- The Wonderful Cross
- Nothing But The Blood
- The Blood of Jesus Speaks For Me
- It Is Well Amy Taulbee
- Remembrance Rhon Carter
- At The Cross

## FALL FESTIVAL

FREE FOOD - INFLATABLES  
RIDES - GAMES!

OCTOBER 25, 2017  
5:00-8:00pm  
LOWER PARKING LOT



HELPING YOU START & STRENGTHEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

# THE PROCLAIMER



## WELCOME

### Thank you for joining us today!

---If this is your first time joining us, we want to get to know you better. Fill out the welcome card and bring it to the welcome desk after the service.

## CHURCH WIDE

### Family Night Supper

---No Family Night Supper Wednesday October 18.

### Church Conference

---October 22; after evening worship.

### Fair Workers Ministry

---We are accepting monetary donations to fund the Fair Workers lunch on the 17th.

### Backpacks of Hope

---\$5 backpacks available for sale in the elevator lobby.

### Lunch and Bible Study with the Pastor

---October 24; 12:00pm.

## MEMBERSHIP

### Requesting Church Membership

---First Baptist Church would like to welcome David, Jennifer, Hailey and Austin Jarriel.

## SYMPATHY

---We express our deepest sympathy to the families of Mrs. Opal Carico and to Mrs. Alice Johnson in the loss of her sister, Martha Bentley.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### Fall Festival

---October 25; 5:00pm; lower parking lot behind FBC.

## STUDENT MINISTRY

### Great Pumpkin Hunt

---October 28; 5:00pm; sign up by October 18.

### Student Ministry Lunch

---October 29; after 11:00am worship.

### MOVE Conference

---December 29-30; Macon, GA; \$90 due.

### FBSM Ski Weekend 2018

---January 12-15, 2018; information & sign-up online.

## COLLEGE MINISTRY

### Passion Conference

---January 1-3, 2018; Philips Arena; \$50 deposit to register.

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

### Senior Adults to Andersonville

---November 16; \$99; sign up by October 29.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### Celebration Choir and Orchestra Practice

---Every Wednesday night @ 6:30 in the choir room.

### 55+ Adult Choir Practice

---Will not meet this week.

Look for First Baptist Church Statesboro on the You Version Bible app under the events tab and follow along today with Dr. John's sermon.



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The Bible App

## FOR THE RECORD - OCTOBER 8, 2017

### Attendance

Morning Worship.....1054  
Sunday School.....838

### Year-to-Date General Fund

Receipts.....\$2,123,245.18  
Goal.....\$2,342,203.72

### Gifts Received

General.....\$66,784.14  
Designated.....\$4,641.02  
Building.....\$6,813.00

### Long Term Debt

Balance Owed....\$ 2,838,676.93

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