



STATESBORO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

JAMES A. CASON SENIOR PASTOR
SCOTT HARRIS ASSOCIATE PASTOR

September 11, 2016

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

DEFINING MOMENTS

A large group of our older adults can remember where they were when they heard the news that Japan had attacked Pearl Harbor. However, no one who was born after 1941 has any recollection of that event except for what they have read or seen on TV. I remember where I was sitting in my fourth-grade class when someone rushed in the room to tell us that President John F. Kennedy had been assassinated, and I remember sitting glued in front of the black-and-white television set as we watched the events of the next three days. On September 11, 2001, I was serving as pastor at Sandersville UMC, and I was getting dressed for a meeting while watching the Today Show when the first plane crashed into the World Trade Center. It has been 15 years since that tragic day, and we can all remember where we were - except for those who are children and teenagers today. While no one event defines this younger generation, they have not lived one day without war, without the threat of terror, and without being afraid of what the next day might bring for them.

This Sunday we will observe the 15th anniversary of September 11, 2001 or 9/11. We observe this anniversary not to celebrate war, not to glory in the horrific events of that day, nor to make any type of political statement. In many ways, this event has become a defining moment for all of us - even for those not yet born or who were too young to remember. This terrible tragedy reminded us that there is no true physical safety anywhere. In my opinion, it also was the beginning of our present age of terrorism where ISIS has become a familiar word on all of our lips.

So how do we respond to this new awareness of evil? First of all, we remember who wrote THE BOOK and then we remember how THE BOOK ends. Good will triumph over evil. While Jesus defeated the enemy Satan at the Cross, Satan is still the author of lies and deceit. As Martin Luther stated in his hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God": "For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal." So we should not be surprised when terrorists "armed with cruel hate" are used by Satan to "work us woe."

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Sunday, September 11, 2016

8:30, 9:01 & 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Jimmy Cason
"Elephant #4: You're Not Pulling Your Own Weight" - Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

11:00AM REVIVE - Rev. Scott Harris
"Elephant #4: You're Not Pulling Your Own Weight" - Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, September 4, 2016)

Morning Worship: 392

Sunday School: 229

8:30AM: 51

9:01AM: 92

11:00AM: 184

Revive: 65

Offering Received: \$30,763.01

Preserving God's House: \$1,610.00

Special Offering: Altar/ACTS - \$723.95

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: *Bob Counce - EGR*

Bryan Rountree - St. Joseph's

Ongoing: *Kathy Richardson Jones, Judy Strickland, Connie Hodges, Shirley Hooker, John Popp, Art Doughty, June Weaver, Janice Davis, Khaki Herrington, Carolyn Millican, Marshall Thigpen, Mary Karrh, John Karrh, Lloyd Jones, Mary Sue Hodges, Inman Hodges, Yvonne Redden, Gary Redden, Harold Newton, Diane Deloach, Jimmy Hood, John Gould, Martha Cain, Amos Connell, Bill Mathis Jr., Jim Long, Nicki Hill, JoBeth Hendrix*

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

New Adult Small Group Starting Next Wednesday Night

We have added another adult small group beginning next Wednesday night, September 14, and you are invited to join. This new group will be studying Rick Warren's (Pastor and Author of The Purpose Driven Life) "Awesome: Building Great Relationships". We will watch a video each week followed by group discussion. The topics that will be covered are: Fighting for an Awesome Marriage, Family and Friendships, Becoming Best Friends with God, and The Seasons of Marriage.

UMW Meeting - September 12

The September General Meeting of United Methodist Women will be held Monday, September 12, at 10:00AM in Room 306. The program will be a speaker from the Wesley Foundation. All women of the church are urged to attend.

Emmaus Walks

Please pray for everyone who will be participating in the Dayspring Men's Walk to Emmaus #96 this weekend and for those who will participate in the Dayspring Women's Walk #97 next weekend. Both weekend events are held at Tattnall Campground.

Wednesday Night Menu - September 14 - 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.

Volunteers for September 11, 2016 (Second Sunday of September)

Prayer Warriors: Buck & Nora Ford

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Irene Denmark

8:30 Ushers: Steve Garner, Bird Hodges

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

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Jim Campbell

11:00 Ushers: Clark Collins, Chris Bishop, Jake Collins, Jim Davis, Michael Mallard, Dan Snipes, Brian Thomas, Bill Thompson, Robert Benson III

(Balcony: Olin Lovett, Ronnie Hodges, Earl Dabbs Jr., Brad Shiels)

Parking Lot Greeters: June Rushing

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

Meals on Wheels (September 13): Jimmy & Pat High



SFUMC Youth Ministries

Love God : Love People : Serve the World

Youth Ministries News

NO Sunday Night Surge - September 11

Due to the Rock the Universe trip there will be NO Sunday Night Surge on September 11.

