



STATESBORO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

JAMES A. CASON SENIOR PASTOR
SCOTT HARRIS ASSISTANT PASTOR

June 19, 2016

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

PRAY FOR ORLANDO

All of us have been shocked by the terrible tragedy killing 49 persons in Orlando, Florida. I have been equally distressed when I have read some of the statements coming from some politicians and religious leaders flatly stating that since these persons were in a gay bar, God is punishing them with death, and they have reaped what they have sown.

I am tired of hate hiding under the name of God and religion. The God I serve hates no one. The God I love sent Jesus to die, not just for a certain few, but for the whole world - even for those who reject His love. When will we ever learn that there is no room for hate in the Christian Church? This tragedy should sadden us every bit as much as the Charleston shootings last summer. This tragedy is as hate-filled as the church bombing in Birmingham in the 1960's that killed four precious black children.

I am not trying to change anyone's mind on the hot-button social issues of the day. However, a statement that I hear often (especially when we disagree with the deeply-held convictions of others) can be a part of the problem in dealing with the intense hatred we have just witnessed. "Hate the sin, but love the sinner!" is quoted by many in an attempt to distinguish their stand on an issue apart from their charity towards a person with that orientation. There are three problems associated with this statement. It is not found in the Bible anywhere. We are also, in large part, focusing on what we perceive to be sin in another person or group without focusing on our own sin. Why is it that someone else's sin is always more harmful or offensive to God than our sin? Jesus said, "Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye?" (Matthew 7:3) For those of you who might not catch the irony of Jesus, the log in our own eye is larger and more harmful than the speck in our neighbor's eye.

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Sunday, June 19, 2016

8:30 & 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Jimmy Cason
"Jesus: One of Us" - Hebrews 2:14-18

9:01 & 11:00AM Revive - Scott Harris
"Jesus: One of Us" - Hebrews 2:14-18

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, June 12, 2016)

Morning Worship: 512

Sunday School: 289

8:30AM: 58

9:01AM: 142

11:00AM: 217

REVIVE: 95

Offering Received: \$26,089.00

Preserving God's House: \$1,555.00

Special Offering: Wesley Glen - \$250.00

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: *Art Doughty- Metter Swing Bed*

Ongoing: *Charles Millican, Marshall Thigpen, Mary Karrh, John Karrh, Lloyd Jones, Charles Eunice, Nora Ford, Mary Adams, Mary Sue Hodges, Inman Hodges, Yvonne Redden, Gary Redden, Amos Connell, Harold Newton, Diane Deloach, Jimmy Hood, Carolyn Millican, John Gould, Martha Cain*

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Wesley Glen Sunday

Father's Day, Sunday June 19, we will observe Wesley Glen Sunday with a special offering. Wesley Glen is our ministry to adults with developmental disabilities. Because of the generosity of United Methodists throughout South Georgia, we make a promise to parents that we will have a place for their adult child both now and after their parents have died. A 22-year old at Wesley Glen just learned to use the bathroom without assistance. A 44-year old just learn to fasten his seat belt by himself. Please give generously to this wonderful ministry.

South Georgia Annual Conference

As most of you already know, the South Georgia Annual Conference met in Tifton June 8-11. Pastor Jimmy was reappointed to our church to begin his 8th year of ministry with us. Pastor Scott was approved as a licensed Local Pastor and was officially appointed as our Associate Pastor. (Up until now, he was hired by our church as Assistant Pastor.) Thad Harvey, a former associate pastor here, was appointed as the senior pastor at Pembroke UMC. Kirk Hagan, another of our former Associate Pastors, was commissioned for the work of an elder (the final step before being ordained as an Elder) and is reappointed to Wrightsville UMC. David Donnan, our former Youth Director, was appointed to Twin City UMC. Don and Brenda Adams, who formerly served this church retired and has moved to Dublin.

Bill Hatcher, Charlene Black, John and Martha Ray, and Pastor Jimmy represented our church at Annual Conference. Our church was recognized for 100% payment of Mission Apportionments, Northeast District Leader in net gain of membership, members received on profession of faith, and the most money given to Missions. We were also recognized as being one of the top ten churches in giving to Magnolia Manor and the top church in the Northeast District in giving to the Methodist Home for Children and Youth.

Volunteers for June 19, 2016 (Third Sunday of June)

Prayer Warriors: Tommy & Karen David

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Betty Hodges

8:30 Ushers: Mike Beasley, Daryl Harrison

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

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Bill Thompson

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 (June 21): Betty Hodges



SFUMC Youth Ministries

Love God : Love People : Serve the World

Youth Ministries News

Snowbird Summer Camp – June 20-25

If your student is attending Snowbird please have them arrive Monday at church at 7:30AM. We have a tight schedule so it is important that everyone is on time!

