From the Pastor

Christmas Eve at First Baptist Church
There are many special days during the year when we gather for worship, but Christmas Eve has a unique place among them all. All month long we've been preparing for Christmas, so the night before Christmas Day is a culminating point of worship, reflection, and excitement.

Please remember that we will have two evening worship services tonight:
- Family Nativity Service at 5:00 pm—This service is geared for children and families of all ages. There will be some videos, children's music, and a recap of this year in our FBC Kidz Ministry. The highlight of the service is the live nativity presented by our fourth graders.
- Candlelight Communion Service at 6:30 pm—More formal and reflective in nature, the Candlelight Communion Service features beautiful instrumental music as well as the Lord's Supper.

Given the nature of the evening, no child care is provided for either service. I look forward to seeing you, your family, and your invited guests at one of our Christmas Eve services tonight.

4 Priorities to Consider
In January, I will be talking about four potential priorities that I want our church to consider adopting. I believe these four priorities will build upon our great traditions at First Baptist Statesboro while keeping us focused on the future. The four priorities I want us to consider are:
- Sunday School / small groups
- Eliminating the debt on the worship center
- New missions partnerships in Georgia, our nation, and internationally
- Transforming and serving our local community

I will be talking about one of these potential priorities on each of the four Sundays of January, and I look forward to sharing what the Lord has laid upon my heart over the past several months. I pray this will be a time to honor the wonderful past ministry of our church and to press forward into the days ahead.

--- John Waters

Today at FBC

Christmas: A Beautiful Birth
Luke 2:1-7 (p. 1179)

- Hark The Herald Angels Sing
- Angels We Have Heard On High
- Silent Night
- Offering
- Away In A Manger
- Mary Did You Know

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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
Church Office Closed
---Church office will be closed December 25 - January 1.
End of Year Giving
---Your giving to the ministry of First Baptist church provides 100% of the resources for our church. To qualify as a tax deductible contribution, your gift must be received in the financial office or postmarked no later that December 31. Online and mobile gifts must also be made before midnight on December 31.

SYMPATHY
---We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Frank Rozier in the loss of his mother, Julia S. Rozier.

STUDENT MINISTRY
IMPACT Camp
---June 11-15, 2018; $50 deposit; sign-up online.

MUSIC MINISTRY
Ernie Haase and Signature Sound
---Sunday January 21; 6:00pm; Worship Center.

MEN’S MINISTRY
Wild Game Supper
---January 25; now accepting donations of wild game, call Ricky Allen at 912.489.7922 for more information.

MEMBERSHIP
Requesting Church Membership
---First Baptist Church would like to welcome Phillip Sommer.

POINSETTIAS
---Poinsettias have been given this Christmas in memory of Nolan & Shirley Brown, John & Sybil Hagan, Ralph Andrews, Betty Scarborough, Mary Ann Green, Madge C. Bond and Betty Lanier.

---Poinsettias have been given in honor of Emily Fennell, Pat Gillis and Mary Abercrombie.

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FOR THE RECORD - DECEMBER 17, 2017
Attendance
Morning Worship..............1013
Sunday School...............726

Year-to-Date General Fund
Receipts..................$2,707,775.97
Goal.........................$2,913,472.92

Gifts Received
General....................$131,794.60
Designated.................$10,777.00
Building.....................$27,128.00

Long Term Debt
Balance Owed............$2,768,729.64

Lottie Moon Missions Offering
To Date.....................$28,328.15

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