



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

July 24, 2016

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

A LETTER FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dear members and friends of Statesboro First UMC:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Finance Committee to express our gratitude for your financial generosity. Your faithfulness in giving to the Operating Budget and to Preserving God's House, as well as your immediate response to mission needs, does not go unnoticed by the leadership of this church.

The Finance Committee also wants to give you an update on where our church stands financially at the midpoint of the year. For the first four months, our Operating Budget receipts exceeded our expenses. However, once we got into the summer months where traditionally giving goes down and expenses go up, our expenses for the year now exceed our receipts by \$50,473.93. This deficit is actually lower than in previous years and lower than the deficit that was budgeted, but we still wanted to let you know where we stand financially.

Our original line of credit of \$850,000, which was obtained to replace roofs and HVAC systems throughout our church, and sound and lighting for the sanctuary, has now been reduced to a balance of only \$267,281.40. This past month we were able to make a payment of \$25,000 to reduce the loan to its present balance.

The Preserving God's House II pledge campaign resulted in pledges of \$517,340. We are half way through this campaign, and we have remaining outstanding pledges of \$322,770.53. This is exciting as our balance on the loan is now smaller than the remaining pledges! The sooner we pay off this line of credit, the sooner we can prepare for the critical decisions that lie ahead, especially those pertaining to the growth of our ministries through possible capital expansion.

If you are in a position to pay any part of your pledge early without compromising your ability to give to the operating budget, please consider doing so. We are ahead of schedule in the area of loan repayment, but we do not want to fall behind and not be able to address the issues that could impact our growth.

We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Russ Lanier, Chair
Finance Committee

Sunday, July 24, 2016

8:30, 9:01 & 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Jimmy Cason
"Jesus: A Call to Perseverance" - Hebrews 10:19-25

11:00AM Revive - Rev. Jonathan Smith
"Jesus: A Call to Perseverance" - Hebrews 10:19-25

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, July 17, 2016)

Morning Worship: 431

Sunday School: 246

8:30AM: 47

9:01AM: 102

11:00AM: 184

Revive: 98

Offering Received: \$20,033.43

Preserving God's House: \$1,835.00

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: *Mary Adams - Eagle Rehab*
Kathy Jenkins - Home from the hospital
Jim Long - Eagle Rehab

Ongoing: *John Popp, Art Doughty, Perk Robins, June Weaver, Janice Davis, Khaki Herrington, Charles Millican, Marshall Thigpen, Mary Karrh, John Karrh, Lloyd Jones, Nora Ford, Mary Sue Hodges, Inman Hodges, Yvonne Redden, Gary Redden, Amos Connell, Harold Newton, Diane Deloach, Jimmy Hood, Carolyn Millican, John Gould, Martha Cain*

What a family! Cards, letters, phone calls, visits, and much prayer for Sybil and myself have been a source of strength and encouragement. After Sybil's passing, I began spending more time with our only child and her family in Lawrenceville, Georgia. After much consideration and prayer, I have decided to move to Alissa's home. I intend to remain a member of Statesboro First, and will visit a local church. It is not "goodbye" or "farewell", but "I'll see you again".

In Christ,

Bud Johnston

2000 Stone Forest Drive

Lawrenceville, GA 30043

I have moved to The Lodge at Bethany and wanted everyone to have my new mailing address:

Dr. Martha Cain

The Lodge at Bethany

Suite 207

77 Bethany Way

Statesboro, GA 30458

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

UMW Reading Program

Reading program lists are due to the Northeast District UMW on August 1. Participating UMW members are requested to provide their list of books, by category, to Carolyn Millican (cmil@frontiernet.net) no later than July 28.

Camp Meeting

Camp Meeting is coming in August. That means it's time for you to choose some of your old (or new) favorites for us to sing! Send your requests to pdickens@statesborofirst.com or write them on a piece of paper and hand them directly to Pierce. We will make every effort to include your request some time during Camp Meeting.

