



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 19, 2015

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

RELAY FOR LIFE

So many members and friends of SFUMC have been impacted by cancer. Please support Relay for Life to help find a cure! The next Relay For Life is on Friday, May 1, 2015 at the Kiwanis Ogeechee Fairgrounds. Contact Hilda Dutrow, 912-764-6609 or jhdutrow@frontiernet.net, if you have any questions.

Here are two ways to help sponsor this event:

1. Write a check to Relay for Life and put it in the offering plate, or bring it to the church office.
2. Give a minimum of \$5.00 for each luminary you sponsor in honor or memory of a friend or loved one. Luminaria help light the path for those participating in the relay and offer a visual representation of those who have been impacted by cancer. Luminary dedication forms are available in the church office.



DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Northeast District Conference will be held at Pittman Park Sunday, April 26 at 4:00 PM. Let's have a good turnout from our church for this important meeting.

Sunday, April 19, 2015

8:30 & 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Jimmy Cason
"The Relentless Love of God" - Luke 15:1-7

9:01 & 11:00AM REVIVE - Scott Harris
"The Relentless Love of God" - Luke 15:1-7

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, April 12, 2015)

Morning Worship: 416

Sunday School: 263

8:30AM: 54

9:01AM: 98

11:00AM: 208

REVIVE: 56

Offering Received: \$28,533.00

Preserving God's House: \$1,630.00

Special Offering: Altar/ACTS: \$1,011.75, Lenten: \$662.75

Our Church Family

Please pray for *Rick Robins* who had open heart surgery in Orlando, FL on 4/16.

Please pray for *Jack Mallard*.

Please pray for *Joseph Berg*.

Please take time to welcome our new members:

Nick & Bess Toussaint

1301 Fair Road

Statesboro, GA 30458

Her Cell: 912-601-2523

Nick, an OB/GYN, joins our church on transfer of membership from All Saint's Episcopal Church in Clinton, South Carolina. *Bess*, who grew up in this church, has been a member of our church for several years. Their youngest daughter, *Mary Grace* was baptized this past Sunday, and their older daughter, *Caroline*, who is in Pre-K at Bulloch Academy is already on our baptized member roll.

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 on Sunday mornings. 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.

Deen Day Smith Awards

Congratulations to Delia Mobley for receiving the Deen Day Smith Humanitarian of the Year Award. Jimmy High was awarded a Deen Day Smith Lifetime Achievement Award, and Bill Sellers and Becky Holmes were also Deen Day Smith Award recipients. All four were honored for their contributions to the betterment of Statesboro and Bulloch County.

The Upper Room Daily Devotional

Complimentary copies of the Upper Room daily devotional guide are available in the Gathering Area near the church office. Each day's reading is designed to share real-life examples of people trying to live faithfully, using the Bible as the basis for faithful living.

Church Lost and Found

If you are missing any items, please stop by the lost and found in the church office. We have found many pairs of glasses and sunglasses recently.

Wednesday Night Menu - April 22 - 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.



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 19

- 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, Youth

Monday, April 20

- 6:30AM - Breakfast Club, 306
- 8:00AM - Hugs Emmaus, 212
- 10:00AM - Dreta Sharpe, 306
- 10:00AM - Carol Carter, 201
- 1:30PM - Lanier-Lee, 103
- 2:30PM - Luke Bible Study, Library
- 8:00PM - REVIVE Band Practice, FH

Tuesday, April 21

- 8:00AM - Morn. Glory Emmaus, Lib.
- 9:30AM - Aldred Small Grp., 213
- 6:00PM - AA, 206
- 6:00PM - Alanon, 201

Wednesday, April 22

- 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 23

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

Friday, April 24

Saturday, April 25

- 12:00N - Soup Kitchen, FH & Kitchen



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Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, April 19, 2015

Children's Sermon (11:00 Traditional)

Richard Spiers

Kids Worship:

9:01: Sarah Akins, Lainie Harris

11:00: Sarah Akins, Megan Yawn

Children's Ministries News

Kids Worship

Kids Worship is a time especially for children to gather on Sunday mornings during the 9:01 and 11:00 AM 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!

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! Please communicate with children's ministry staff if your child would like to participate (sakins@statesborofirst.com, jhendrix@statesborofirst.com).

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
- Cotton Balls
- White artificial Christmas trees for use as stage decoration (*just to borrow*)

Volunteers for April 19, 2015 (Third Sunday of April)

Prayer Warriors: Olin & Cynthia Lovett, Ricky Turner

Acolytes: Jo Beth Hendrix, Mattie Wynn Hendrix

Lay Liturgist 8:30: Buck Ford

Lay Liturgist 11:00: Eleanor Schneider

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 Cassidy, Edwin Hill, David Johnson, Tommie Rushing (Balcony: Olin Lovett, Ronnie Hodges)

Parking Greeter: Anne Allen

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

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SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2015
LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

GATHERING
LIGHTING OF CANDLES
PRELUDE & MEDITATION
The Church's One Foundation
arr. Benjamin M. Culli

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,
So God seeks and saves the lost.
Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,
So God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.
Therefore let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.
Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another
in the name of Jesus Christ.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
Hymn #733 *Marching to Zion*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**
The Apostles' Creed #881 Hymnal

***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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (11:00AM Service)
KARA FAYE MCMAHON

God Claims You

Chorus: Kara, Kara, God claims you
God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.

Verse: We this day do all agree, a child of God you'll always be. **Chorus**
Verse 2: We are here to say this day that we will help you on your way. **Chorus**

CONGREGATIONAL PLEDGE

With God's Help, we will so order our lives after an example of Christ,
that this child, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the
faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

CHILDREN'S SERMON (11:00AM Service)
RICHARD SPIERS
(Following the Children's Sermon, children in Pre-K through 4th grade
are invited to Kids Worship in Room 306.)

ANTHEM (11:00AM Service)

Psalm 150

by Peter Anglea

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM BUCK FORD; 11:00AM ELEANOR SCHNEIDER

OFFERTORY

TESSA MORRIS, 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**

Luke 15:1-7

MESSAGE

“The Relentless Love of God”

REV. JIMMY CASON

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Hymn #381 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

***BENEDICTION**

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

God Be With You ‘til We Meet Again

by William G. Tomer

POSTLUDE

Word of God, Across the Ages

arr. Lani Smith

**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 Gathering Area on the first floor and also in the back of the Sanctuary’s balcony on the second floor.

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