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From the Pastor

Celebrating Easter

The resurrection of Jesus is the linchpin of the Christian faith. Without it, there would be no hope for the future or no reason to believe. But as we gather on Easter morning, we celebrate the truth that Jesus is indeed risen from the dead, breaking the bonds of death, sin, and the grave.

Whatever is happening in your life at the moment, the resurrection of Jesus teaches you that He has the power to strengthen, lead, and sustain you. Actually, the Bible tells us to live by the power of the resurrection, meaning that we find our strength and peace for this life from Him who has secured our place in the next life.

Are you looking for peace or forgiveness? Need to settle some angst or anxiety in your life? Are you tired of the empty and shallow solutions of this world? If so, the risen and resurrected Jesus offers you a life you can never find within yourself. By His grace and your faith, you can live with meaning and purpose regardless of the circumstances that surround you. Celebrate the resurrection today, and allow the truth of Jesus to sustain and strengthen you.

If He can take care of you in the next life, then He can take care of you in this life too.

"I Believe" Message Series

Next week we will conclude our message series entitled, "I Believe." Over the past weeks, we explored core truths for our lives that change how we think, act, and live. We've talked about what we believe about God, salvation, Jesus, the church, the Holy Spirit, and more. If you missed any of these timely messages, you can access them on our church website or contact Susan Engbrecht in our media office, at media@fbc-statesboro.org or 912.489.7909 to obtain copies.

Thank you for being here today. Happy Easter!

--- John Waters

Today at FBC

I Believe in the Resurrection

- **Were You There?**
- **Glorious Day**
- **Christ The Lord Is Risen Today**
- **All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name**
- **Christ Arose**
- **Crown Him With Many Crowns**
- **'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus**



HELPING YOU START & STRENGTHEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

THE PROCLAIMER



WELCOME

Thank you for joining us today!

---Want to know more about FBC? Fill out the welcome card and pick up a gift bag in the lobby after the service.

CHURCH WIDE

Evening Worship

---No Evening Worship tonight. Enjoy Easter Sunday with your family.

Wednesday April 4

---There will be no Wednesday night activities due to spring break.

Church Conference

---The regular Church Conference for the month of April will be held April 8, after the evening worship service.

Deacon Recommendation

---At the April 8 Church Conference the deacons will recommend that First Baptist Church partner with George Bullard to lead us in a spiritual weekend experience called a "Congregational Assessment & Learning Experience" on May 18-21.

This experience will prepare us to clarify God's vision for our church over the next 8-10 years and to identify strategic issues that need to be addressed as God leads us into the future. This grassroots process will use focus groups to ensure a broad and deep participation from the church body, as we sense where God is leading us in the years ahead.

Spring Missions Offering

---March 18-April 29; Spring Missions Offering supports new churches in North America and ongoing ministries in Georgia.

Song of Solomon Discipleship Study for Adults

---April 20; 6:30-9:00pm; April 21; 8:30am-12:30pm; Perry Fellowship Hall.

Retirement Reception

---Join us for a reception in honor of Gwen Wilson, FBC Preschool Director, May 17; 5:30pm in the Worship Center Lobby.

SYMPATHY

---We express our deepest sympathy to Deidre Nelson in the loss of her mother, Dana Jones MacMillan.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

VBS Volunteer Pep Rally

---April 15; 3:00-5:00pm; Perry Fellowship Hall.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Girls Conference

---May 4-5; overnight event with speaker Zoe McFall; \$25 registration online.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Joyful Singers

---April 8; Evening Worship special music.

Kidz Praise

---April 15; Evening Worship special music.

Kids Music Camp 2018

---June 4-8; Registration begins April 16; \$100.

MEMBERSHIP

Requesting Church Membership

---First Baptist Church welcomes Blair Lanier, Sheila Cason Hotchkiss, & JoAnn Cason.

FLOWERS

---Create an Easter memory at one of our decorated crosses located at our Main and Perry Fellowship Hall entrances. The crosses are given this Easter to the glory of God by Cliff, Emily, Ford and Wynn Wildes.

FOR THE RECORD - MARCH 25, 2018

Attendance

Morning Worship.....1138
Sunday School.....787

Year-to-Date General Fund

Goal.....\$685,523.04
2018 Receipts.....\$603,542.89
2017 Receipts.....\$600,645.57

Gifts Received

General.....\$38,549.04
Designated.....\$4,913.00
Building.....\$7,865.00

Long Term Debt

Balance Owed....\$2,500,200.26

Spring Missions Offering

To Date.....\$4,275.00

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