



# 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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## May 8, 2016

### Worship Services:

Sanctuary:  
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

### Sunday School:

Classrooms:  
10:00AM

## Children's Sunday - 11:00AM Worship

Children are leading the 11:00AM services this morning as we honor God on this special Sunday. We have been blessed by an increase in the number of children and young families attending worship, and we are celebrating this growth by having children lead worship in the Revive and Traditional services.

While we want to include children in worship every Sunday, they presently attend Kids Worship, which is a time designed especially for them with music, messages, and activities for their age.

Children in Pre-K through 5th grade have special parts in the services this morning that include greeting, ushering, singing, reading Scripture, sharing a personal prayer, making announcements, and giving a testimony. We rejoice in their excitement over these opportunities and hope their leadership encourages us to have a childlike faith.

Thank you for modeling service and leadership to our children and for nurturing them with your love and support. Jesus said, "Those who humble themselves like this little child will be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me." Matthew 18:4-5

We encourage you to serve in children's ministry! One great and needed way to get started is to volunteer at Vacation Bible School the week of June 13. It's a local mission opportunity that will bless you. Our vision is to provide a foundation for children to grow together in Christ and spark a desire for them to go serve, and make disciples.

Sarah Akins  
Director of Children's Ministry

## Pentecost Sunday - May 15

Next Sunday in honor of Pentecost Sunday, we are encouraging everyone to wear red.

## Sunday, May 8, 2016

8:30, 9:01 & 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Jimmy Cason  
"Growing in Grace" - Philippians 1:6-8

11:00AM Revive - Scott Harris  
"Growing in Grace" - Philippians 1:6-8

### Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, May 1, 2016)

Morning Worship: 491

Sunday School: 314

8:30AM: 48

9:01AM: 143

11:00AM: 190

REVIVE: 110

Offering Received: \$23,463.68

Preserving God's House: \$435.00

# Our Church Family

## Prayer Concerns

**Hospice:** Nellie Sowell, Belton Braswell

**Hospital:** Charles Eunice - St. Joseph's

**Ongoing:** Kristi Benton, Jean Deal, Nora Ford, Karen Shiels, Mary Adams, Mary Sue Hodges, Inman Hodges, Yvonne Redden, Gary Redden, Amos Connell, Faye Berkeley, Harold Newton, Diane Deloach, Art Doughty, Jimmy Hood, Carolyn Millican, John Gould, Martha Cain

The **flowers** in the **Sanctuary** on May 8 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sue Stabler Hodges by Jimmy Hodges, Ray, Sally, Lynes, Lauren & James McKinney.

**Christian sympathy and prayers** are extended to *Mr. and Mrs. Belton (Jean) Braswell* upon the death of Jean's brother, *Mr. John S. Zulik* of Madison, New Jersey who died on April 29, 2016.

**Christian sympathy and prayers** are extended to *Marilynn Sellers* upon the death of her father, *Charles E. Wilson* of Orlando, Florida who died on May 2, 2016. *Mr. Wilson* was grandfather to *Amy Smith* and great-grandfather to *Ceci and Abby Smith*. He was a member of the "Greatest Generation" flying 54 missions as a fighter pilot in Europe during World War II.

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### Some Children Need You

We celebrate Children's Sunday today and affirm the good work that God is doing in the lives of children who we are privileged as a church to call our own. Scripture expands the definition of "our own" by offering a pretty clear call for us to care for widows and orphans (James 1:27). One way we can do this is by supporting Fostering Bulloch, and, specifically, T.R.A.C.-Teen Reach Adventure Camps.

