



**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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**March 5, 2017**

**Worship Services:**

Sanctuary:  
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

**Sunday School:**

Classrooms:  
10:00AM

**New Series Beginning Today: *Awaken***

Lent is a Christian season when we remember the sacrifices Jesus and his disciples made in their ministry leading up to his death. This time not only helps us to remember the cost of following Jesus, but it also sobers us to the exhilarating reckoning of Jesus' resurrection and ultimate conquering of death with eternal life.

What is very clear in Scripture is that Jesus is constantly aware of his purpose, and that through teaching his followers, we become *awakened* to a whole new reality, one in which simply possessing the faith of a mustard seed can move mountains. In a way, Lent is itself a form of awakening. How many of us have "gone without" or sacrificed something we thought we needed only to realize that we never really needed it much to begin with? How fitting it is that during Lent we are able to give up the things that seemingly have power over us in order for God to ultimately have the *greatest* power over us. And what do we gain in return? Awakening - an awakening to faith, to depending on God for our every need - all of which culminates in the great awakening that happens at Easter with Jesus' resurrection.

We are incredibly excited to begin a new series this week called *Awaken*. In this series with Lent as our backdrop, we will identify different types of Awakening that can move us into a deeper faith. We will also hear powerful testimonies from individuals in our own congregation who have encountered hardship in some manner and managed to experience an awakening in their faith as a result.

We are certain that God is going to powerfully move as you hear the moving stories of people in our church, and it is our hope that we will collectively be further awakened and activated to a more vibrant faith. So, during this Lent season, we invite you to sacrifice and give up something extraneous that distracts you from God and commit to activating and awakening your faith, and, as we prepare for the coming resurrection at Easter, we hope you will prayerfully invite people who could use an awakening in *their* faith as we celebrate together the power of what God is doing in the life of our church!



**Sunday, March 5, 2017**

8:30 & 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Jimmy Cason  
*"Awakening to Longing: There's Got to be More"* - Luke 15:11-24  
 9:01 & 11:00AM REVIVE - Rev. Scott Harris  
*"Awakening to Longing: There's Got to be More"* - Luke 15:11-24

**Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, February 26, 2017)**

**Morning Worship: 511**

**Sunday School: 278**

8:30AM: 67

9:01AM: 98

11:00AM: 205

Revive: 141

Offering Received: \$17,202.35

Preserving God's House: \$2,230.00

## Our Church Family

**Christian sympathy and prayers** are expressed to *Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy (Jennifer) Coulter* upon the death of Jeremy's parents, *Jack and Sylvia Coulter* of Thomasville, Georgia who were killed in a car accident last week.

### Prayer Concerns

**Hospital:** *Bob Gunnels - The Landmark Hospital in Savannah*  
*Margaret Ann Johnston - Beaufort Rehabilitation Center*  
*Fay Smith - Hospice*  
*Laura Brannen - Home*

**Ongoing:** *Edith Jenkins, Jackie Yaughn, John Popp, Mike Beasley, Jimmy Hood, Kathy Richardson Jones, Khaki Herrington, Carolyn Millican, Marshall Thigpen, Mary Karrh, John Karrh, Lloyd Jones, Yvonne Redden, Diane Deloach, Jim Long, Harold Newton, Amos Connell, John Gould, Ed Shannon, Dolly Shannon*

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### Preschool and Summer Care Registration 2017-2018

Currently Enrolled Families will register on

**Tuesday, March 28**

**8:30AM-2:00PM**

NEW FUMC Parent Member Families

NOT Currently Enrolled will register on

**Wednesday, March 29**

**8:30AM-2:00PM**

Once these two days have passed, we will have open enrollment for any spaces that may be left available to the General Public to register on

**Thursday, March 30**

**8:30AM-2:00PM**

If you have any questions regarding registration, please call  
Ann Haskins, Preschool Director, 912-764-1876.

### Exterior Stone Repair and Preservation Underway

Water damage from recent storms has highlighted the need to have an on-going repair and preservation process to protect our church from further damage. The Board of Trustees has approved a phased approach to this problem. The first phase is currently underway on the East side and South side of our church and will last approximately four weeks. Savannah Preservation has erected scaffolding on the East wall of the church and will resume the stone regrouting procedure where they stopped during our last major renovation project several years ago. New trees and shrubs will be planted in this area immediately after the completion of phase one.

