



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
STATESBORO**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

10:00 am

**FAMILY CHRISTMAS  
EVE SERVICE**

5:00 pm

**CANDLELIGHT  
CHRISTMAS EVE**

6:30 pm

**WEDNESDAY**

No Mid Week on Main St. activities this  
Wednesday Night.

Mid Week activities resume January 10.

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**December 24, 2017**

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**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

*Christmas Eve  
at FBC*

Family Christmas Eve Service

5:00 pm

Candlelight Communion Service

6:30 pm



Morning Worship Service  
10:00 am  
No Sunday School

**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

### 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 than 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.

## FOR THE RECORD - DECEMBER 17, 2017

Attendance		Gifts Received	
Morning Worship.....	1013	General.....	\$131,794.60
Sunday School.....	726	Designated.....	\$10,777.00
		Building.....	\$27,128.00
Year -to-Date General Fund		Long Term Debt	
Receipts.....	\$2,707,775.97	Balance Owed....	\$2,768,729.64
Goal.....	\$2,913,472.92		
Lottie Moon Missions Offering			
To Date.....	\$28,328.15		

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