



## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STATESBORO

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30am  
11:00am

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45am

### WEDNESDAY

5:00pm Family Night Supper

5:30pm Kidz Praise

6:00pm Student Ministry

6:30pm KidZone

6:30pm Adult Bible Study

6:30pm Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal

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**February 2, 2020**

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## From the Pastor

### **Essential Elements for Spiritual Growth**

Each week we've been considering a different essential element of spiritual growth, as identified by our congregation during the last prayer triplet cycle. Today's topic is "connecting to a small group." Many people noticed how a faithful, serious commitment to a small group, such as a Sunday School class, was a tipping point in their spiritual journey. But why is being part of a small group so important? How do the relationships formed in small groups help you grow closer to Jesus? In today's message, we will consider the biblical teaching and principles that make small groups essential to any healthy church, and I encourage you to consider how your small group connectedness impacts your spiritual growth.

### **The Fruit of the Spirit**

I am excited about a new midweek Bible study that I will begin teaching this Wednesday night about the Fruit of the Spirit. The Apostle Paul provided a list of nine characteristics in the book of Galatians that are to be seen in the life of believers as they live out their faith. The list is well-known: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Each Wednesday night at 6:30 pm in Heritage A, I will be teaching about a separate item on this list of the Fruit of the Spirit. I invite you to be a part of this study, and I look forward to exploring this wonderful list together as we all live by faith.

### **Discover FBC - February 23**

I will host another Discover FBC session on February 23 for guests and new attendees at First Baptist Church Statesboro. If you've been attending for a few weeks or a couple of months, this informal question and answer time allows you to learn more about this congregation in a relaxed setting. Please save this date and plan to join me for this special time.

-- John Waters

## Today at FBC

Essential Elements of Spiritual Growth

### **"Connecting to a Small Group"**

- Our God
- How Great Is Our God
- This Is God
- Glorious Day
- Made Me Glad
- O Come To The Altar

**Valentine**  
**BANQUET**

FEBRUARY 9  
6:00pm  
Perry Fellowship Hall

**First Baptist Student Ministry**

**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.

## CHURCHWIDE

### Church Conference Minutes

---January minutes available at the Welcome Desk.

### Missions Lunch

---February 4; 12:00pm; Perry Fellowship Hall; cost \$7; Guest Speaker, Dr. Troy Lawhorn.

### Family Night Supper February 5

---Fried & baked chicken, macaroni & cheese, green beans salad, rolls, dessert.

## SYMPATHY

---We express our deepest sympathy to Todd & Debbie Sarratt in the loss of his mother, Patsy Ann Sarratt and to Gary Johnson in the passing of his wife Debbie.

## MEMBERSHIP

### Requesting Church Membership

---First Baptist Church Statesboro welcomes Don Smith, Jim & Sherri Spell, Danny & Alicia Crapse, and Barry Thompson.

## BIRTHS

---We celebrate the birth of Parrish Matthew born to Justin & Shalli Lewis on January 5.

## FOR THE RECORD - JANUARY 26, 2020

### Attendance

Morning Worship.....1390  
Sunday School.....967

### Year-to-Date General Fund

Goal.....\$240,961.52  
2020 Receipts.....\$214,455.86  
2019 Receipts.....\$268,421.93

### Gifts Received

General.....\$41,145.16  
Designated.....\$1,624.00  
Building .....\$6,741.00

### Long Term Debt

Balance Owed.....\$973,418.46

### Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

To Date.....\$64,162.19

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### Kids Ministry Day

---February 22; register to volunteer or participate in The Chocolate Run.

### Kidz Ministry Snow Night

---February 26; 6:30pm; Fellowship Hall Parking Lot.

### Family Mission Trip to Helen

---June 19-21; Helen, GA.

### Family Mission to Tybee

---July 18; Fresh Air Home.

### CentriKid

---July 20-24; Register Now.

## STUDENT MINISTRY

### Valentine Banquet

---February 9; 6:00pm; Perry Fellowship Hall.

### D-Now Weekend

---March 6-8; GSU Baptist Collegiate Ministries; cost \$30.

### Impact

---June 8-12; Toccoa, GA; \$80 deposit.

### Mission Trip to City Church Alpharetta

---July 6-12.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### Fresh Grounded Faith

---February 28; Augusta, GA.

### Praise Moves: The Christian Alternative to Yoga

---Tuesdays; 9:30 & 11:00am & 5:30pm;  
Thursdays; 11:00am & 5:30pm; Fridays; 9:30am;  
Historic Sanctuary.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### Celebration Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal

---Wednesdays; 6:30pm; Choir Room.

### Boro Community Choir

---Tuesdays; 1:30pm; Choir Room.

## MEN'S MINISTRY

### Men's Ministry Discipleship Study

---February 11; 6:30pm; Perry Fellowship Hall; \$5.

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