T.R.A.C. recognizes that abused teens are put into the foster care system or, worse, they end up on the streets as part of our homeless population. T.R.A.C., [www.hopeunlimitedinc.org](http://www.hopeunlimitedinc.org), provides hope through camping and mentoring programs designed especially for youth aged, 12-15. T.R.A.C. is coming to our area this summer to offer a camp for youth in foster care, and they have a vision to expand this offering over multiple weeks in the coming years. They will spend 3 days with guys and then 3 days with girls over the week of June 9-15 sharing the love and devotion of Christ, and they need our church's help: They need volunteers, men especially, who would be willing to stay at the camp and mentor these oft-forgotten youth. They also need financial assistance. They've raised approximately \$13,000 of the \$22,000 needed to run this camp for the week. If you feel led to serve, you may contact Jason Robichau at [jasonrobichau@hotmail.com](mailto:jasonrobichau@hotmail.com), and/or if you would like to give, any amount is appreciated, please make a check payable to Fostering Bulloch with "T.R.A.C." in the memo line and drop it in the offering or bring it by the church office.

### Volunteers for May 8, 2016 (Second Sunday of May)

**Prayer Warriors:** Joel & Nancy Martin

**8:30 Lay Liturgist:** Bird Hodges

**8:30 Ushers:** Steve Garner, Bird Hodges

**9:01 Ushers:** Don Marsh, Nancy Marsh, Thad Riley, Charles Cochran

**11:00 Ushers:** Children's Ministry

**Parking Lot Greeters:** June Rushing

**Front Door Greeters:** Jewel Dabbs, Janice Davis, Pam Campbell

**Meals on Wheels (May 10):** Marinell & Dick Armstrong



# SFUMC Youth Ministries

Love God : Love People : Serve the World

## Youth Ministries News

### No Sunday Night Surge or Breakfast Club

There will be no Sunday Night Surge tonight due to Missions Weekend. We will return to our regular schedule next Sunday, May 15. Breakfast Club has ended for the school year. We look forward to resuming in the fall!

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### Seeking Worship Leader

We are seeking a part time worship leader for our 9:01AM contemporary worship service. This position exists to coordinate and lead the music at our 901 contemporary worship service. Time commitment is 5-7 hours/week; pay is commensurate with experience. Please go to [www.statesborofirst.com/jobs](http://www.statesborofirst.com/jobs) for qualifications and additional details.

### UMW Spring Banquet - Monday, May 9

United Methodist Women will hold its Spring Banquet on May 9 in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30PM. Members of the Chancel Choir will perform a program of standard pop songs and the Quiet Disciple will be announced. All UMW members are reminded to bring a side dish or dessert to the kitchen area starting at 6:00PM.

### Wednesday Night Menu - May 11 - 5:30PM

*Uncle Shug's: Chicken Fingers, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Dinner 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, May 8

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, May 9

2:30PM - Charlene Black Study, Lib.  
6:30PM - Young Adult Bible Study, 306  
6:30PM - Gideons Meeting, 103  
6:30PM - OHCM Meeting, 213  
6:30PM - UMW Spring Banquet, FH  
8:00PM - Revive Band Practice, FH

### Tuesday, May 10

8:00AM - Morn. Glory Emmaus, Lib.  
6:00PM - AA, 206  
6:00PM - Al Anon, 201  
7:00PM - UMM Family Night Fish Fry, FH

### Wednesday, May 11

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)  
5:30PM - Wednesday Night Activities  
7:00PM - Chancel Choir, Choir Room

### Thursday, May 12

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

### Friday, May 13

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

### Saturday, May 14

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen  
*Sponsored by Union Baptist*  
2:00PM - Martha Boatman's 90th  
Birthday Celebration, FH



Statesboro First Methodist  
Children's Ministries

**Sunday, May 8, 2016**

**No Children's Moment due to  
Children's Sunday**

**Kids Worship:**

**9:01:** Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Jenny Coulter

**11:00:** No Kids Worship

## Children's Ministries News

### Wednesday Night Ministry

Join us this Wednesday night, May 11, to celebrate our last Wednesday night of the season. Small group time will be followed by a party for children in Pre-K through 5th grade. Please note, **we will not have Kids JAM rehearsal this week**, but save the date for a pool party at Ashley Wren's house on May 22, 2:00PM-4:00PM.

