



**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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November 29, 2015

Worship Services:

Sunday School:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Classrooms:
10:00AM

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE...

Imagine the thought: would my life, and the people in it, be better if I never existed? What we are likely to discover is that our lives are full of unexpected and/or overlooked wonder, and we make the world better. Now, transpose that very question to Jesus. What is it about his birth 2000 years ago that unearthed wonder in creation - in you and me? Join us this Advent for a message series that looks at the parallels between the preparation of Christ and this iconic movie. Additionally, we are excited about a number of unique events, which include some special music events, our children's Christmas program, and our Blue Christmas service, a service of hope for those who may struggle to find joy during the holiday season. Advent is a season that celebrates all the best that God has to offer to the world. Please invite someone to join you as we discover the "wonderful life" this season.

Sunday, December 6

- 3:00PM & 6:00PM - Community Christmas Celebration in our Sanctuary led by the GSU choirs and SFUMC Chancel Choir.

Wednesday, December 9

- 6:30PM - Children's Ministry Christmas Musical & Santa and Cookies in our Fellowship Hall led by the SFUMC Kids JAM choir.

Sunday, December 13

- 10:00AM - Happy Birthday Jesus Party for Children during Children's Sunday School
- 5:00PM - Lessons and Carols service in our Sanctuary led by the SFUMC Chancel Choir; Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall
- 6:30-8:30PM - Youth Christmas Party on 3rd Floor

Wednesday, December 16

- 10:00AM - Pre-school Christmas Program; Open to the church.
- 7:00PM - Blue Christmas service in our Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 20

- 10:00AM - Children's Ministry Christmas Caroling at Willow Pond

Christmas Eve December 24

- 4:00PM - Traditional Christmas Eve in the Sanctuary with Children's Living Nativity, Communion, and Candlelight.
- 5:30PM - Contemporary Christmas Eve in the Fellowship Hall with Communion and Candlelight.
- 6:30PM - Traditional Christmas Eve in the Sanctuary with Communion and Candlelight

Sunday, December 27 - Combined Services

- 10:00AM - Contemporary Worship Service in Fellowship Hall; No Sunday School for Children/Youth
- 11:00AM - Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary

Sunday, November 29, 2015

8:30, 9:01 & 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Jimmy Cason

"It's a Wonderful Life: Endure It" - Isaiah 2:1-5

11:00AM Revive - Marcus Toole

"It's a Wonderful Life: Endure It" - Isaiah 2:1-5

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, November 22, 2015)

Morning Worship: 299

Sunday School: 254

8:30AM: 67

9:01AM: 45

11:00AM: 128

REVIVE: 59

Offering Received: \$12,401.00

Preserving God's House: \$195.00

Our Church Family

Please pray for *John Gould* who is home recovering.

Please pray for *Peggy Herrington* who is home recovering.

Please pray for *Tammie Dickens* who is home recovering.

Please pray for *Donald Allen, Holly Eckle's* father, who is in hospice.

Please pray for *Alice Budack* who is home recovering.

Please pray for *Barbara Hood* who is home recovering.

Please pray for *Jimmy Hood* who is home recovering.

Please pray for *Susan Renfrow* who is home recovering.

The **Rose** on the **Altar** on November 29 is given to the glory of God and in honor of *McKendree Elizabeth Rollins* who was born November 9, 2015, daughter of *Michael and Erin Rollins*, and granddaughter of *Mike and Cathy Rollins*.

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

First Sundays Are For Food Bank

Please note your calendars for the first Sunday of each month and bring non-perishable food for the Statesboro Food Bank. Cereals, peanut butter, rice, dried milk, canned meats, fruits, vegetables, and soups are always good choices. Red wagons for your donation are placed in the narthex and near the entrance to the Fellowship Hall. This is one more way our church lives out our vision statement: "To glorify God and love others, through worship, study and service."

Angel Tree

"Angel Tree" is a ministry of our church in partnership with Prison Fellowship which provides Christmas gifts for children of prisoners in our area. "Angel Tree" has been contacted and we have received the names of 62 children in 30 families. The tree will be ready to have names picked up November 29 and will continue until all names are taken. Each gift should cost between \$15.00 - \$25.00. Please wrap your gift and place the "Angel" sticker on the gift so we can get it to the correct child. When selecting your "Angel", please fill out the form on the table so we will know who has taken which "Angel". Volunteers will be needed to help sort and deliver packages the week of December 20 - December 24. If you feel lead to help serve in this ministry, please contact Nancy Martin, 912-690-1042 or metterbetter500@yahoo.com, or Hilda Dutrow, 912-764-6609. Thank you in advance for considering this ministry as part of your Christmas celebration.

Volunteers for November 29, 2015 (Fifth Sunday of November)

Prayer Warriors: Ike & Linda Hubbard

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Hilda Dutrow

8:30 Ushers: Leroy Pate

9:01 Ushers: Warren Ball, Roxella Ball, J. Bird Hodges, Charles Cochran, Justin Chester

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Hughes Williamson

11:00 Ushers: Anthony Waters, Randy Hill, Bryan Darley, Everett Kennedy, Rick Smith (Balcony: Olin Lovett, Ronnie Hodges)

Parking Lot Greeters: Jane Yawn, Becky Renfroe

Front Door Greeters: Janette Johnson, Betty Rushing

Meals on Wheels (December 1): Betty Hodges



SFUMC Youth Ministries

Love God : Love People : Serve the World

Youth Ministries News

Sunday Night Surge – November 29

Middle School meets from 5:00PM-6:30PM and High School meets from 7:00PM-8:30PM in the Youth Room. This is a time of fellowship, dinner, games, worship and a message. Bring \$2 for dinner.

