



# STATESBORO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"TO GLORIFY GOD AND LOVE OTHERS THROUGH WORSHIP, STUDY, AND SERVICE."

JAMES A. CASON SENIOR PASTOR  
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**March 15, 2015**  
**GIDEONS SUNDAY**

**Worship Services:**

Sanctuary:  
8:30AM & 11:00AM

Fellowship Hall:  
9:01AM & 11:00AM

**Sunday School:**

Classrooms:  
10:00AM

## COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

We are grateful for the support we have received in preparation of our first Community Easter Egg Hunt! The Children's Ministry and Evangelism Team have partnered in this opportunity for growth and hospitality.

It is exciting to know our church is growing and reaching out, especially during a season when we celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection for us all. His sacrifice was for everyone who would believe and follow him. Join us in sharing this message of hope during this special event on Saturday, March 21, at 4:00PM.

The response from groups and individuals providing refreshments has been overwhelming. Thank you! We are still in need of plastic eggs and will be accepting these through Wednesday, March 18. The egg hunt will be open to children up to fifth grade, divided by age group. Inflatable slides and bounce houses will be available to children as well. Activities sharing the Easter message will be set up in the Fellowship Hall, where refreshments will also be located.

We encourage our church family to participate. You do not need to have children to come celebrate with us! A welcome tent will be in place to help direct families where to go and to offer information about our church. Come greet, guide, and offer a warm Statesboro First welcome! Please note the welcome tent is not just for visitors. Be sure to stop there first to receive directions for egg hunt times and locations for each age group!

While this is a change from past Easter traditions it brings an opportunity for us to share Jesus with those in our community. This is a great time to invite our neighbors to the Easter Sunday services at our church. Let's gather in love and welcome our neighbors as we demonstrate what it means to love your neighbor as yourself. What better way to celebrate Easter!

Sarah Akins

Director of Children's Ministries

### Sunday, March 15, 2015

8:30, 9:01 & 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Jimmy Cason  
"The Saving Jesus" - John 3:14-21

11:00AM REVIVE Contemporary - Scott Harris  
"Who Let Jesus in the Darkroom?" - John 3:14-21

### Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, March 8, 2015)

Morning Worship: 454

Sunday School: 278

8:30AM: 68

9:01AM: 75

11:00AM: 220

REVIVE: 91

Offering Received: \$27,423.75

Preserving God's House: \$905.00

## Our Church Family

**Christian sympathy and prayers** are expressed to *Janice Davis*, upon the death of Janice's mother, *Marie Hunnicut*.

**Christian sympathy and prayers** are expressed to *Shirley Waters*, upon the death of Shirley's son, *Len Waters*.

**Please pray** for *Jack Mallard*.

**Please pray** for *Leonard Hall*.

**Please pray** for *Joseph Berg* who is in Colorado recovering from blood clots.

**Please pray** for *Archie Nesmith* who is home with hospice care.

The **flowers** in the **Sanctuary** on March 15 are given to the glory of God and in honor of *Caroline McMillan and Gene Joyner* who were married in our church on Saturday, March 14. We wish them many years of happiness.

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### HOLY WEEK and EASTER SUNDAY

#### *HOLY WEEK SERVICES (MARCH 29-APRIL 4)*

Sunday, March 29	Palm Sunday, Confirmation Sunday
Tuesday, March 31	Musical Concert by the Douglas Anderson Fine Arts School in Jacksonville. Concert at 7 PM in the Sanctuary.
Wednesday, April 1	Children's Easter Musical at 6:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall.
Thursday, April 2	Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary.
Friday, April 3	"In My Place - Remembering Christ's Sacrifice of Love - a Good Friday musical performed by the Chancel Choir at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary.

#### *EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5*

7:00 AM - Easter Sunrise Service in the Trellis Garden field.

(In the event of rain, the service will be held in the balcony of the Sanctuary.)

7:30AM to 8:30AM - Easter Breakfast served in Room 306 by the Methodist Men

8:30AM Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary

9:01AM Contemporary Worship Service in Fellowship Hall

10:00AM - Sunday School for all ages

11:00AM - Traditional Worship in Sanctuary

11:00AM - REVIVE service in Fellowship Hall.

### **Registration for Preschool and Summer Care is coming soon!**

Registration for currently enrolled children will be Tuesday, March 24. Registration for members of Statesboro First United Methodist Church, who do not currently have children enrolled will be Thursday, March 26. Registration will be open to the general public on Friday, March 27. If you have any questions about registering, please contact Ann Haskins at 912-764-1876.

### **Building Security**

In an effort to further secure our building, the Trustee Board is asking that anyone with a metal key or a grey key fob call Robin Kersey, Church Business Administrator, at 764-1872 or rkersey@statesborofirst.com. Beginning March 23, doors will be re-keyed and metal keys will no longer work. Additionally, all grey fobs which have not been identified, will be deactivated and will no longer work. We appreciate your help and cooperation in this important matter.



# SFUMC Youth Ministries

Love God : Love People : Serve the World

## Youth Ministries News

### Parent Meeting March 19

We will have a Parent Meeting on March 19 at 6:00PM in the Youth Room. During this meeting we will discuss our May 2-3 missions weekend and our summer schedule.

### Monday Morning Breakfast Club

Middle and High School students meet in Room 306 at 7:00AM for a great breakfast, fellowship, and a devotional. Bring \$2 for breakfast.

