

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

**We believe** in one true and living God, The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and that these Three are One and are harmoniously equal in infinite power, wisdom, justice, holiness, mercy, love, and truth. (I John 5:7)

**We believe** that God created man good, able to stand but liable to fall, that man fell from this pure estate and brought himself under condemnation and death, and that man is wholly unable to deliver himself from this condition (1 Cor. 15:22, Rom. 3:10, John 6:44, Rom. 3:10-20, 1 Cor. 2:14)

**We believe** that God chose a people unto salvation or eternal life and that this choice was eternal, particular, and unconditional (Eph. 1:4-5, John 10:27-29, John 6:39-44, 2 Tim. 1:9)

**We believe** that God was in Christ and that, by the sacrifice of Jesus, all whom God chose unto salvation were forever redeemed from the curse of the law and made righteous in Him. (Heb. 2:13-15, Eph. 1:6, Col. 2:9-10, Rom. 8:29)

**We believe** that all who were redeemed by the Son will in time be effectually called by the Holy Spirit, be born again, and be made partakers of the Divine nature. (John 6:37, Eph. 2:1, 1 Cor. 6:14)

**We believe** that all who are regenerated (effectually called) will be finally saved. Not one can be finally lost. (John 10:28-29, Psalm 37:28)

**We believe** that the bodies of all men will be resurrected from the grave, that the joys of the righteous will be eternal, and that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting. (John 5:28-29)

**We believe** that all who are called of God are under obligation to do good works and that in keeping His commandments there is great reward. (Ephesians 2:10)

**We believe** that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Church, that believers are the only proper subjects for baptism, and that immersion is the only mode. We also believe that only those who have been properly baptized are admitted into Communion Service, and that the washing of the saint's feet is an example of love and humility which should be practiced by the members of our Church. (Rom. 6:4, Col. 2:12, 1 Cor. 11:24-29, Acts 8:36-38, John 13:1-17)

**We believe** that the Church is the highest ecclesiastical authority on earth, subject alone unto God for all her acts, and that her form of government is congregational with each member having an equal voice in all her acts. (Col. 1:18)

**We believe** the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments (of which we consider the King James Translation to be the best) to be the inspired word of God, and that they alone are to govern God's People both in faith and practice (2 Tim. 3:16-17)

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## Homecoming Theme: *Working from Home*

Isaiah 60:19-22



## HOMECOMING SUNDAY Celebrating 129 Years

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<http://www.statesboropbc.church>

October 19, 2025

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

**BIBLE STUDY**  
**MORNING WORSHIP**

**9:15 AM**  
**10:30 AM**

|                                                                       |                             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>PRELUDE</b>                                                        | Irene Hodges/Sherrie Bowen  |
| <b>WELCOME AND PRAYER</b>                                             | Elder Randy Waters          |
| * <b>HYMN # 35</b> “O Worship the King”                               | Congregation                |
| <b>MESSAGE IN SONG</b> “Living Hope”                                  | Sanctuary Choir             |
| <b>FEED THE LAMBS</b>                                                 | Todd Hutchens               |
| <b>HYMN # 42</b> “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”                       | Congregation                |
| <b>OFFERTORY</b>                                                      | Irene Hodges, Sherrie Bowen |
| <b>CHURCH AND WORK</b>                                                | Jordan Walker               |
| * <b>HYMN # 483</b> “We’ll Work Till Jesus Comes”                     | Congregation                |
| <b>CHURCH THAT WORKS</b>                                              | Jeff Jones                  |
| <b>HYMN</b> “In The Highways (I’ll Be Somewhere Working For My Lord)” | Congregation                |
| <b>CHURCH WITHOUT WORKS</b>                                           | Randy Waters                |
| * <b>HYMN # 362</b> “Jesus, I Come”                                   | Congregation                |
| * <b>BENEDICTION</b>                                                  |                             |
| * <b>POSTLUDE</b>                                                     | * <i>Please Stand.</i>      |

*Join us for our Homecoming meal and a time of fellowship in the Fellowship Hall following the morning worship service.*

