



## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STATESBORO

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30am  
11:00am

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45am

### EVENING WORSHIP

6:00pm

### WEDNESDAY

5:00pm Fall Festival

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**October 22, 2017**

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## From the Pastor

### **Backpacks of Hope**

Nestled in the sweeping beauty of the Smoky Mountains is an ugly secret. As tourists wind their way up and down the highways of Appalachia, gazing across colorful meadows and misty mountain tops, they rarely see the breathtaking poverty among children who live there.

Hidden among famous places like the Blue Ridge Parkway and Clingmans Dome, and obscured by towns like Gatlinburg, Maggie Valley, and Cherokee are children and families drowning in poverty and scarcity. All across Appalachia, there are houses about to fall down inhabited by people who can barely stand up. The unspeakable drought of basic human necessities is easily forgotten, or worse, rarely ever seen.

But what can you do in the face of such poverty, brokenness, and lostness so close to home?

Each year, First Baptist Church Statesboro provides "Backpacks of Hope" for the children of Appalachia. You can participate by purchasing a backpack in the elevator lobby (or at the store) and filling it with items described on the list provided.

We hope to send around 400 backpacks to the children of Appalachia, so I trust you will join others in this effort to represent the name and love of Jesus in real, tangible ways. We will add a printed Gospel story to each backpack, so every child will receive not only practical and enjoyable items but also a message about Jesus.

Will you help us impact countless lives by providing one or more Backpacks of Hope? First Baptist Church is committed to making a difference in the lives of people across Bulloch County and across the globe. As you join in this effort, you are linking your heart and life to a purpose greater than yourself. As a church, we honor the Lord as we serve others, and I invite you to help us reach outward in this important effort.

--- John Waters

## Today at FBC

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.



- This I Believe
- The Lion and The Lamb
- 10,000 Reasons
- O Come to the Altar Caleb Vangiller
- Come As You Are

# 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 take a moment to meet our Pastor after the service.

## CHURCH WIDE

### Backpacks of Hope

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

### Church Conference

---October 22; after evening worship.

### Lunch and Bible Study with the Pastor

---October 24; 12:00pm.

### Family Night Supper

---No Family Night Supper Wednesday October 25.

## MEMBERSHIP

### Requesting Church Membership

---First Baptist Church would like to welcome Jessi Strickland.

## SYMPATHY

---We express our deepest sympathy to the families of Mr. Michael Hurst in the loss of his father and to the families of Mrs. Becky Waters in the loss of her mother, Edwina H. Williams.

## FLOWERS

---The flowers in the Welcome Area are given this Sunday to the glory of God and in loving memory of Trenton and Margaret NeSmith by the family; Howard and Gail NeSmith, Jon, Ginger, Tyler and Luke Willoughby and Billy, Kris, Finley and Sydney Blythe.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### Fall Festival

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

## STUDENT MINISTRY

### Great Pumpkin Hunt

---October 28; 5:00pm.

### 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

---No Choir or Orchestra Rehearsal this week..

### 55+ Adult Choir Practice

---Tuesday, October 24; 1:30pm.

## MEN'S MINISTRY

### Trail Life USA

---Monday nights at 6:30pm; second floor Kidz Place; open to all boys K-age 18.

## FOR THE RECORD - OCTOBER 15, 2017

### Attendance

Morning Worship..... 1119  
Sunday School..... 795

### Year-to-Date General Fund

Receipts.....\$2,167,755.83  
Goal.....\$2,399,330.64

### Gifts Received

General.....\$44,510.65  
Designated.....\$4,527.00  
Building.....\$7,217.00

### Long Term Debt

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

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