



**STATESBORO FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

JAMES A. CASON SENIOR PASTOR
SCOTT HARRIS ASSISTANT PASTOR

**April 5, 2015
EASTER SUNDAY**

Easter Worship Services:

Sunrise Service: 7:00AM Sanctuary: 8:30AM & 11:00AM Fellowship Hall: 9:01AM & 11:00AM

EASTER IS A WAY OF LIFE

Charles Bradlaugh was a noted atheist who stirred London with his attacks on Christianity. He especially ridiculed the idea of the resurrection of Jesus.

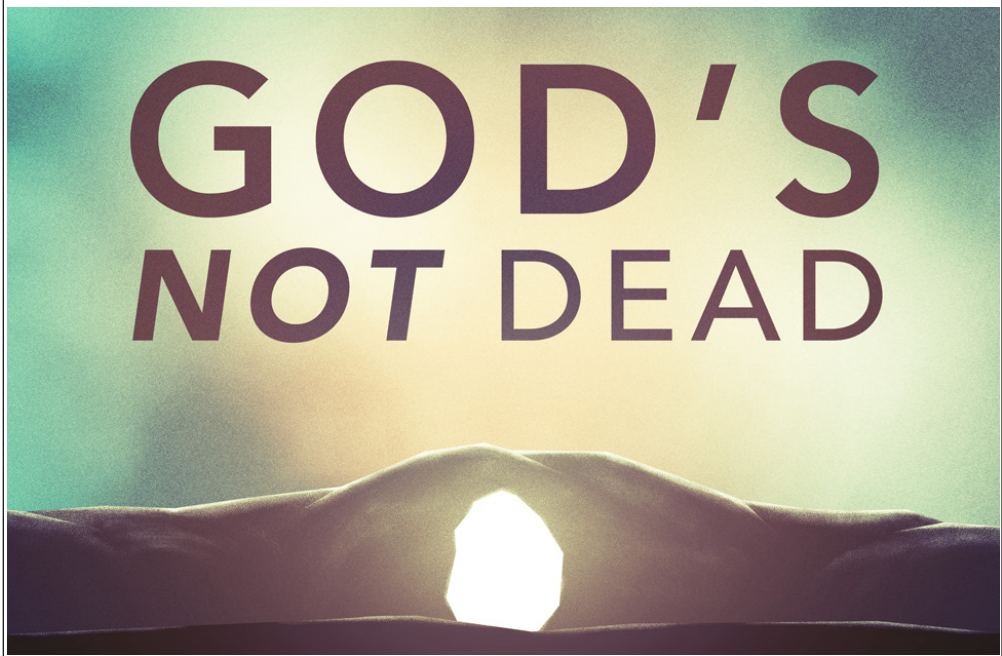
Hugh Hughes was the director of the West End Mission and a critic of Bradlaugh. Bradlaugh challenged Hughes to a public debate. Hughes accepted on the following condition:

I will bring 100 men and women who have been saved from lives of sin by the Gospel of Christ's resurrection: men and women whose lives have been reclaimed for Christ from vices of drink, from homes of poverty, greed and sin to be witnesses of God's redeeming love that brought new life to their lives. You bring 100 men and women who can claim that infidelity and atheism have done the same thing for them."

Bradlaugh would not accept these conditions. The reason is obvious!

The best testimony of the truth of the Gospel is a changed life. The great evidence of the resurrection is that God has brought me from death to life!

Easter is not a day. Easter is not even a season. Easter is a way of life.



Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015

7:00, 8:30 & 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Jimmy Cason
"He called her name!" - John 20:1-18

9:01 & 11:00AM REVIVE - Scott Harris
"The Price of Peace" - John 20:1-22

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, March 29, 2015)

Morning Worship: 547

Sunday School: 327

8:30AM: 53

9:01AM: 112

11:00AM: 316

REVIVE: 66

Offering Received: \$29,743.42

Preserving God's House: \$1820.00

Our Church Family

Please pray for *Mary Emmye Lewis*.

Please pray for *Archie Nesmith*.

Please pray for *Jack Mallard*.

Please pray for *Joseph Berg*.