### Volunteers for March 15, 2015 (Third Sunday of March)

**Prayer Warriors:** Bird & Betty Hodges

**Acolytes:** MaddieWynn Hendrix, JoBeth Hendrix

**8:30 Ushers:** Jimmy Hood, Daryl Harrison

**9:01 Ushers:** Linda & Ed Akins, Kasey Harrison, Jason Parker

**11:00 Ushers:** Si Waters, Hughes Williamson, Coley Cassedy, Edwin Hill, David Johnson, Tommie Rushing

**Parking Greeter:** Anne Allen

**Front Door Greeters:** Peggie Herrington, Pam Smith, Nita Waters

**Delivering Meals on this week's breezy Tuesday (March 17):** Betty Hodges

## Our Church Calendar

### Sunday, March 15

8:30AM - Traditional Service, Sanct.

9:01AM - 901 Service, FH

10:00AM - Sunday School, Classrooms

11:00AM - Traditional Service, Sanct.

11:00AM - REVIVE Service, FH

5:00PM - Sunday Night Surge MS, YR

6:00PM - 20.1.5 Matthew Study, 212

6:30PM - Confirmation, 208

6:30PM - Adult Methodism, 214

7:00PM - Sunday Night Surge HS, YR

### Monday, March 16

6:30AM - Breakfast Club, 306

8:00AM - Hugs Emmaus, 212

10:00AM - Carol Carter Circle, 201

10:00AM - Dreta Sharpe Circle, 306

2:30PM - Luke Bible Study, Library

8:15PM - REVIVE Band Practice, FH

### Tuesday, March 17

8:00AM - Morn. Glory Emmaus, Lib.

9:30AM - Aldred Small Grp., 213

10:00AM - Hubbard Bible Study, 212

6:00PM - AA, 206

6:00PM - Alanon, 201

6:00PM - Finance, 213

### Wednesday, March 18

5:15PM - Kids JAM

5:30PM - Wed. Night Dinner, FH

6:30PM - Small Grps/Study, All

6:30PM - Financial Peace, 208

7:00PM - Choir Rehearsal, Choir

### Thursday, March 19

12:30PM - Sugar Magnolia, 210

4:00PM - Helping Hands, Library

6:00PM - Chancel Ringers Prac., HB

6:00PM - Youth Parent Mtg, Youth

6:30PM - 901 Practice, FH

### Friday, March 20

### Saturday, March 21

12:00N - Soup Kitchen, FH & Kitchen



Statesboro First Methodist  
Children's Ministries

**Sunday, March 15, 2015**

**Children's Sermon** (11:00 Traditional)

Ashley Wren

**Kids Worship:**

**9:01:** Sarah Akins, Summer Hodges

**11:00:** Sarah Akins, Brooke Ragan

## Children's Ministries News

### Kids JAM Easter Program

The children's choirs will present a special Easter program following the Wednesday night meal on April 1. Please save this date and join us in supporting the children in their first performance of the Easter story! Parents, please note these additional Sunday rehearsals: March 22 & March 29, 3:00PM-4:00PM, in the Fellowship Hall.

### Children's Choirs singing Next Sunday

The children's choirs will present special music in the 9:01 and 11:00 traditional worship services next Sunday, March 22

### Items Needed For Vacation Bible School

We are collecting household items to be used as decorations and for crafts this summer at Vacation Bible School. Your help is needed!!

Please consider donating the following in support of the children's ministry:

- Empty Gallon-size Milk Jugs
- Plastic Bottle Caps (*preferably white and blue, but all colors are welcome.*)
- Cotton Balls

# community easter egg hunt

Open to the public

**March 21 | 4:00PM | Free**

### Wednesday Night Menu - March 18 - 5:30PM

*Barberitos: Taco Bar with Chips and Queso*

Meals are \$6.00 for adults; \$4.00 for kids 12 and under;

\$2.00 for PB&J sandwich and chips.

Drinks and desserts are included with all meals.

Families of five or more (parents and children) pay a maximum of \$24.

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2015**  
**LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE**  
**GIDEONS SUNDAY**

**GATHERING**  
**LIGHTING OF CANDLES**  
**PRELUDE & MEDITATION**

*O Praise Ye the Lord*  
arr. Lynn Petersen

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

God so loved us that God gave us His only Son  
**We believe in Jesus and accept with humility everlasting life.**  
We ask that God will rekindle within us the gift of faith.  
**We trust in the power of God to save the world.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #98 *To God Be the Glory*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty;**  
**Maker of heaven and earth;**  
**And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord:**  
**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,**  
**suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;**  
**the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,**  
**and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;**  
**from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,**  
**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**  
**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI Hymn #71**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**  
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,**  
**World without end. Amen, Amen.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE AND REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE**

**PROCLAIMING THE VISION**

Why does Statesboro First United Methodist Church exist?  
**To Glorify God and love others through worship, study, and service.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON (11:00AM Service)**

ASHLEY WREN

(Following the Children's Sermon, children in Pre-K through 4th grade  
are invited to Kids Worship in Room 306.)

**A MESSAGE FROM THE GIDEONS**

MR. SCOTTY NASWORTHY

**ANTHEM (11:00AM Service)**

*This Is the Day*

by Mark Hayes

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

**GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**OFFERTORY**

*The Majesty of the Divine Humiliation*

from *The Crucifixion*, by John Stainer

DAVID HOPKINS, soloist

**\*DOXOLOGY Hymn #94**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*SCRIPTURE READING**

John 3:14-21

**MESSAGE**

*"The Saving Jesus"*

REV. JIMMY CASON

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Hymn #365 *Grace Greater than our Sin*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00AM Service)**

*God Be With You 'til We Meet Again*

Ralph Vaughn Williams

**POSTLUDE**

*Let Us With a Gladsome Mind*

arr. Albert Travis

*\*Congregation standing if able during this portion of the service.*

Please ensure your cell phone is silenced during the service.

A **children's bulletin** with Bible puzzles and activities is available in the back of the Sanctuary's balcony on the second floor.

The **Nursery** is available for infants and toddlers and other children under the age of 4 as of September 1, 2014. It's located on the first floor near the elevator.

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