



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
STATESBORO**

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30am
11:00am

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45am

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

6:00pm

WEDNESDAY

There will be no Wednesday night activities this week.

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November 19, 2017

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From the Pastor

The practice of giving thanks with a spirit of gratitude is a key part of the Christian life. After all, we who have found God's grace should appreciate more than anyone else that we've received things we haven't worked for and enjoyed blessings we did not deserve. On this week of Thanksgiving, let me list a few items for which I am extremely grateful:

I am thankful for my family. None of us has perfect families, but the twists and turns of life that family members experience together link our lives to one another. Whether the times are good or bad, we journey in a web of relationships that God created in the Garden of Eden, otherwise known as a family. Cynthia and I have had a wonderful marriage journey of 33 years, and our two daughters, along with our two sons-in-law and two grandchildren, have been a gift from God. We truly are thankful.

I am thankful for First Baptist Church Statesboro. After 12 years of serving in Statesboro, I recognized how blessed I am to be here. With a rich heritage of missions and ministry, this church continues to push forward in obedience to God's command. I thank the Lord—and you—for allowing me to preach and teach and serve and lead among you.

I am thankful to live in Bulloch County. I've had the privilege to live in many places and to travel to many more, but I haven't found too many places better than Statesboro and Bulloch County, Georgia. With deep conservative, agricultural roots mixed with the dynamic of a large state university, this community has many opportunities for ministry and offers a wonderful place to live, work, and play.

I am thankful for God's grace. Above all, however, is my abiding gratitude for God's grace. Totally undeserved and unexpected, God's grace through Jesus saved me as a child and sustains me each day. What are you thankful for today?

--- John Waters

Today at FBC

How to Show Gratitude for Jesus

Mark 5:1-20

- Open Up The Heavens
- Give Thanks
- Psalm 136
- Great Is Thy Faithfulness
- Oh My Soul David Brinson
- How Great Is Our God

**THANKSGIVING
POTLUCK
FELLOWSHIP**

**PERRY FELLOWSHIP HALL
NOVEMBER 19
6:00-8:00PM**



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

Thanksgiving Potluck

---November 19; 6:00pm; Perry Fellowship Hall; bring your best dish and join the FBC Family for supper.

Church Offices Closed

---Church offices are closed Wednesday, November 22 - Friday, November 24.

Family Night Supper

---No Family Night Supper Wednesday, November 22.

Christmas Poinsettias

---Poinsettias will be available for purchase this Christmas season for only \$10.

Christmas In Bulloch

---Families Adopt Families and provide gifts for Christmas in Bulloch; sign up today in the Elevator Lobby.

Bus Ministry Volunteers Needed

---Sunday mornings full-time and part-time positions; contact Ronnie Hight at 912-536-4757.

Church Conference

---Sunday night December 3; after evening worship.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Caring Threads

---Tuesdays @ 10-11:30am; We need willing hearts and hands to join us in room B303.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Journey to Bethlehem

---December 13; Freddy Blich Farms; 6:00pm.

STUDENT MINISTRY

MOVE Conference

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

FBSM Ski Weekend 2018

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

IMPACT Camp

---June 11-15, 2018; \$50 deposit; sign-up online.

COLLEGE MINISTRY

Passion Conference

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

MUSIC MINISTRY

Celebration Choir and Orchestra Practice

---No choir or orchestra practice this week.

55+ Adult Choir Practice

---Will not meet Tuesday, November 22.

Jacob Johnson In Concert

---Sunday December 3; 6:00pm; Worship Center.

Shelly E. Johnson In Concert

---Sunday December 10; 6:00pm; Worship Center; joined by FBC Choirs.

An Instrumental Christmas

---Sunday December 17; 6:00pm; Worship Center.

SYMPATHY

---We express our deepest sympathy to Kay Nay in the loss of her mother, Betty June Lanier.

FOR THE RECORD - NOVEMBER 12, 2017

Attendance

Morning Worship.....1079
Sunday School.....823

Year-to-Date General Fund

Receipts.....\$2,363,668.44
Goal.....\$2,627,838.32

Gifts Received

General.....\$51,876.80
Designated.....\$3,778.79
Building.....\$7,528.00

Long Term Debt

Balance Owed....\$ 2,796,298.01

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