Youth Week - July 11-14

Youth Week is an outreach event where we encourage our students to bring their friends. There will be a time for food, games, prizes, worship, and a message. The event is free and open to all rising 7th graders through recently graduated seniors. Monday through Wednesday the event is from 7:00PM – 9:30PM. Thursday night is our water and game night and it will be from 6:00PM – 8:00PM. We will need a lot of volunteers to help with this event. If you can volunteer please let Becca know, bbrown@statesborofirst.com.

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Acknowledgements

I am pleased that Tommy McMillan will be serving as guest organist today while I am away on vacation and at the national convention of the American Guild of Organists. I am also very grateful to Lee Walker for directing the chancel choir in my absence. Lee does a wonderful job leading our chancel ringers and First Methodist is fortunate that he is willing to share his time and talents. Please express your appreciation to both of these men for their service. - Pierce Dickens

Chancel Choir

Are you seeking a small group or a place to serve? If so, the Chancel Choir is seeking new members! With shorter rehearsals, summer is a great time to give singing in the choir a try. Even if you've never sung in a choir before, please consider joining us. There's never an audition – you don't even have to be able to read music. All you need is a desire to "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!" Contact our Director of Music Ministries/Organist Pierce Dickens at pdickens@statesborofirst.com for more details if you are interested.

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, June 19

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, June 20

8:00PM - Revive Band Practice, FH
6:30PM - OHCM Board, 213

Tuesday, June 21

6:00PM - 901 Band Practice, FH
6:00PM - AA, 206
6:00PM - Al Anon, 201

Wednesday, June 22

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)
7:00PM - Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Thursday, June 23

6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305

Friday, June 24

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

Saturday, June 25

7:30AM - Emmaus Gathering, FH
12:00PM - Soup Kitchen
Sponsored by St. Matthew Catholic Church



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, June 19, 2016

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)

Buck Ford

Kids Worship:

9:01: Sarah Akins, Alison Powell

11:00: Jodie Hendrix, Jill Vickery

Children's Ministries News

Vacation Bible School Update

We are in the middle of a great week as this bulletin goes to print, with over 400 people filling the halls of our church. The children bring such energy and excitement learning about Jesus as the light of the world! Each day we shout out and celebrate how following Jesus gives us hope, courage, direction, power, and love. Vacation Bible School is such a powerful ministry right here in our community and a great team of volunteers makes it possible.

Summer Small Groups Begin June 29

Faith Girls and God's Guys are small groups for rising 3rd-6th graders that meet during the summer on Wednesday afternoons. We will be reading "Over the Fence: Adventures in Friendship", by: Elizabeth Hansen, Dan Scott, and Lauren Terrell. The boys will meet at the Glen Oaks pool each Wednesday and the girls meeting location will vary. Please see our website for more details and be sure to register your child soon to reserve a book!

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PRAY FOR ORLANDO - continued

Also, many times when that statement is made, we focus on the hate more than we do the love. And our perceived message of hate (and I realize there are many of us who sincerely make that statement who have worked so hard not to hate), is heard louder than our love for the "sinner."

As your pastor, I call all of us to prayer. How would you feel if you had received the call that your son or daughter had been killed in that nightclub? If we attempt to put ourselves in the places of these hurting families and friends, it will be easy for us to fall to our knees. I also call all of us to look deep within ourselves and ask God to remove any sign of prejudice, bigotry, or hate that may still reside in our spirit. Then I ask us to focus more on expressing unconditional love to everyone we meet. How does Jesus see the person with whom we disagree? May we love with the eyes and ears and the heart of Jesus.

---Pastor Jimmy

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**SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2016
LITURGICAL COLOR: RED**

**GATHERING
LIGHTING OF CANDLES
PRELUDE & MEDITATION
Tell Me the Stories of Jesus
arr. Boyd**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God is a God of holy mystery.
However, it was no heavenly stranger that came to save us.
It was no divine afterthought that freed us from sin.
It was no casual gesture that fashioned our salvation.
We are reminded as we worship what God offers to us.
A love born of endless searching
A connection born of deep longing
A future born of selfless sacrifice.
**Today we worship the God who became like us so that
we could become like God.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #144 *This Is My Father's World*

***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.)

ANTHEM (11:00AM Service)

In Ever Land Begin the Song

by Joseph Martin

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM BETTY HODGES; 11:00AM BILL THOMPSON

OFFERTORY

Wayfaring Stranger

-Traditional

***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!

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

Hymn #526 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

***SCRIPTURE READING**

Hebrews 2:14-18

MESSAGE

"Jesus: One of Us"

REV. JIMMY CASON

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Hymn #365 *Grace Greater Than Our Sin*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

March

arr. Clark

**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.



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