Please take time to welcome our new members:

Ben & Heather Skipper

3100 Hawks Court
Statesboro, GA 30461
Phone: 912-243-9364

Ben and Heather join our church on transfer from Auburn UMC in Auburn, Alabama. Ben is a professor at GSU while Heather is a teacher at Julia P. Bryant. Their children, *Ashleigh*, who is in 8th grade at Bulloch Academy, and *Jake*, who is in 6th grade at Bulloch Academy, were baptized and confirmed last Sunday.

Benjy & Delaine Thompson

5604 Rushing Road
Statesboro, GA 30461
Phone: 912-842-5127

Benjy joins our church on transfer from Oak Hill Baptist Church in Millen while *Delaine* joins on transfer from St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Albany. Their son, *Lucas*, who is in the 6th grade at SEB Middle School, was baptized and confirmed last Sunday. Their daughter, *Sarah Kate*, is in the third grade at Brooklet Elementary School.

Other students who were baptized and confirmed were: *Ella Burke and Cameron Bennett*. Those students who were confirmed and had already been baptized were: *Will Altman, Blake Benton, Ansley Conner, Lindsey Hill, Brannen Hodges, Greyson Kennedy, Harrison Kennedy, David Lippincott, Aidan McGowan, Bo Spence, and Ian Wiles*. *Paige Jones and Tate Johnson* had already been baptized and confirmed but participated in the Confirmation Class.

The **Easter Lilies** in the **Sanctuary** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *E. L. Smith and Mary Warthen Smith*, parents of *Ernest Lee Smith*.

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

Do you like to help people feel welcome?

If so, we have an opportunity for you to share your gift of hospitality at our 9:01 service. We are in need of additional volunteers to help prepare and serve refreshments. This is a rotational commitment and would only require a few commitments out of the year. If you or your Sunday School class is interested in serving and/or would like more info, please contact Jason Parker at jasonvparker@hotmail.com or 912-282-1631.

Easter Bundles Soup Kitchen Success

The Easter Bundles Soup Kitchen was remarkable for our neighbors in need. We couldn't have done it without the help of our many volunteers. Special thanks go to Joel and Nancy Martin, Pastor Scott & Confirmation Class members, and the Bundles Bunch for all their hard work, colorful Easter decorations, and many of the homemade treats helped create a very tempting holiday desserts table. Toiletry donations, as well as great book donations really offered love and compassion. Good job everyone!

Mark your calendars for the School Supplies Soup Kitchen, which is coming up on July 18. If you have any extra health/toiletry items and children's books, you may always drop them off in the Gathering Area. Sharing items we don't need can make a big difference for those less fortunate. We are also collecting any new or gently used plastic Easter eggs for next year: a donation that will not only help keep the cost down but will also help keep waste out of our landfills. Thanks again for all the hard work!

-Sara Melford (statesborosoupkitchen@gmail.com)



SFUMC Youth Ministries

Love God : Love People : Serve the World

Youth Ministries News

Mission Weekend - May 2-3, 2015

We will be having a local Mission Weekend full of service activities. This is a great time for students to experience being the hands and feet of Christ throughout our community. The cost for the weekend is \$50.

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.

Graduation Sunday Coming Soon

Graduation Sunday for High School Seniors is May 17. Any Graduating Seniors who would like more information about being recognized on this date need to contact our Youth Minister, Becca Brown (bbrown@statesborofirst.com).

Wednesday Night Activities

The Youth Room opens up at 5:30PM for dinner and fellowship. At 6:15PM students are gathered for announcements and then break into small groups by grade and gender. Students bring \$2 for pizza dinner.