*There will be no evening worship service.*

## Our Pastors

|                             |                            |                                |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| M. F. Stubbs<br>1896-1912   | W. H. Crouse<br>1931-1933  | W. H. Durrence<br>1977-1989    |
| W. H. Crouse<br>1913-1918   | V. F. Agan<br>1934-1954    | John S. Mikell<br>1989-1993    |
| S. H. Whatley<br>1919       | T. Roe Scott<br>1955-1961  | George Daunhauer<br>1993-2001  |
| W. H. Crouse<br>1920-1928   | Emory Jackson<br>1961-1966 | Patrick McCoy<br>2002-2004     |
| A. R. Crumpton<br>1929-1930 | Hoyt B. Simms<br>1967-1977 | Randy Waters<br>2005 - Present |

## Board Of Deacons

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Jackie Brannen                 | P. Todd Hutchens (Chairman) |
| Wayne Brannen (Clerk)          | Jeff Jones (Vice Chairman)  |
| Dan Cook                       | Greg Kennedy                |
| Gary Crosby (Secretary)        | Donald Nessmith             |
| Corbett Deloach - Deacon Elect | John Allen Smith            |
| Joey Godbee                    | Jordan Walker (Treasurer)   |

## Deacons Emeritus

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Edwin Akins          | Rodney Harville |
| Ed Boulineau         | Arthur Woodrum  |
| Felix Berman DeLoach | Lindsay Walker  |
| Warren Groover       |                 |

# Member Additions

(October 2024 - October 2025)

|                       |            |         |
|-----------------------|------------|---------|
| Booker Benton         | 04/06/2025 | Baptism |
| Victoria (Vic) Lowery | 04/20/2025 | Baptism |



# Member Losses

(October 1, 2024 - October 1, 2025)

|                    |            |                       |
|--------------------|------------|-----------------------|
| Joan Jones         | 11/15/2024 | Deceased              |
| Jerrell Whitaker   | 01/29/2025 | Deceased              |
| Evelyn Hendrix     | 04/30/2025 | Deceased              |
| Kenneth Chandler   | 05/25/2025 | Deceased              |
| Carlene Johnson    | 05/30/2025 | Deceased              |
| Thang Khai         |            | Joined another church |
| Dana Brannen Miles |            | Joined another church |
| Linwood Bowman     | 07/06/2025 | Deceased              |
| Billy G. Tyson     | 08/24/2025 | Deceased              |

## Praise & Prayer Requests

Our Country, Our Leaders, Our Military, Unspoken

### Cancer

Layna Lanier Mendlinger, Sheri Watt (B. Strange), Craig Powell, McGuire Watson (L. Aziz), Beth Harville (L. Bohannon), Scott Schumacher (J. Harmon), Steven Dailey (K. Pate Dailey), Erika Gidituri (L. Crosby), Thomas Hendrix (J. Godbee), Landen Howell (S. Clay), Betty Chester (L. Crosby), Larry Shepard (S. Tucker), Michael Boswell (B. Phillips), Harry Starling (J. Brannen), Joni Hulsey (P. Price), Elder Steve Flowers, Lynn Lee (S. Tucker), Danny Clifton (R. Waters), Larry Bird (A. Jacobs)

### Health

|                              |                       |                                    |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Ken Whitaker                 | Janelle Anderson      | Billy Nessmith                     |
| Margie Denmark               | Betty Whitaker        | Gail Buttersworth                  |
| Holly Cassidy                | Nell Burnsed          | Bonnie Donaldson                   |
| Delia Durrence               | Bob Lane              | Bobbie Dickey                      |
| Shelvie Hagan                | Lavinia Hollingsworth | Janis Akins                        |
| Brenda McGee (F. Cameron)    |                       | Donna Tucker (S. Clay)             |
| Lisa Waters (S. Waters)      |                       | Dawn Yates (B. Strange)            |
| Emily Chambers (C. Chambers) |                       | Jenni Groover Deal (W. Groover)    |
| David Deloach (F. Deloach)   |                       | Georgia Kate Anderson (G. Kennedy) |
| Skylla Biggs (M. Brantley)   |                       | Jane Kicklighter (D. Smith)        |