NO Breakfast Club - September 12

Due to the Rock the Universe trip there will be NO Breakfast Club this week.

Small Groups - September 14

Middle and High School students meet on Wednesday nights in the Youth Room for fellowship, food, and small group bible study. 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.

High School Campout

Sign up for the High School campout has opened. The campout will take place September 30-October 2 at Black Creek Boy Scouts Camp. This is a great time for students to unplug and focus on their relationship with God. The cost for the weekend is \$60, which includes everything. An information packet and parental release form can be found on the church website. If you have any questions please contact Becca Brown, bbrown@statesborofirst.com.

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, September 11

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
3:00PM - Funeral, Sanct.

Monday, September 12

10:00AM - UMW Meeting, 306
2:30PM - Charlene Black Bible Study, Lib.
5:30PM - Staff Parish Meeting, Lib.
6:00PM - Young Adult Bible Study, 306
6:30PM - OHCM Board Meeting, 213
7:45PM - Revive Band Practice, FH

Tuesday, September 13

10:00AM - Linda Hubbard Bible Study, 212
2:30PM - UMM Shut-In Meal Prep, Kitchen
3:30PM - Magnolia Bible Study, 201
6:00PM - AA, 206
6:00PM - Al Anon, 201

Wednesday, September 14

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)
5:15PM - Kids JAM, 200 & Choir
5:30PM - Wednesday Night Activities
7:00PM - Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Thursday, September 15

4:00PM - Helping Hands Meeting, Lib.
6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, Handbell Rm.

Friday, September 16

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

Saturday, September 17

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen
Sponsored by Ogeechee Technical College SLC



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, September 11, 2016

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)

Bonnie Spiers

Kids Worship:

9:01: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Leigh Aaron

11:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Melanie Propps

Children's Ministries News

Wednesday Night Ministry

5:15PM-6:00PM Kids JAM (children's choir)

5:30PM-6:30PM Dinner served in Fellowship Hall

6:30PM-7:30PM Children's Ministry activities for PreK-5th Grade

A Day at the Pond House

Next Sunday, September 18, at 2:00PM is the Father-Son gathering at the Hodges-Yawn Pond House (124 Hodges Yawn Lane). This is for guys in kindergarten through 5th grade and their fathers. There will be football, fishing, and team-building activities, along with a message and a personal testimony.

Mom & Me Tea

The Mother-Daughter tea has been rescheduled for Sunday, September 25, at 3:00PM. This will be held in the Fellowship Hall for girls in kindergarten through 5th grade and their mothers. Delia Mobley will demonstrate timeless etiquette techniques for the girls, and Amy Altman will share a personal testimony. Tickets are available in the Church Office (\$5 per person).

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And Martin Luther goes further to say: "The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure, one little word shall fell him. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever!"

Tonight, September 11, at 6 PM, Christians will gather at Statesboro High School for a Night of Prayer for Our Nation. This service will be led by pastors from various denominational and racial backgrounds. It will not be a political rally. It will be a service of Scripture readings, prayers, hymns and special music.

In the meantime, as we deal with new realities, I want my life to reflect the prayer of Saint Francis who prayed: "Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy."

-Pastor Jimmy

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

LITURGICAL COLOR: RED

**GATHERING
LIGHTING OF CANDLES
PRELUDE & MEDITATION**

How Firm a Foundation

arr. James C. Kasen

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.

The world and those who live in it.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, and

Who shall stand in God's holy place.

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts.

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors!

That the King of Glory may come in.

Who is the King of Glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty!

Let us welcome the King of glory and worship God together!

-Adapted from Psalm 24

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #189 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

***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)

BONNIE SPIERS

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

ANTHEM (11:00AM Service)

Be Strong In the Lord

by Tom Fettke

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM IRENE DENMARK; 11:00AM JIM CAMPBELL

OFFERTORY

This Is My Father's World

arr. Alice Jordan

***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 # 437 *This Is My Song*

***SCRIPTURE READING**

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

MESSAGE

"Elephant #4: You're Not Pulling Your Own Weight"

REV. JIMMY CASON

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Hymn #548 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

***CHORALE BENEDICTION (11:00AM Service)**

A Clare Benediction

by John Rutter

POSTLUDE

God Is My Strong Salvation

arr. Gordon Young

**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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