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, April 5

7:00AM - Outdoor Service, TGF
7:45AM - UMM Easter Breakfast, 306
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

Monday, April 6

6:30AM - Breakfast Club, 306
8:00AM - Hugs Emmaus, 212
2:30PM - Luke Bible Study, Library
6:00PM - Trustees, 307
8:00PM - REVIVE Band Practice, FH

Tuesday, April 7

8:00AM - Morn. Glory Emmaus, Lib.
9:30AM - Aldred Small Grp., 213
10:00AM - Garden Club, 306
5:30PM - Preschool Board, 103
6:00PM - AA, 206
6:00PM - Alanon, 201
6:00PM - Staff Parrish, Library

Wednesday, April 8

5:15PM - Kids JAM
5:30PM - Wed. Night Dinner, FH
6:20PM - Wed. Night Activities, All
6:30PM - Youth Small Grps, All
7:00PM - Choir Rehearsal, Choir

Thursday, April 9

12:30PM - Sugar Magnolia, 210
6:00PM - Chancel Ringers Prac., HB
6:30PM - 901 Practice, FH

Friday, April 10

Saturday, April 11

8:00AM - Kairos Training, 306
12:00N - Soup Kitchen, FH & Kitchen



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Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, April 5, 2015

Children's Sermon (11:00 Traditional)

Sarah Akins

Kids Worship:

9:01: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix

11:00: Sarah Akins, Lydia Cross

Children's Ministries News

Kids Worship

Kids Worship is a time especially for children to gather on Sunday mornings during the 9:01 and 11:00AM worship services. It is available to children in Pre-K through 4th grade. We meet each Sunday in Room 306 and experience a time of worship through music, activities, and a lesson. Our time together is intended to help shape the life of a child as it builds a foundation for growing in Christ!

Kid Connect next Sunday, April 12

Children in the 2-4 year old AND Kindergarten-2nd grade Sunday school classes gather on the second Sunday of each month for Kid Connect at 10:15AM. This is a time designed to offer additional opportunities for kids to learn about God in unique ways as they engage in community with others. Kid Connect includes a puppet program for the younger children and a special guest or presentation for the older children

Save the Date! CHILDREN'S SUNDAY is May 3

Children will be leading worship in the Sanctuary during our 11:00 traditional service on Sunday, May 3. They participate in leading various parts of the service including, prayer, announcements, scripture reading, serving communion, serving as an usher or greeter, and more!

Volunteers for April 5, 2015 (First Sunday of April)

Prayer Warriors: John & Michele Barton

Acolytes: Hunter Perry, Greyson Kennedy

Lay Liturgist 8:30: Jimmy High

Lay Liturgist 11:00: Anthony Waters

8:30 Ushers: Buck Ford, Brian Harrison

9:01 Ushers: Alice Hall, Stephanie Owens, Sarah Hall, Daryl Hopkins

11:00 Ushers: John Ray, Bill Moore, Jim Campbell, Ronnie Ruffo, Brett Morgan,

Hoke Brunson (Balcony: Olin Lovett, Ronnie Hodges)

Parking Greeters: Janet Mathis, Helen Watson, Carol Ruffo, Martha Ray

Front Door Greeters: Betty Hodges, Bonnie Shearouse, Mary Sue Hodges

Wednesday Night Menu - April 8 - 5:30PM

Uncle Shug's: Chicken Fingers, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Dinner Roll

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.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2015
LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE
EASTER SUNDAY

GATHERING
LIGHTING OF CANDLES
PRELUDE & MEDITATION

Easter Carillon, by Robert J. Powell
Sonata in C, by Daniel Speer

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!
Christ is alive!
Alleluia! Amen!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #302 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* (vv. 1-4)

***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 & REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE**

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

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)

SARAH AKINS

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

ANTHEM

Hark, Ten Thousand Harps and Voices
by Craig Courtney

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM JIMMY HIGH; 11:00AM ANTHONY WATERS

OFFERTORY

Old Hundredth

arr. Sterling Proctor

***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!

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

Hymn #64 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

***SCRIPTURE READING**

John 20:1-18

MESSAGE

"He called her name!"

REV. JIMMY CASON

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Hymn #327 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

***BENEDICTION**

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

Alleluia, He Lives!

by Joel Raney

POSTLUDE

Allegro, from Music for the Royal Fireworks

by George Frideric Handel

arr. S. Drummond Wolff

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

We would like to offer special thanks to the instrumental group for assisting in worship today. The members are: *Jonathan Thurston, Trey Wilson, Ashia Miller, Whitt Locke, Matt Tatz and Aaron Coburn.*

Please ensure your cell phone is silenced during the service.

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

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