### Children's Ministry Summer Schedule

**June 13-17 (9:00AM-12:00PM)**

Vacation Bible School

**June 22-July 27 (3:30PM-5:00PM on Wednesdays)**

Faith Girls & God's Guys small groups for children in rising 3rd-6th grade

**July 16 (11:00AM-1:00PM)**

Children's Ministry hosts Soup Kitchen

**July 31 (5:00PM-7:00PM)**

Family Movie Night

### VBS Registration – [www.statesborofirst.com/vbs](http://www.statesborofirst.com/vbs)

Registration is available on our website for children in rising Pre-K through 6th grade (must be 4 by 9/1/16). Volunteers are needed to serve this summer! Please see the VBS volunteer sign up sheet in the first floor hallway.

We are collecting toilet paper rolls! They will be turned into bats to go in our cave at Cave Quest VBS. Please save yours to drop off in the Church Office.

### Summer Camp

The South Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church offers summer elementary camps each year for rising 4th-6th graders. These are offered three different weeks throughout June and July and are held at Epworth By The Sea on St. Simons Island. Children will experience opportunities to grow closer to Christ while enjoying the beach, pool, crafts, games, and Bible study. Visit [www.sgauhc.org/campconnect](http://www.sgauhc.org/campconnect) to see the summer schedule and register online.

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### Martha Blanchette Boatman - 90th Birthday

The family of Martha Blanchette Boatman invites you to help celebrate her 90th birthday at an Open House on Saturday, May 14, 2016 from 2:00PM-5:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. Your presence is your gift. A card with a memory would be wonderful.

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

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**SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2016**  
**LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE**  
**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY**

**GATHERING**  
**LIGHTING OF CANDLES**  
**PRELUDE & MEDITATION**  
*All Creatures of Our God and King*  
arr. James C. Kasen

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

11:00AM PEYTON COULTER

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children.

**Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #529 *How Firm a Foundation*

**SPECIAL MUSIC (11:00AM Service)**

PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN CHOIR

**PASSING OF THE PEACE AND REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE**

11:00AM DREW PROSSER

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

11:00AM SARAH & SKYLAR AKINS

**PROCLAIMING THE VISION**

11:00AM SYDNEY KATE AARON

Why does Statesboro First United Methodist Church exist?

**To glorify God and love others through worship, study, and service.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC (11:00AM Service)**

*Holy Spirit*

arr. Bryan Torwalt and Katie Torwalt

PEYTON COULTER, ALEXANDRA KENNEDY, ABBY SMITH, OLIVIA WREN

**PERSONAL TESTIMONY (11:00AM Service)**

ALEXANDRA KENNEDY

**GUEST SPEAKER**

JASON ROBICHAU

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

11:00AM ABBY SMITH

## GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM BIRD HODGES; 11:00AM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

AVA DABBS, ANNA HAYS POLK, LORELEI PROSSER, KENDALL RAGAN

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

*Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

arr. Ryan Murphy

### OFFERTORY (8:30AM Service)

*Jesus Loves Me, This I Know*

arr. Janet Linker

\*DOXOLOGY Hymn #94

\*SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 1:6-8

11:00AM OLIVIA WREN

### MESSAGE

*"Growing in Grace"*

REV. JIMMY CASON

### BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

*(all children stand)*

Loving Shepherd, You gather the lambs in your arms and call them each by name. Move the hearts of your children to know your love. Light a spark in their hearts that they may be like sunshine. May they grow strong and gentle, bold and wise. And when they go wrong, may they know your forgiveness.

This we ask for your love's sake. Amen.

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Hymn #170 *O How I Love Jesus*

### BENEDICTION

11:00AM WILLIAM POLK

### POSTLUDE

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

arr. Brad Hall

*\*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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