

Living the Resurrection Life is a Spirit-Filled Life and it's also a life of Celebration and Expectation. Today, as we celebrate 23 years together as a church we are grateful for the faithfulness and goodness of God. We also have great expectations for the future as well!

### **We Celebrate Being Part of a Local ChURch.**

The church was Jesus's idea. He started the church, the assembly of believers. and it is still His church. Jesus told Peter that He would build His church upon himself. **Matthew 16:18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.**

Jesus continues to build his church through people like you and me who have made the same confession about Jesus that Simon Peter did when asked this question by Jesus.

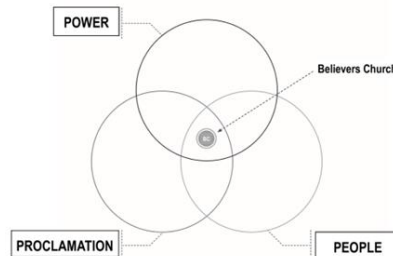
**Matthew 16:15-16 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"**  
**16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."**

We are the church that Jesus is continuing to build. Just like the spelling of the word implies, UR the church. If you remove the UR from the word church all you have is ch \_\_ ch. God is fully willing, but Believers Church will only be as good as we are willing to make it.

### **We Celebrate That Jesus Meets with Us and Speaks to Us!**

**Matthew 18:20 For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."**

### **We Celebrate When People Experience Jesus.**



### **We Celebrate When People Take Spiritual Next Steps.**

- Attend and Experience Jesus.
  - Place your Faith in Jesus as Your Savior.
  - Publicly Declare Your Salvation with Water Baptism.
  - Going through the Firm Foundations Course which covers Bible Study, Prayer, etc.
- The Firm Foundations Course is on our web page @ <https://believersstatesboro.com/nextsteps/>

### **We Celebrate That Jesus Gave Us a Mission to Fulfill.**

Mission Statement: To teach, encourage, and inspire Authentic Christianity to the people of Statesboro, Bulloch County, and Surrounding Areas

#### **Our Goals**

- To reach the unchurched of Statesboro and surrounding areas
  - To proclaim the word of reconciliation
  - To operate in power and purity
  - To encourage and build up all people
- To help people discover their divine purpose and destiny
  - To be a family of love, acceptance, and forgiveness

***We Celebrate Publicly Declaring: Believers Church is all about Authentic Christianity Expressed in Love, Acceptance, and Forgiveness.***

**We Celebrate When People Take Relational Next Steps**

Everyone needs to know and be known, be needed and belong.

<b>1st Sunday's</b>	<b>Next Step: Newcomers Social</b> Meet our Pastors and Leaders and hear God's Vision for Believers Church.	<b>After Each Service</b>	<b>Main Sanctuary</b>
<b>2nd Wednesdays</b>	<b>Next Step: Life Groups</b> Learn the why's and how's of our small groups at Believers Church.	<b>6:30—7:30 PM</b>	<b>Believers Next Steps Room</b>
<b>3rd Wednesdays</b>	<b>Next Step: Membership</b> Everything you need to know about Membership at Believers Church.	<b>6:30—7:30 PM</b>	<b>Believers Next Steps Room</b>
<b>4th Wednesdays</b>	<b>Next Step: Ministry Teams</b> Discover the joy of serving on a Believers Ministry Team!	<b>6:30—7:30 PM</b>	<b>Believers Next Steps Room</b>

**We Celebrate When We Partner Together with Parents to Raise Godly Children.**

Nothing is more important than a child's relationship with Jesus. Therefore, the most powerful thing we can do for our children is for parents and the Church to partner together to raise Godly children.



**We Celebrate People Joining Life Groups.**

*People aren't just looking for a friendly church... People are looking for friends.*

You don't have to know everybody in the church to feel like it's your church, but you do have to know somebody. God is a relational God, and we are created to be relational people.

**ILL:** My ability to Pastor you properly. / Ministry still going on.

**We Celebrate People Serving on a Ministry Team Inside the House.**

**Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10**

**Diet and Exercise:** We feed on a healthy diet of God's Word and then we push back from the table and flex our spiritual muscles and exercise by serving others.

**Attend One / Serve One:** You can attend one service and be fed a healthy diet, and then you can exercise as you serve others during the other service. If you are serving both services, you can catch up by watching online and downloading the sermon notes from our website.

**Sunday Funday:** If you are serving for two services or serving one and attending one, your children will be well cared for and have a great time in Sunday Funday. You can check them in for Sunday Funday as early as 8:30 a.m. in the EDGE Youth side of the Student Building. There will be a light breakfast provided for them, followed by games, crafts, and other fun activities. At 10:30 am they will be taken to the BC Kids side of the building or a BC Tots Class where they will enjoy their normal Sunday morning children's activities.

## **We Celebrate People Serving Outside the House**

One of our Core Values: **WE CHOOSE TO BE INWARD AND OUTWARD FOCUSED**

- We don't just WANT to reach people for Jesus... we MUST reach people for Jesus.
- We choose to do anything short of sin to reach people who don't know Jesus.
- We choose to reach people no one is reaching, so we'll do things no one is doing.

At Believers Church, we strongly encourage two forms of evangelism:

**Relational Evangelism** is reaching those in YOUR sphere of influence. It is investing in someone's life and inviting them to church or a Christian event. It is evangelism and discipleship by building relationships with people.

**Servant Evangelism** is sharing the love and message of Jesus Christ through intentional acts of service and kindness. This opens an unbeliever up to the greatest act of kindness of all: *The Gospel*.

**As we serve on Ministry Teams we will experience true "Joy" together.**

**Matthew 25:23** "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' (NIV)

(NKJ) Enter into the joy of your lord.' // (NLT) Let's celebrate together!"

## **Celebration and Expectation**

My Expectation of the Lord: I fully expect God to bring about two promises he assured me of.

- For me personally the Lord has assured me with: **Psalms 84:11**  
**For the LORD God is a sun and shield; The LORD will give grace and glory;**  
**No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly. (NKJ)**
- For Believers Church the Lord has assured me with: **Psalms 27:13-14**  
**I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.**  
**Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.**

My Expectation of you Believers Church: I fully expect you to **do your part**.

**Ephesians 4:11-16** So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

**14** Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. **15** Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. **16** From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, **as each part does its work.**

**Next Step: Honestly ask yourself, "Am I doing my part?" "If not why?" Now begin doing your part today.**

Faith Confession:

"Great People Are Ready to Help Us. In the Right Time. In the Right Ways.  
People That We Know and People That We Don't Even Know Yet."

**You are those great people! This is why God has you here! Let's each do our part!**

**Galatians 6:9** Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.