



**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

August 7, 2016

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MINISTRY KICK-OFF

This week we kick off a new season of Wednesday Night Ministry! Join us August 10, 5:30PM-7:30PM, for a fun family night cookout. Grilled hamburgers will be served in the fellowship hall, with indoor games to follow. Children and youth should come dressed to get wet, and bring a towel, because water slides will be set up outdoors. There will be multiple slides, so please be sure to notice the ones that are age appropriate for your child or teenager. Everyone is invited, a nursery is available, and there is no charge for dinner this week! This is a great opportunity to enjoy a relaxed evening with church family, while being informed of the Wednesday Night Ministry small groups and activities that are available to you and your family. The regular schedule of activities, for all ages, will begin next Wednesday, August 17. Invite a friend, and come grow with us!

CAMP MEETING MONTH

August is traditionally Camp Meeting Month. So, beginning this Sunday and for the three remaining Sundays, we will be less formal at the 8:30 and 11:00AM Traditional Services. We encourage you to wear cooler clothing - that means that the men can take off their coats and ties. We will have lots of singing. The pastors and the choir will not wear robes. We hope you will join us for these services. **As a reminder, Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, August 14 instead of today.**

**WELCOME GEARY ("GARY") SPAULDING
OUR NEW MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR**

If you have noticed a hard-working man re-striping the parking lot or painting, you need to stop and say hello to Geary (pronounced Gary). Geary Spaulding was hired recently as our new Maintenance Coordinator. Already, he has worked hard to make our church building and grounds look better. Besides he and Arnold work so good together. Welcome Geary to our staff!

Sunday, August 7, 2016

9:01 & 11:00AM Revive - Rev. Jimmy Cason
"Jesus: Turn Your Eyes Upon Him" - Hebrews 12:1-4

8:30 & 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Scott Harris
"Jesus: Turn Your Eyes Upon Him" - Hebrews 12:1-4

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

Morning Worship: 444

Sunday School: 292

8:30AM: 48

9:01AM: 121

11:00AM: 188

Revive: 87

Offering Received: \$23,653.00

Preserving God's House: \$3,360.00

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: *Shirley Hooker - EGR*
Connie Hodges - Swing bed in Metter
Martha Cain - EGR
Mary Adams - Eagle Rehab
Jim Long - Eagle Rehab

Ongoing: *Kathy Jenkins, John Popp, Art Doughty, Perk Robins, June Weaver, Janice Davis, Khaki Herrington, Carolyn Millican, 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, John Gould*

The **flowers** in the **Sanctuary** on August 7 are given to the glory of God and in honor of the baptism of *Marion Speer Benson* by *his family*.

Christian sympathy and prayers are expressed to *Carter and Faye Berkely* upon the death of Carter's brother, *Ed Berkeley* who died on July 30.

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Open Hearts Community Mission Fundraiser

Open Hearts Community Mission is having a chicken dinner fundraiser on Thursday & Friday, August 25 & 26 from 11:00AM to 1:00PM at Crossroads Community Church (next to Lowes). For only \$9 you get 1/2 chicken, BBQ sauce, green beans, corn on the cob, dessert and bread. We will also deliver to the Statesboro area. See Robin Kersey in the church office, Delia Mobley, or Rick Smith for tickets.

UMW Meeting

UMW General Meeting will be held on Monday, August 8, 2016 in Room 306 at 10:00AM. Fellowship time will begin at 9:45AM with Dreta Sharpe Circle in charge of refreshments. The program will be on Racial Justice given by Martha Ray.

Magnolia Bible Study

The Magnolia Bible Study will begin Tuesday, August 23, and will meet every Tuesday from 3:30PM-5:00PM in Room 201. We will be studying Joanna Weaver's book, "Lazarus Awakening".

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

Prayer Warriors: Eleanor Schneider, JoAnn Marsh

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Joyce Bohler

8:30 Ushers: Buck Ford, Brian Harrison

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

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Martha Ray

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: Carol Ruffo, Martha Ray

Meals on Wheels (August 9): Tommy & Karen David



SFUMC Youth Ministries

Love God : Love People : Serve the World

Youth Ministries News

Sunday Night Surge - Kicks off August 14

Middle School students meet in the Youth Room from 5:30PM-7:00PM (**Note the time change). High School will meet from 7:00PM-8:30PM in the Youth Room. This is our weekly large group meeting where students participate in games, food, worship and a message. Cost for dinner is \$2.

Breakfast Club - Kicks off August 15

This event is for Middle and High School students. We meet on Monday mornings on the third floor (Room 306) for breakfast (Chick-fil-A and Daylight Donuts), a devotional, and then we give students a ride to school. Arrive at 7:00AM and the cost is \$2.