Volunteers for July 24, 2016 (Fourth Sunday of July)

Prayer Warriors: Jim & Pam Campbell

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Bird Hodges

8:30 Ushers: Ken LeCain, Max Manack

9:01 Ushers: Chris Bishop, Tonya Bishop, Steve Garner, Peggy Garner

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Lee Walker

11:00 Ushers: Mike Rollins, John Hatcher, JJ Altman, Jack Bailey, Anthony Waters, Wayne Laircey, Russ Lanier (Balcony: Olin Lovett, Ronnie Hodges)

Parking Lot Greeters: Linda Rushing

Front Door Greeters: Suzan Laircey, Grace Adams Stewart, Ellen Lanier

Meals on Wheels (July 26): Larry & Anne Thompson



SFUMC Youth Ministries

Love God : Love People : Serve the World

Youth Ministries News

Rising 6th Graders

Rising 6th graders and their parents are invited to a welcome game night this Thursday, July 28, from 7:00PM-8:30PM at the church. This will be a time for the parents and students to meet the Youth Ministry Staff, meet some of the older students on the Leadership Team, and hear about how they can get plugged into all that the Youth Ministry has to offer. We will be providing dinner, a time for games, and an information session. We highly encourage all rising 6th graders and their parents to attend. If you have any questions, contact Becca Brown, bbrown@statesborofirst.com.

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, July 24

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, July 25

9:00AM - Preschool Preplanning, FH
8:00PM - Revive Band Practice, FH

Tuesday, July 26

9:00AM - Preschool Preplanning, FH
6:00PM - AA, 206
6:00PM - Al Anon, 201
6:00PM - 901 Band Practice, FH

Wednesday, July 27

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)
9:00AM - Preschool Preplanning, FH
6:00PM - Preschool Open House
7:00PM - Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Thursday, July 28

9:00AM - Preschool Preplanning, FH
6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305
6:30PM - District Boy Scout Event, FH

Friday, July 29

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

Saturday, July 30

9:00AM - Preschool Preplanning, FH
12:00PM - Soup Kitchen

Sponsored by Compassion Christian



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, July 24, 2016

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)

Lydia Cross

Kids Worship:

9:01: Sarah Akins, Julie Brannen

11:00: Jodie Hendrix, Renee Perry

Children's Ministries News

Faith Girls & God's Guys

This Wednesday, July 27, is our final gathering for the summer. We will celebrate with a combined pool party, for both the guys and girls, at the home of Will and Ashley Wren, from 3:30PM-5:00PM.

Family Movie Night - Next Sunday, July 31

We will show the movie, Zootopia, in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00PM. Bring your favorite blanket or beanbag chair! Popcorn and movie snacks will be served. All ages are welcome.

Children's Sunday School Classes

All children's Sunday school classes will gather in the Sanctuary at 10:00AM on August 7 for Celebration Sunday! This is a time when we come together to celebrate the end of the 2015-2016 Sunday school year. Children will be recognized and receive certificates. Rising 3rd graders will receive Bibles, and refreshments will be served in the Gathering Area following the program. Rising 6th graders will not participate in Celebration Sunday. They will begin Sunday school with the youth group on that day.

Promotion Sunday is August 14. This is the day all children move up to the next grade level and begin Sunday school in a new classroom for the 2016-2017 school year.

Teachers Needed for the 2016-2017 Sunday School Year

Please consider serving as a Sunday school teacher in the upcoming school year. We have nine classes that need committed leaders to share God's word with children between the ages of two and eleven. Please contact Sarah Akins for more information (sakins@statesborofirst.com).

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**SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2016
LITURGICAL COLOR: RED**

**GATHERING
LIGHTING OF CANDLES
PRELUDE & MEDITATION**
Trumpet Tune on WESTMINSTER ABBEY
arr. Kevin Hildebrand

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
In you, O Lord, do we take refuge;
Incline your ear to us, and save us!
Be to us a rock of refuge, for you are our rock and our fortress.
You, O Lord, are our hope and trust,
We continually praise Almighty and Loving God.
-Adapted from Psalm 71

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
Hymn #127 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

***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)

LYDIA CROSS

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

ANTHEM (11:00AM Service)
The Perfect Wisdom of Our God
by Larry Shackley

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM BIRD HODGES; 11:00AM LEE WALKER

OFFERTORY

Melody

by Betty Roe

*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 #451 *Be Thou My Vision*

*SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 10:19-25

MESSAGE

"Jesus: A Call to Perseverance"

REV. JIMMY CASON

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Hymn #733 *Marching to Zion*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Festive Recessional

by Gilbert Martin

**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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