*If you would like to add anyone to our prayer list or if you would like to remove a name, please email or call the church office. **Please help us keep our prayer list updated.***

## Remember Our Shut-Ins

**Southern Manor** - Ed Boulineau, Willette Mallard

**The Lodge at Bethany** - Violeta Slone, Janelle Anderson, Sylvia Prosser, Mary Lee Tillman, Nell Burnsed

**Brown's Nursing Home** - Charlaine Clutter

**The Gardens at Southern Manor** - Guy Freeman

**Westside Nursing Center** - Willette Newman

### Homebound

Frankie Woodrum, Laura Aziz, Barbara Cook





## Announcements

**Sunday morning and evening sermons are streamed on Facebook, YouTube and on our website: [www.statesboropbc.church](http://www.statesboropbc.church)**

Should you be interested in serving the Lord Jesus Christ as a member at Statesboro Primitive Baptist Church, please contact the church office, a deacon or the pastor for more details regarding such a sanctifying yet serious privilege!



The beautiful floral offering in the sanctuary today is given to the glory of God and in honor of our thirteen pastors, past and present by the Statesboro Primitive Baptist Church.

### This Week

**GriefShare will meet Monday** at 6:00 PM in the T. Roe Scott room.

**Brotherhood will meet on Tuesday** at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

**If you would like to include anything in the November newsletter**, please email or turn your information into the church office by end of day Tuesday.

#### Wednesday Night Activities

**5:30 PM** - If you plan to eat supper before PBYF or Bible Study, please sign up outside the church office by 12:00 PM on Monday.

*The cost is \$5.00 per person. Children 4 and under eat free.*

**This week's menu:** Pizza, Salad, Chips & Dessert

**6:15 PM** - PBYF - Ages 3 to 12th grade - Come learn, pray, grow and play together.

**6:30 PM** - Adult Bible Study - We are studying the Epistles of Peter.

**6:30 PM** - The Seekers Bible Study Class - College & Career - We are studying "Transforming Grace" by Jerry Bridges.

**The Mary Martha Circle will meet on Thursday**, October 23rd at 6:30 PM in the T. Roe Scott room.

**Our SPBC Fall Festival will be held on Saturday.** See next page.

By February 1936, after thirteen years of faithful giving, the church had paid off its debts. Growth continued with the establishment of the Bible Study School on December 14, 1947, holding its first meeting on January 11, 1948, with 98 people in attendance. Soon after, the Primitive Baptist Youth Fellowship was organized, and both groups continue to thrive spiritually and in number.

To meet growing needs, an Annex with eight Bible study rooms was completed in August 1950. In 1955, the Good Shepherd Window was installed behind the pulpit, dedicated "to the past and future Pastors." That same year, Elder T. Roe Scott began his ministry. During his pastorate, Brother Howard Cox was ordained — the first ordination in the church's history. After Elder Scott's retirement, he and his wife, Sister Evelyn, returned as beloved members, and an adult class now bears his name.

An addition to the Annex was completed in 1959, and the sanctuary underwent a remodeling in 1963–64, when the church was painted white — a bright symbol of renewal and grace.

Now, as we look upon this church, standing strong for well over a century, we are reminded of the faithful men and women who built it, sustained it, and filled it with love and prayer.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." — Ephesians 2:8–9

May all who gather here continue to experience God's sovereign, ruling, and reigning grace. When you find a church that supports, comforts, excites, and energizes you to do God's work — to Him be the glory — you have found a place with a truly Sweet History to which you can add your own memories.



## A Sweet History of Faith and Fellowship

In 1891, under the leadership of Elder Millard Filmore (M.F.) Stubbs, sixteen devoted believers gathered with a shared vision — to establish a place of worship where they could meet as Primitive Baptists. With steadfast faith and the generosity of Dr. Holland, who donated land for the first building, their dream began to take shape.