Small Groups - Kicks off August 17

This event is for Middle and High School students. Students meet on Wednesday nights in the Youth Room to participate in fellowship, food, and small group bible study. The small groups are divided by age and gender. The Youth Room opens at 5:30PM for dinner, games begin at 6:15PM, and bible study starts at 7:00PM. The cost for dinner is \$2 and students are dismissed at 8:00PM.

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Confirmation to Begin THIS FALL

We are moving Confirmation to the fall for this school year on Wednesday nights. Beginning August 17, students are invited to gather with the youth for dinner and games from 5:30-7:00PM and then they will gather from 7-8PM for Confirmation teaching and small groups. We will meet weekly on Wednesdays, with a couple of noted exceptions. For more information on this process, please consult with Scott Harris: sharris@statesborofirst.com or Becca Brown: bbrown@statesborofirst.com.

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, August 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

Monday, August 8

10:00AM - UMW Meeting, 306
5:00PM - Sunday School Teacher Training, FH
6:30PM - OHCM Board Meeting, 213
8:00PM - Revive Band Practice, FH

Tuesday, August 9

6:00PM - AA, 206
6:00PM - Al Anon, 201
7:00PM - UMM Fellowship Supper, FH

Wednesday, August 10

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

Thursday, August 11

6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, Handbell Rm.

Friday, August 12

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

Saturday, August 13

7:30AM - Emmaus Gathering, 306, 2nd floor
12:00PM - Soup Kitchen
Sponsored by Statesboro Primitive Baptist



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, August 7, 2016

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)

Joy Darley

Kids Worship:

9:01: Julie Brannen, Leigh Aaron

11:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Bess Toussaint

Children's Ministries News

Children's Sunday School

Today is Celebration Sunday! Children in the 2-year-old through 4th grade Sunday school classes will meet in the Sanctuary at 10:00AM for a special program. This is a time when we come together to celebrate the completion of last school year, before moving up and beginning the 2016-2017 Sunday school year in new classrooms next Sunday.

Wednesday Night Ministry Team

The fall season of Wednesday Night Ministry will begin soon with a family kick-off night scheduled for August 10. Regular scheduled activities will resume on August 17. We minister to a great group of children on Wednesday evenings throughout the school year, in a much different setting from Sunday mornings. Come serve with us as we play, lead, and grow children to become disciples of Christ. Contact Sarah or Jodie for more information (sakins@statesborofirst.com jhendrix@statesborofirst.com).

Backpack Buddies Ministry

Our Backpack Buddies ministry serves selected students at Sallie Zetterower Elementary each school year. School teachers and administrators observe students and communicate with families the first several weeks of school before selecting children with the greatest need. Be in prayer that children who need it the most will be the ones selected for the program, and that we might be able to meet this need again this school year. Donations are welcome and appreciated.

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Pastor Jimmy's New Book Studies Begins Wednesday, August 17

This year Pastor Jimmy will facilitate a study on new and interesting books. These books will engage and challenge us to deepen our spiritual lives. Unlike his study last year, one does not have to commit all year long. Each book study will last six to eight weeks followed by another book study. We will begin studying a book, "Set Apart: Holy Habits of Prophets and Kings". This Bible study of I and II Kings will remind us that we are not unlike some of the kings and prophets. Although they were set apart by God, they did not have all the answers. They struggled. They made big time mistakes.

This six to eight-week study will study Solomon, Elijah, Elisha, Naaman, Hezekiah, and Josiah. Student books cost \$12 and can be purchased on August 17. See next weeks newsletter for the room assignment.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2016
LITURGICAL COLOR: RED

GATHERING
LIGHTING OF CANDLES
PRELUDE & MEDITATION

To God Be the Glory
arr. Mary Ellen Kerrick

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMN OF PRAISE MEDLEY**

Please see newsletter insert

PASSING OF THE PEACE AND REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (11:00AM Service)

MARION "SPEER" BENSON
Son of ROBERT & ANNA BENSON

God Claims You

Chorus: Speer, Speer, God claims you.
God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.

Verse: We this day do all agree, a child of God you'll always be. **Chorus**

Verse 2: We are here to say this day that we will help you on your way. **Chorus**

CONGREGATIONAL PLEDGE

**With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ,
that this child, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the
faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00AM Service)

JOY DARLEY

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

ANTHEM (11:00AM Service)

I'll Fly Away
arr. Joel Raney

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM JOYCE BOHLER; 11:00AM MARTHA RAY

OFFERTORY

Whispering Hope, Wonderful Peace

arr. Joel Raney

ADULT ENSEMBLE

CINDY BERG-AYCOCK, TESSA MORRIS, EMMA HUENNEKENS,
LEE WALKER, ROBERT HILTON

*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 MEDLEY

Please see newsletter insert

*SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 12:1-4

MESSAGE

“Jesus: Turn Your Eyes Upon Him”

REV. SCOTT HARRIS

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Please see newsletter insert

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**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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