



**STATESBORO FIRST  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

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**January 3, 2016**

**Worship Services:**

Sanctuary:  
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

**Sunday School:**

Classrooms:  
10:00AM

**A HANDS FREE LIFE**

In our last series, we journeyed through Advent looking at the parallels between the iconic movie, *It's a Wonderful Life*, and Jesus' birth story. We looked at what it means to have a "wonderful life" rooted in the hope and salvation of Christ. Beginning this new year, we want to look more practically at how we can live a more wonderful life full of significance. Considering the amount of distraction and pressure that exists in society today, living a fulfilling life may seem like an unachievable dream, but over the next six weeks, we will look at a number of habits that we may develop to make this impossible dream a reality. These habits, rooted in Scripture and offered in Rachel May Stafford's book, *"Hands Free Life"*, will hopefully inspire us to adopt mindful daily practices and new thought-processes that will help us:

- Make meaningful, lasting human connections despite the busyness of everyday life.
- Live in the now despite that inner nudge pushing us out of the moment toward perfection and productivity.
- Protect our most sacred relationships, as well as our values, beliefs, health, and happiness, despite the dangers of technology and social media.
- Pursue our passions without sacrificing our job or our daily responsibilities.
- Evaluate our daily choices to insure we are investing in a life that matters to us.

With the perspective these habits may provide, we will move from managing life to living it and living it well.

**Series Overview:** Hands Free Life

1/3 - A New Year, A New Life Manifesto

1/10 - Creating Lasting Connections

1/17 - Living for Today Part 1

1/24 - Living for Today Part 2

1/31 - Protecting What Matters Part 1

2/7 - Protecting What Matters Part 2

**Sunday, January 3, 2016**

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

"A New Year, A New Life Manifesto" - Matthew 2:1-12; Ephesians 3:1-12

9:01 & 11:00AM Revive - Scott Harris

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

**Morning Worship: 291**

**Sunday School: --**

8:30AM: --

10:00AM: **111**

11:00AM: **180**

REVIVE: --

Offering Received: \$17,014.47

Preserving God's House: \$1,725.00

Special Offering - Christmas Eve-Altar/ACTS: \$1,833.00

## Our Church Family

**Please pray** for *Jane Weaver Claxton*, daughter of *June Weaver*.

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

**Please pray** for *Inman Hodges* who is home recovering.

**Please pray** for *Art Doughty* who is home recovering.

**Please pray** for *Joel Martin* who is home recovering.

**Please pray** for *Jimmy Hood*.

**Please pray** for *Nora Ford*.

**Christian sympathy and prayers** are extended to *Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie (Carol) Ruffo* upon the death of Carol's mother, *Mrs. Jean Howard*.

**Christian sympathy and prayers** are extended to *Mr. and Mrs. Jim (Hilda) Dutrow* upon the death of Jim's brother, *Mr. Mike Dutrow*.

**Please take time to welcome our new member:**

Mr. Phil Daley

1347 Runs Branch Road

Newington, GA 30446

Phone: 912-857-4730

Phil, whose wife Lydia is already a member, joins on transfer of membership from First Baptist Church in Savannah. The Daleys are already active members of the Current Events Class.

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### ATTENTION - We Need Your Help!

The Church Decorating Committee needs volunteers to help take down the Christmas decorations this Sunday, January 3 at 2:00PM. All who can help please meet in the Sanctuary at this time. Thank you in advance!

### Volunteers for January 3, 2016 (First Sunday of January)

**Prayer Warriors:** John and Martha Ray

**8:30 Lay Liturgist:** Betty Hodges

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

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

**11:00 Lay Liturgist:** Troy Marsh

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

**Parking Lot Greeters:** Janet Mathis

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

**Meals on Wheels (January 5):** Hilda Dutrow, Marcia Wise



# SFUMC Youth Ministries

Love God : Love People : Serve the World

## Youth Ministries News

### Combined Sunday Night Surge – January 17

We will start back with a combined Sunday Night Surge, for both Middle and High School students, on January 17 from 6:00PM-7:30PM in the Youth Room. Our regular Surge schedule with Middle School meeting from 5:00PM-6:30PM and High School from 7:00PM-8:30PM will resume the following Sunday, January 24.

### Breakfast Club – January 25

We will start back with Breakfast Club on Monday, January 25. We look forward to seeing you then!

### 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](mailto:bbrown@statesborofirst.com).

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### Our New App is Here!

Statesboro First United Methodist now has its own app. You can visit [statesborofirst.com/app](http://statesborofirst.com/app) to download the link.

## Our Church Calendar

### Sunday, January 3

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, January 4

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

### Tuesday, January 5

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

### Wednesday, January 6

8:00AM - Praying Partners Emmaus, Lib.  
9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)  
7:00PM - Chancel Choir, Choir Room

### Thursday, January 7

6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305  
6:30PM - 901 Practice, FH

### Friday, January 8

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

### Saturday, January 9

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen (Sponsored by SFUMC)



Statesboro First Methodist  
Children's Ministries

**Sunday, January 3, 2016**

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

Richard Spiers

**Kids Worship:**

**9:01:** Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Leigh Aaron

**11:00:** Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Bess Toussaint

## Children's Ministries News

### Wednesday Night Ministry Kick-Off

Be sure to mark your calendar to join us on January 13 for dinner and a family night as we begin the new season of Wednesday night children's ministry. Kids JAM and small groups will not begin until January 20 when the regular schedule resumes.

### Serve in Children's Ministry

Prayerfully consider an area to commit your time in 2016. Make a commitment to your child's spiritual growth and be an active part of building a foundation for children to grow in their faith. Please email Sarah Akins to serve (sakins@statesborofirst.com).

- Lead a Wednesday Night Ministry small group for boys or girls in 1st-3rd grade
- Lead a Wednesday Night Ministry small group for boys or girls in 4th-5th grade
- Lead Kids Worship once a month or once a quarter
- Substitute for a Sunday school teacher or Children's Moment leader
- Assist with Kids JAM rehearsals (children's choir)
- Participate in Kid Connect: Lead a craft or read a story to 2-6 year olds on a Sunday morning.

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2016**  
**LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE**

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

*We Three Kings*  
arr. Paul Manz

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

In Jesus Christ, God has revealed to us our light and our salvation.  
**God sent a star to guide the Magi to where Christ was born.**  
God always creates light out of darkness,  
**May God lead us this day to places of light.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #245 *The First Noel*

**\*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

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

RICHARD SPIERS

(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 BETTY HODGES; 11:00AM TROY MARSH**

**OFFERTORY**

***Brightest and Best***

REGINALD HEBER/JAMES P. HARDING

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**

Matthew 2:1-12; Ephesians 3:1-12

**MESSAGE**

*“A New Year, A New Life Manifesto”*

REV. JIMMY CASON

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Hymn #254 *We Three Kings*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Christ Is the World's Light*

harm. David Evans

*\*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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