



**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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**March 20, 2016  
PALM SUNDAY**

**Worship Services:**

Sanctuary:  
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

**Sunday School:**

Classrooms:  
10:00AM

**HOLY WEEK and EASTER SUNDAY**

Thursday, March 24 - 7:00PM Maundy Thursday Communion Service in the Sanctuary.

Friday, March 25 - 7:00PM Service of Tenebrae - "Lamentations of the Lamb"- a Good Friday musical performed by the Chancel Choir in the Sanctuary.

**EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27**

7:00AM **Easter Sunrise Service** outside in the field adjacent to the parking lot. *(In the event of rain, the service will be held in the balcony of the Sanctuary.)*

7:30-8:30AM **Easter Breakfast** served in Room 306 by the United Methodist Men

8:30AM **Traditional Worship Service** in the Sanctuary

9:01AM **901 Contemporary Worship Service** in the Fellowship Hall

10:00AM **Sunday School** for all ages

11:00AM **Traditional Worship Service** in the Sanctuary

11:00AM **REVIVE Contemporary Worship Service** in the Fellowship Hall

**Community Noonday Holy Week Services**

Monday, March 21 Pittman Park UMC

Tuesday, March 22 First Presbyterian

Wednesday, March 23 St. Paul's Lutheran

Thursday, March 24 Second St. John Missionary Baptist

Friday, March 25 Trinity Episcopal

Services will be held from 12:10PM-12:40PM and the senior pastor of the host church will preach. Monday through Thursday, a free light lunch will be provided by the host congregation; there will be no lunch on Good Friday.

**DR. CHARLENE BLACK - RECEPTION and BOOK SIGNING**

Dr. Charlene Black will be giving a presentation and signing her book, *God Had a Plan Even For a Little Girl From Dexter*, today, March 20, from 2:30PM-4:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. The reception is sponsored by the Statesboro First United Methodist Women. The book costs \$20 and all monies received will be given to the South Georgia Conference of UMW.

**Sunday, March 20, 2016**

8:30, 9:01 & 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Jimmy Cason  
"The Line Between Good and Evil" - John 8:1-11; Luke 19:28-40; Luke 22:66-71

11:00AM Revive - Scott Harris  
"Evil in the Name of God" - Matthew 16:24-26; Luke 19:28-40

**Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, March 13, 2016)**

**Morning Worship: 406**

**Sunday School: 247**

8:30AM: 49

9:01AM: 71

11:00AM: 199

REVIVE: 87

Offering Received: \$16,331.45

Preserving God's House: \$4,765.00

Special Offerings: Gideons - \$855.00; One Great Hour - \$300.00

# Our Church Family

## Prayer Concerns

**Hospital:** *Mary Sue Hodges - EGR*

**Hospice:** *Nellie Sowell*

**Ongoing:** *Yvonne Redden, Gary Redden, Amos Connell, Steve Piazza, Faye Berkeley, Ed Akins, John Welch, Harold Newton, Mary Adams, Gladys Hacker, Janette Johnson, Winton and Diane DeLoach, Art Doughty, Inman Hodges, Jimmy Hood, Nora Ford, Carolyn Millican, John Gould, Martha Cain*

The **palms** in the **Sanctuary** on March 20 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *William R. Lovett (Dub) by his family.*

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### Relay for Life

SFUMC will sponsor a team at Relay for Life to be held at Kiwanis Fairgrounds on April 29. Donations may be given online at [www.relayforlife.org/bullochga](http://www.relayforlife.org/bullochga). Search for the team name: Statesboro First United Methodist Church. Donations may also be made by cash or check made payable to "American Cancer Society" and placed in the offering plate. During April, a team member will be in the Gathering Area on Sunday mornings to receive donations. Luminaries may be placed in honor or memory of a friend or loved one for a minimum gift of \$5.00. To join our team and ask how you can support the effort, contact Hilda Dutrow, 764-6609 or [jhdutrow@frontiernet.net](mailto:jhdutrow@frontiernet.net).



### Most Fabulous Preschool

Congratulations to First United Methodist Preschool! We were voted **2016 Most Fabulous Preschool** by Statesboro Magazine.

## Preschool Registration

### FUMC PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

- Preschool and Summer Care registration for our **currently enrolled** children will be **Tuesday, March 22**. This day has been set aside for children and their siblings *that are currently enrolled in our preschool program*.
- Preschool and Summer Care registration for all **new SFUMC member children not currently enrolled** will be **Wednesday, March 23**.
- On **Thursday, March 24**, enrollment will be open to the **general public**.

Applications are ready for pickup (NOT to turn in yet). If you have any questions regarding our Preschool and Summer Care registration, please contact Ann Haskins, Director of Preschool and Childcare Ministries, 764-1876.

### Volunteers for March 20, 2016 (Third Sunday of March)

**Prayer Warriors:** Bird & Betty Hodges

**8:30 Lay Liturgist:** Jimmy High

**8:30 Ushers:** Mike Beasley, Daryl Harrison

**9:01 Ushers:** Lynda Akins, Ed Akins, Kasey Harrison, Jason Parker

**11:00 Lay Liturgist:** Lee Walker

**11:00 Ushers:** Si Waters, Hughes Williamson, Coley Cassedy, Edwin Hill, David Johnson, Tommie Rushing, Fred Shearouse (Balcony: Olin Lovett, Ronnie Hodges)

**Parking Lot Greeters:** Anne Allen

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

**Meals on Wheels (March 22):** Betty Hodges



# SFUMC Youth Ministries

Love God : Love People : Serve the World

## Youth Ministries News

### Sunday Night Surge - March 20

We will continue our new series called *Deception of Perfection*. This series will emphasize social media struggles and how we can overcome them to glorify Christ in all areas of our life. Encourage your student to come be apart! Middle School students will meet from 5:00PM-6:30PM. High School students will meet from 7:00PM-8:30PM. Also remember to bring \$2 for dinner.