Winter Retreat Ski Trip – February 18-21

We will be going to Winterplace, WV (same place as last year). Sign-ups are now open for this trip, which is open to both Middle and High School students. When signing up, you need to pay a \$50 deposit. The total cost for the trip is \$300, which will cover all meals (except 2 while traveling), ski lessons and rentals, lift tickets, lodging, programming, and transportation. If you would like more information please contact Becca Brown, bbrown@statesborofirst.com.

Snowbird Summer Camp – June 20–25

We will be returning to Snowbird Wilderness Outfitters this summer. Sign-ups are now open for this trip. This is a Christian high adventure camp located in Andrews, NC. This camp will challenge students to grow in their faith and to have a deeper relationship with Christ. If you would like more information, please contact Becca Brown, bbrown@statesborofirst.com.

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Wednesday Night Menu - December 2 - 5:30PM

RJ's: Fried or Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Salad & 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.

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, November 29

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

3:30PM - Youth Band Practice, Youth Rm.

5:00PM - Sunday Night Surge MS, Youth Rm.

7:00PM - Sunday Night Surge HS, Youth Rm.

Monday, November 30

7:00AM - Youth Breakfast Club, 306

2:30PM - Charlene Black Bible Study, Lib.

8:00PM - Revive Band Practice, FH

Tuesday, December 1

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

10:00AM - Armor of God Study, 212

6:00PM - AA, 206

6:00PM - Al Anon Speaker Meeting, 306

6:00PM - Finance Committee Meeting, 213

Wednesday, December 2

8:00AM - Praying Partners Emmaus, Lib.

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)

5:15PM - Kids JAM, Choir/200

5:30PM - Wednesday Night, All

7:00PM - Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 3

6:00PM - Toole Bible Study, 201

6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305

6:30PM - Emmaus Board Meeting, Lib.

6:30PM - 901 Practice, FH

Friday, December 4

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)

Saturday, December 5

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen (*Sponsored by SSL*)



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, November 29, 2015

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)

Fay Foy Franklin

Kids Worship:

9:01: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix

11:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Lainie Harris

Children's Ministries News

Kids JAM Final Rehearsal

Children participating in the Christmas program should attend rehearsal this Wednesday night, December 2, from 5:15PM-6:00PM, and again following dinner from 6:30PM-7:30PM. **Please have parts memorized.** This is the last rehearsal before the program on December 9. Both age groups (PreK-Kindergarten and 1st-5th Grade) will participate in rehearsal. Please pick up children from the Fellowship Hall at 7:30PM.

Save These Dates

•Wednesday, December 9

Children's Christmas program and cookies with Santa

•Sunday, December 13

Happy Birthday Jesus party during Sunday school hour

•Sunday, December 20

Christmas caroling at Willow Pond

•Thursday, December 24

Family Christmas Eve service; Children dress for live nativity.

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Honoring Babies

December 13 will be our day to "Honor Babies" for 2015. The UMW donates \$5 to missions for each baby born to church members. If you have a grandchild, niece, nephew or friend born this year that you would like to honor with a gift of \$5 to missions, and the parents are not members of the church then please pick up a form from the Gathering Area, fill it out and return it with \$5 to the Church Office or place it in the offering plate. Please submit all requests by December 7. Should you have any questions, contact Nancy Martin at 912-690-1042 or by email: metterbetter500@yahoo.com.

We Need Your Help!

We need warm smiles and friendly faces in the Church Office to greet visitors, answer phones, and assist with mailings and other tasks that make the work of the staff more efficient. Prior office experience, including computer skills, is not necessary. If you have a half-day (9:00AM-1:00PM or 1:00PM-5:00PM) weekly, monthly, or can serve as an occasional substitute, please call Alice Christmas, 912-225-3379, or Janice Smith, 912-682-6307. Thank you in advance for your responses.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2015
LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE

GATHERING
LIGHTING OF CANDLES
PRELUDE & MEDITATION
Toccata on "VENI EMMANUEL"
arr. Page C. Long

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We shall praise you, O Lord, with all of our hearts!
Gladly will we sing and pray to you!
We shall bow down in your holy sanctuary.
For your love and faithfulness we will praise your name! Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #213 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed #881 Hymnal
**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

PASSING OF THE PEACE AND REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

8:30AM: JOYCE & DARWIN BOHLER

11:00AM: AMY, CECI AND ABBY SMITH

PROCLAIMING THE VISION

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00AM Service)

FAY FOY FRANKLIN

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

ANTHEM (11:00AM Service)

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

arr. Howard Helvey

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM HILDA DUTROW; 11:00AM HUGHES WILLIAMSON

OFFERTORY

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

by Lewis Redner

EMMA HUENNEKENS, SOLOIST

***DOXOLOGY** Hymn #94

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

Hymn #211 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

***SCRIPTURE READING**

Isaiah 2:1-5

MESSAGE

"It's a Wonderful Life: Endure It"

REV. JIMMY CASON

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Hymn #218 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

***BENEDICTION**

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

O Come To Us

arr. Pierce Dickens

POSTLUDE

Lift Up Your Heads

arr. David Cherwien

**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.

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