



**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

**October 4, 2015**

**Worship Services:**

Sanctuary:  
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

**Sunday School:**

Classrooms:  
10:00AM

**EARN. SAVE. GIVE.**

Next Sunday, October 11, we will begin a sermon series based upon a book by James Harnish, *Earn. Save. Give. Wesley's Simple Rules for Money*. Some of our adult Sunday School classes will also engage in a study of this book. It is my prayer that each of us will prayerfully consider how we are implementing these simple rules in our spiritual life.

As you come each Sunday to worship, pray that the following topics will help us grow to be better and more faithful stewards of all that God has given us.

**Sunday, October 11** - "We Don't Need More Money; We Need Wisdom"

**Sunday, October 18** - "Earn All You Can" Bill Hatcher, our church Lay Leader, will preach at the 8:30 and 11AM traditional services.

**Sunday, October 25** - "Save All You Can"

**Sunday, November 1** - "Give All You Can" Communion will be served at all four services. At the 11AM Worship we will observe All Saints Sunday as we honor the memory of those church members who have died during the past year. At that service, we will focus on the legacy left by those saints.

**Sunday, November 8** - PLEDGE SUNDAY - We will be given the opportunity to make our pledge to financially underwrite the ministries of our church.

I am excited at what God might do in my life during these next several Sundays. May you allow God to do mighty works in your life as well.

---Pastor Jimmy

**Sunday, October 4, 2015**

8:30 & 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Jimmy Cason  
"For God So Loved the World" - John 3:16

11:00AM Contemporary - Scott Harris  
"We're All Invited" - Matthew 9:9-13

**Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, September 27, 2015)**

**Morning Worship: 435**

**Sunday School: 315**

8:30AM: 47

9:01AM: 83

11:00AM: 192

REVIVE: 113

Offering Received: \$20,682.10

Preserving God's House: \$2,040.00

## Our Church Family

**Please pray** for *Bud Johnston* who is recovering in Lawrenceville, GA.

**Please pray** for *Anne Allen* who is home recovering.

**Please pray** for *Bob Gunnels* who is home recovering.

*Lyn & John Rushing* request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter *Jessica Darby Rushing* to *Bryan Lee Stamey* Saturday, October 10, 2015 at three o'clock in the afternoon, Statesboro First United Methodist Church. Reception to follow.

The **flowers** in the **Sanctuary** on October 4 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Cissy Olliff Mercer* by *Helping Hands*. She was a very faithful member.

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### Volunteers Needed

The Ogeechee Fair Parade is October 19 and we need you! This is a perfect opportunity to share popcorn, water and the love of Jesus with the local community. There will be bounce houses and music to entertain folks as they wait for the parade to begin. We will also be handing out invitations to the Harvest Festival, which is the following Sunday. We're counting on you to provide the broad smiles and warm hearts to welcome them. Come at 4:00PM and be a part of Statesboro First United Methodist's outreach team!

### Prayer Warrior Ministry

Would you like to be a part of the Prayer Warrior ministry at Statesboro First United Methodist Church? If so, we have a vacancy in the schedule that would allow you to serve. This is how it works: On your appointed Sunday you will arrive at the church at 7:00AM to pray throughout the church. At 7:45AM you will meet the pastors in the Upper Room for communion and prayer. You should be done by 8:00AM. You would be asked to serve twice a year. If you have an interest please call Jimmy or Pat High at 764-4543 or email [highhollow@nctv.com](mailto:highhollow@nctv.com).

### Emmaus Information Session

If you have an interest in knowing more about the Walk to Emmaus, please join us on Sunday October 18, 2015 at 8:30AM or 11:00AM in the Dan Williams Sunday School classroom. We will have people who have gone on the Walk available to share with you what a meaningful experience it was for them. No pressure will be put on you at this session to attend the weekend. Please call Jimmy or Pat High (912-764-4543) or e-mail us at [highhollow@nctv.com](mailto:highhollow@nctv.com) if you have any questions. Please put the date on your calendar. You will be hearing more about the meetings as time passes.

### Isaiah Bible Study

Charlene Black will lead a Bible Study on the Book of Isaiah beginning Monday, October 5, from 2:30-4:30PM in the Church Library. If you are interested in joining this study you may contact Charlene, [sylvaniacharlene@hotmail.com](mailto:sylvaniacharlene@hotmail.com) or you may call her.

### Church Directory Picture Make-Up Day

If you were unable to get your picture taken for the church directory there will be another chance. Pictures will be taken on Monday, October 26, from 2:00-9:00PM. Please Call Cynthia Sikes to schedule an appointment time, 481-8110.



# SFUMC Youth Ministries

Love God : Love People : Serve the World

## Youth Ministries News

### Fields of Faith - October 14

This is an event where students and families from all Bulloch County schools unite together for their faith. This event is free and open to all middle and high school students (and their families if they wish to attend). It will be held at the Statesboro High School football stadium at 7:30PM.

That night, youth will go out to eat with their small groups and then go over to Fields of Faith. If you do not want your student to participate in Fields of Faith please pick them up at 7:30PM at SHS Football Field. If you would like your student to participate, then please pick them up 8:45PM at SHS Football Field. Students will need \$10 for dinner.

### No Youth Activities During Fall Break

There will be no Sunday Night Surge, Monday Morning Breakfast Club, or Wednesday Night Activities due to Fall Break. Activities will resume on Sunday, October 11.