### Breakfast Club - March 21

We will meet at 7:00AM in Room 306 to enjoy breakfast, fellowship, and a devotional. We will then transport students to school.

### Missions Weekend - May 6 & 7

We will have a local Missions Weekend full of service activities. This is a great time for students to experience being the hands and feet of Christ out in our community. The cost for the weekend is \$50. If you would like to sign your student up for this trip, please let Becca know, [bbrown@statesborofirst.com](mailto:bbrown@statesborofirst.com). We will need a lot of parents to volunteer to pull this weekend off. Please consider how you can serve!

### Graduation Sunday - May 22

We will recognize our graduating Seniors on Sunday, May 22. If you know your student would like to participate in this special morning please email Becca, [bbrown@statesborofirst.com](mailto:bbrown@statesborofirst.com).

## Our Church Calendar

### Sunday, March 20

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  
2:30PM - Charlene Black Reception, FH  
3:30PM - Youth Band Practice, YR  
5:00PM - Sunday Night Surge MS, YR  
6:30PM - Confirmation, 206  
7:00PM - Sunday Night Surge HS, YR

### Monday, March 21

7:00AM - Youth Breakfast Club, 306  
10:00AM - Dreta Sharpe Circle Meeting, 306  
10:00AM - Carol Carter Circle Meeting, 201  
1:30PM - Lanier-Lee Circle Meeting, 103  
2:30PM - Charlene Black Bible Study, Lib  
6:00PM - Finance Committee Mtg, 213  
8:00PM - Revive Band Practice, FH

### Tuesday, March 22

8:00AM - Morn. Glory Emmaus, Lib.  
10:00AM - Armor of God Study, 212

6:00PM - AA, 206

6:00PM - Al Anon, 201

6:00PM - 901 Band Practice, FH

### Wednesday, March 23

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  
7:00PM - Chancel Choir, Choir Room

### Thursday, March 24

6:00PM - Marcus Toole Study, 201  
6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305  
7:00PM - Maundy Thursday Service, Sanct.

### Friday, March 25

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)  
7:00PM - Good Friday Service, Sanct.

### Saturday, March 26

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen  
(Sponsored by Epsilon Tau Pi Fraternity)



Statesboro First Methodist  
Children's Ministries

**Sunday, March 20, 2016**

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

Mari Hopkins

**Kids Worship:**

**9:01:** Sarah Akins, Summer Hodges, Jennifer Prosser

**11:00:** Jodie Hendrix, Nancy James, Elizabeth Lippincott

## Children's Ministries News

### Today is Palm Sunday

The children will be participating in the 901 contemporary, 11:00 traditional, and 11:00 Revive worship services this morning by waving palm branches at the beginning of each service. All children are welcome to participate and be part of this special Sunday.

### Wednesday Night Ministry

The children's Wednesday Night Ministry schedule resumes this week, March 23. Please join us!

- **5:15PM-6:00PM** Kids JAM choir rehearsal
- **5:30PM-6:30PM** Dinner available in the Fellowship Hall
- **6:30PM-7:30PM** Small groups and children's ministry activities for children in Pre-K through 5th grade.

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### Baking/Visitation Volunteers

Would you like to join the group that bakes and/or visits "first time" visitors to our church? You would be on a once-a-quarter rotation. If interested, please call Nora Ford or Jen Becker at the Church Office.

### Lanier-Lee Circle

The Lanier-Lee Circle of the UMW will meet Monday, March 21, at 1:30PM in Room 103 at the church.

### Easter Lilies

Please remember to purchase your Easter lilies and help support our local missions: the Food Bank, Heart and Hands Clinic, the Saturday Soup Kitchen, Open Hearts Community Center, and Habitat for Humanity.

### Wednesday Night Menu - March 23 - 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.

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

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<b>Jimmy Cason, Senior Pastor:</b>	<b>912-764-1875</b>	<b>Church Website:</b>	<b>www.statesborofirst.com</b>
<b>Scott Harris, Assistant Pastor:</b>	<b>912-764-1874</b>	<b>Church FAX:</b>	<b>912-764-7638</b>

**SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2016**

**LITURGICAL COLOR: RED**

**GATHERING  
LIGHTING OF CANDLES  
PRELUDE & MEDITATION**

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

arr. John Innes

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**

**This is the Lord's doing. It is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

Hymn #280 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

CHILDREN'S PROCESSIONAL WITH PALMS

**\*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**

**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)**

MARI HOPKINS

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

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

***Hosanna to the King***

by Dan Forrest

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

**GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM JIMMY HIGH; 11:00AM LEE WALKER

**OFFERTORY**

***The Palms***

by Gabriel Fauré

NICK WHITMIRE, SOLOIST

**\*DOXOLOGY Hymn #94**

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION**

Hymn #286 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

**\*SCRIPTURE READING**

John 8:1-11; Luke 19:28-40; Luke 22:66-71

**MESSAGE**

*"The Line Between Good and Evil"*

REV. JIMMY CASON

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Hymn #504 *The Old Rugged Cross*

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

***God Be With You***

by Ralph Vaughn Williams

**POSTLUDE**

***All Glory, Laud, and Honor***

arr. David Lowe

*\*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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