



**STATESBORO FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

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February 7, 2016

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Service will be held on Wednesday, February 10 at 6:30PM in the Sanctuary. This somber service, which ends with imposition of ashes placed on each person's forehead, begins our observance of Lent. The observance of Lent begins 40 days before Easter (excluding Sundays), and it is a time where we contemplate the sufferings of Jesus on our behalf. Wednesday night dinner will be served as normal, but some of the adult classes will not be held.

New Series Beginning February 14 - The Struggle is Real

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten Season, a time of preparation for Jesus' coming death and resurrection. Many traditions in the church will honor this time with prayer and fasting, similar to the time Jesus spent in the Wilderness. But something was evident during Jesus' time alone: we catch a glimpse of two cosmic forces epically battling one another - the battle between good and evil.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn once said, "If only there were evil people somewhere insidiously committing evil deeds, and it were necessary only to separate them from the rest of us and destroy them. But the line dividing good and evil cuts through the heart of every human being. And who is willing to destroy a piece of his own heart?" This is a hard truth: The line of good and evil runs through ALL of us. We've seen this popularized in culture today: the devil on one shoulder and an angel on the other. The struggle within each of us is real, often evidenced in the choices we make every day: kindness or cruelty, truth or deceit, compassion or calloused apathy, faithfulness or infidelity, mercy or revenge. At some point, we have likely experienced the burden of this struggle in ourselves or we have been affected by the struggle born in others. Why is this struggle real? Why is there evil? How can a good God allow such evil to exist? What can we do about it? How do we overcome evil with good?

Join us for this new series, starting February 14, as we explore these questions by walking with Jesus through the wilderness and putting on the armor of God that will fortify us to overcome all things through Christ who gives us strength.

Sunday, February 7, 2016

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

"Protecting What Matters: Changing Someone's Story" - Luke 15:11-32

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

"Your Power to Change the Script" - Luke 15:11-32

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, January 31, 2016)

Morning Worship: 544

Sunday School: 339

8:30AM: 65

9:01AM: 125

11:00AM: 215

REVIVE: 139

Offering Received: \$12,235.25

Preserving God's House: \$730.00

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: *Bob Aycock - East Georgia*
Janette Johnson - East Georgia

Ongoing: *Will Avra, Winton and Diane Deloach, Alice Christmas, Art Doughty, Elise Brady, Inman Hodges, Jimmy Hood, Nora Ford, Carolyn Millican, John Gould, Nellie Sowell, Martha Cain*

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

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 to real people trying to live faithfully, using the Bible as the basis for faithful living.

Wednesday Night Menu - February 10 - 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.

Volunteers for February 7, 2016 (First Sunday of February)

Prayer Warriors: Lee and Debbie Walker

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Pat High

8:30 Ushers: Buck Ford, Brian Harrison

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

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Anthony Waters

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 (February 9): Martha and John Ray



SFUMC Youth Ministries

Love God : Love People : Serve the World

Youth Ministries News

Sunday Night Surge - Tonight

We will be having a Pre-Super Bowl Party this year! Middle School and High School students are invited to join us from 5:00PM-6:30PM for food, games, fellowship, and worship. Dinner will be free for the party. Hope your student can join us!

Breakfast Club - February 8

We will meet at 7am in room 306 to enjoy breakfast, fellowship, and a devotional. We will then transport students to school. It's a great way to start off their week!

Upcoming Trips

Winter Retreat Ski Trip - February 18-21

Snowbird Summer Camp - June 20-25

We currently have waiting lists for both of these trips. Please let Becca Brown know if your student would like to be added to this list, bbrown@statesborofirst.com.

No Confirmation Tonight

Due to Pre-Super Bowl Party there will be no confirmation tonight. We will continue next Sunday, February 14, at 6:30PM following Middle School Surge.

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, February 7

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, YR
5:00PM - Sunday Night Surge MS & HS, YR

Monday, February 8

7:00AM - Youth Breakfast Club, 306
10:00AM - UMW Meeting, 306
2:30PM - Charlene Black Bible Study, Lib
5:30PM - Preschool Board, Director's Office
6:30PM - New Building Study Committee, Lib
6:30PM - Gideons Meeting, 103
8:00PM - Revive Band Practice, FH

Tuesday, February 9

8:00AM - Morn. Glory Emmaus, Lib.
10:00AM - Armor of God Study, 212
6:00PM - AA, 206
6:00PM - Al Anon, 201
7:00PM UMM Fellowship Supper, FH

Wednesday, February 10

8:00AM - Praying Partners Emmaus, Lib.
9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)
3:30PM - Magnolia Bible Study, 201
5:15PM - Kids JAM, Choir/200
5:30PM - Wednesday Night, All
6:30PM - Ash Wednesday Service, Sanct
7:00PM - Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Thursday, February 11

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

Friday, February 12

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

Saturday, February 13

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



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, February 7, 2016

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)

Buck Ford

Kids Worship:

9:01: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Christa Mallard

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

Children's Ministries News

Kid Connect Valentine

Looking for a "special guest" to lead a Valentine craft for the 2&3 year old, Pre-K, and Kindergarten Sunday school classes during Kid Connect next Sunday, February 14. Please let Sarah Akins know if you would like to serve in this way on Valentine's Day (sakins@statesborofirst.com).

Wednesday Night Children's Ministry

This Wednesday, February 10, 1st-5th graders will travel to The Lodge at Bethany to serve in ministry together. We must have a permission form signed by a parent, or you are welcome to come with your child. We will leave at 6:20PM from the Fellowship Hall and return to the Fellowship Hall by 7:30PM.

Kids JAM Performance

Kids JAM will sing in Sunday morning worship on February 28. Be sure to attend rehearsal each Wednesday at 5:15PM.

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2016
LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

GATHERING
LIGHTING OF CANDLES
PRELUDE & MEDITATION

Beautiful Savior
arr. Lani Smith

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

As we gather in this place, allow your Spirit to fill our very being.

In the Spirit of Jesus who came not to be served, but to serve.

Awake in us the desire to seek your way of serving you in the world.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #384 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

***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)

BUCK FORD

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

OFFERTORY (8:30AM Service)

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

arr. Charles Callahan

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:00AM Service)

As We Gather At Your Table

K. Lee Scott

*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: 11-32

MESSAGE

“Protecting What Matters: Changing Someone’s Story”

REV. JIMMY CASON

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Hymn #591 *Rescue the Perishing*

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00AM Service)

God Be In My Head

Walford Davies

POSTLUDE

Laudate Dominum

Rosalie Bonighton

**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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