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### Operation Christmas Child

First Methodist has been participating with Operation Christmas Child for many years. Last year, we contributed over 200 filled boxes to the 10 million distributed in 2014 to boys and girls all over the world. Every shoebox gift that is placed in the hands of a child in need provides an opportunity to demonstrate God's love and share the Gospel. Boxes and instructions will be available soon. Please prayerfully consider taking part in this ministry in the coming weeks.

## Our Church Calendar

### Sunday, October 4

8:30AM - Traditional Service, Sanct.  
10:00AM - Sunday School, Classrooms  
11:00AM - Traditional Service, Sanct.  
11:00AM - Combined Contemporary Service, FH  
12:00PM - Church Luncheon, FH

### Monday, October 5

2:30PM - Charlene Black Bible Study, Lib.  
6:00PM - Trustees Board Mtg, 307  
8:00PM - Revive Band Practice, FH

### Tuesday, October 6

8:00AM - Morn. Glory Emmaus, Lib.  
3:30PM - Magnolia Study, 201  
6:00PM - AA, 206  
6:00PM - Al Anon, 201

### Wednesday, October 7

*No Wednesday Night Activities*  
8:00AM - Praying Partners Emmaus, Lib  
9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center<sub>(offsite)</sub>

### Thursday, October 8

6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305  
6:00PM - Toole Bible Study, 201  
6:30PM - 901 Practice, FH

### Friday, October 9

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center <sub>(offsite)</sub>

### Saturday, October 10

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen  
3:00PM - *Rushing-Stamey* Wedding



Statesboro First Methodist  
Children's Ministries

**Sunday, October 4, 2015**

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

Jodie Hendrix

**Kids Worship:**

**9:01:** No 901 Service this Sunday

**11:00:** Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Alecia Wiggins

## Children's Ministries News

### Kid Connect

Next Sunday, October 11, 10:15AM in room 108

A time of music and puppets for children in 2 year old - kindergarten Sunday school classes.

### HARVEST FESTIVAL SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 5:00PM-7:00PM

Everyone is welcome! Bring a neighbor; this is a free event. The hay ride, cake walk, horse rides and face painting are a tradition. There will also be games, bounce houses, a train ride, photo booth, football toss, fishing booth and more! A family meal is always part of the fun. New this year, prepare to enter our first pumpkin carving contest!! The grand prize winner will receive a \$100 Visa gift card. You may enter the contest as an individual or a group (Sunday school class, family, small group, etc). Mark your calendar and join us!

### No Wednesday Night Activities During Fall Break

Activities will resume October 14.

### 5th Grade Car Wash Was a Success!

Thanks to all who supported the 5th grade Sunday School Class car wash last Saturday. A donation of \$929.00 will be given to Backpack Buddies!

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### Volunteers for October 4, 2015 (First Sunday of October)

**Prayer Warriors:** Earl Dabbs, Jr. & Jewel Dabbs

**8:30 Lay Liturgist:** Irene Denmark

**8:30 Ushers:** Buck Ford, Brian Harrison

**11:00 Lay Liturgist:** Sims Lanier

**11:00 Ushers (Traditional):** John Ray, Bill Moore, Jim Campbell, Ronnie Ruffo, Brett Morgan, Hoke Brunson, Tal Johnson (Balcony: Olin Lovett, Ronnie Hodges)

**11:00 Ushers (Contemporary):** Alice Hall, Sarah Hall, Daryl Hopkins, Stephanie Owens

**Parking Greeters:** Janet Mathis

**Front Door Greeters:** Betty F. Hodges, Carol Ruffo, Martha Ray

**Meals on Wheels (October 6):** Pam Powell and Janice Wilbanks

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2015**  
**LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE**

**GATHERING**  
**LIGHTING OF CANDLES**  
**PRELUDE & MEDITATION**  
*Prelude on OLD HUNDREDTH*  
arr. Fred Bock

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Today we ask God to strengthen in all Christians faith in Christ.

**Jesus is the Savior of the World.**

We ask God for the gift of unity and peace for the world.

**We do not forget to pray for the world's persecuted Christians.**

Teach us to overcome divisions.

**We pray for the Holy Spirit to lead us to be the Body of Christ.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #618 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*The Apostles' Creed* #881 Hymnal

**\*GLORIA PATRI** Hymn #71

**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 (8:30AM Service)**

TALMADGE ROLAND JOHNSON, JR

Son of TAL & KATIE JOHNSON

*God Claims You*

**Chorus:** Talmadge, Talmadge, 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 the 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 MOMENT (11:00AM Service)**

JODIE HENDRIX

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

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

**GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**8:30AM IRENE DENMARK; 11:00AM SIMS LANIER**

**OFFERTORY (8:30AM Service)**

*Pastorale*

by Harry Rowe Shelley

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

*Sing Unto the Lord*

by Charles Yannerella

**\*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 3:16

**MESSAGE**

*"For God So Loved the World"*

REV. JIMMY CASON

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Hymn #191 *Jesus Loves Me*

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

*Amen*

by Peter Lutkin

**POSTLUDE**

*March*

by George Frideric Handel/arr. Franklin Ritter

*\*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.



The Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing assistance system.  
Please ask an usher for a receiver.