That first church, located at South Main and Cherry Street, was soon destroyed by a storm. Undeterred, the congregation built again in 1894 on Vine Street, but after only one service, that building too was lost to another storm. Despite these trials, the members continued to meet faithfully at Field's Hall on Siebald and Courtland Streets, where in October 1896, the church was officially constituted and received into the Lower Canoochee Association.

In 1898, a third building was erected at Broad and Grady Streets, and by 1899, the congregation had grown to 56 members. Around 1910, the denomination faced division between the “Old-Liners” and “Progressives.” The primary difference centered on the use of musical instruments, particularly the organ. The church chose the progressive path, purchasing its first organ in 1915, and during this same period, plans began for a brick church building. Membership flourished, increasing from 165 to 222.

Construction of the fourth church building began in 1923 on Zetterower Avenue. Despite the hardships of the Great Depression, the congregation trusted God to meet their financial needs. The cornerstone was laid on October 10, 1923, and the first service was held on September 13, 1924. The new building cost \$20,000, a significant investment in faith and community.

In 1920, before the new building was completed, a group of dedicated women met at the home of Mrs. S.F. Olliff and formed a Sewing Circle under the leadership of Mrs. F.I. Williams. Originally focused on good works through sewing, the group later became known as the Ladies Circle, turning their attention to Bible study. This ministry remains active today.



# 2025 SPBC FALL FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 25TH, 2025  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
FOOD-FUN-FELLOWSHIP  
CHILI COOKOFF  
SIGN UP OUTSIDE OF CHURCH OFFICE



October is Primitive Baptist Scholarship Foundation (PBSF) month. The PBSF is a nonprofit organization and provides scholarships to students with financial need who demonstrate high ethical and moral foundations while promoting the Primitive Baptist faith. The financial aid given assists students with their college or technical school tuition. Your contributions have greatly blessed many students. Please prayerfully consider donating to the scholarship foundation. Each Sunday of October you will find envelopes located in the pew Bibles for your convenience. Or you may send your contributions to Bama Newman, 110 Rutledge Lane, Statesboro, GA, 30461.



## Senior Luncheon

October 28th

11:30 AM

SPBC Fellowship Hall ~ Sign up  
outside the church office.

**November 2nd is available if someone would like to place flowers in the sanctuary. If you are interested, please contact Dale Nessmith for more information.**



## SPBC Fall Meeting

**Tuesday, October 28th through  
Thursday, October 30th  
7:00 PM**

Our guest minister will be Elder Wade Bowers, pastor of Atlanta Primitive Baptist Church.

## What does attending the Southern States Bible Conference (SSBC) mean to me?

Wife, Dale, and I have been going to SSBC for most of our adult lives. We go early on Sunday and stay at EPWORTH BY THE SEA on Sunday night to meet some other Brothers and Sisters from our sister Churches. ... We love the time at Bible Conference, to worship together, visit, and catch up. ... We look forward to our Theme for 2026, "HOW TO BE A CHRISTIAN" and PRAYING for our ELDERS that will be delivering GOD'S WORD and our Host Church the STATESBORO PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH. ... Merritt and Dale Spier, Atlanta Primitive Baptist Church

## *Our Church Covenant*

We do solemnly promise that we will be faithful in the study of God's Word, and prayer; that we will attend all our church meetings when possible to do so; that we will labor unitedly and zealously for the Master's Cause, seeking at all times His Glory, and the advancement of His Kingdom, and that we will strive daily to crucify the flesh and live such lives that we may be a light unto the world, and show forth the praises of Him who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

We promise that we will ever labor for the peace and fellowship so necessary for the best interests of the Church, making whatever personal sacrifice may be necessary; that we will lovingly watch over each other for good, and whenever any shall go astray either in faith or practice, we will kindly, lovingly and faithfully seek to save such a one from the error of his way, that he may enjoy richly the blessings of God's House and the sweet joys of salvation, and that none of God's children be lost to our church.

We promise to contribute freely of our carnal things for the support of the church, and that each will give as the Lord has prospered him that our ministry may give themselves wholly to the work whereunto God has called them.

And for Grace to enable us to so live and labor we do most earnestly pray.