### Volunteers for March 5, 2017 (First Sunday of March)

**Prayer Warriors:** Buck & Nora Ford

**8:30 Lay Liturgist:** Suzan Laircey

**8:30 Ushers:** Bird Hodges, Brannen Hodges

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

**11:00 Lay Liturgist:** Hughes Williamson

**11:00 Ushers:** Bill Moore, Jim Campbell, Ronnie Ruffo, Brett Morgan, Hoke Brunson, Tal Johnson, Steve Harper

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

**Parking Lot Greeters:** Janet Mathis

**Front Door Greeters:** Betty F. Hodges, Carol Ruffo

**Meals on Wheels (March 7):** Allison Mager



# SFUMC Youth Ministries

Love God : Love People : Serve the World

## Youth Ministries News

### Sunday Night Surge - March 5

Middle School students will meet from 5:30PM-7:00PM and High School students 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 - March 6

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 Donuts), a devotional, and then we give students a ride to school. Arrive at 7:00AM and the cost is \$2.

### Small Groups - March 8

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.

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### Wednesday Night Menu - March 8 - 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, March 5

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  
12:30PM - Parent Leadership Mtg, 103  
4:00PM - Youth Band Practice, YR  
5:30PM - MS Sunday Night Surge, YR  
7:00PM - HS Sunday Night Surge, YR

### Monday, March 6

7:00AM - Youth Breakfast Club, 306  
2:30PM - Charlene Black Bible Study, Lib.  
3:30PM - Magnolia Bible Study, 201  
6:00PM - Trustees Board Mtg, Lib.  
7:45PM - Revive Band Practice, FH

### Tuesday, March 7

6:00PM - 901 Band Practice, FH  
6:00PM - AA, Grace House  
6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House

### Wednesday, March 8

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

### Thursday, March 9

11:30AM - Morning Glory Reunion, Lib.  
6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, Handbell Rm.

### Friday, March 10

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

### Saturday, March 11

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen  
*Sponsored by Statesboro Service League*



Statesboro First Methodist  
Children's Ministries

**Sunday, March 5, 2017**

**Children's Moment** (11:00 Traditional)

Ashley Wren

**Kids Worship:**

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

**11:00:** Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix

## Children's Ministries News

### Wednesday Night Ministry

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

5:30PM-6:30PM Family dinner in the Fellowship Hall

6:30PM-7:30PM Children's Ministry Activities & Small Groups

### Doggie Sunday FunDay

Join us for family fun with your pet on Sunday, March 19, 5:30PM-6:30PM. There will be outdoor activities, contests, and a pet parade. \*\*For the safety of our children and all who attend, dogs must be on a leash and have shots up to date. Please do not bring aggressive dogs who do not get along with people and other pets.\*\*

### Church Family Lunch & Easter Egg Hunt

Palm Sunday, April 9, 12:30PM

The Belle House

All are welcome! Children will hunt for Easter eggs following lunch.

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### Pastor Jimmy and Susan to Lead Trip to England and Ireland in July

Have you ever been to England or Ireland? If you have been to either country, would you like to see both countries through the eyes of John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement? Pastor Jimmy and his wife, Susan, are gathering a group to travel to both countries July 11-23. The Wesley Heritage Tour of England will include trips to Manchester, York, Epworth, Oxford and Stratford, Cotswolds and Gloucester, Bristol and Bath, and a tour of London, including Aldersgate Street where Wesley had his conversion experience, Hyde Park, Westminster Abbey, and St. Paul's Cathedral. A free day in London is also included. In Ireland, the group will travel to Blarney Castle and the Blarney Stone and Dublin along with many other sites.

Cost: \$3,598 (England only)

Cost: App. \$5,200 (England and Ireland)

The price includes roundtrip airfare, hotels, most meals usually including breakfast and dinner (lunch is usually not included), tours and guided sightseeing. We will be flying United out of Savannah to Atlanta to Newark to Manchester, England on July 11. For those who will not be going to Ireland, you would fly back to the US on July 19. Those traveling to Ireland will fly back to the US on July 23. For more information, please contact Pastor Jimmy, 912-536-2918 or [jcason@statesborofirst.com](mailto:jcason@statesborofirst.com).

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017  
LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE**

**GATHERING  
LIGHTING OF CANDLES  
PRELUDE & MEDITATION  
*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*  
arr. Gilbert Martin**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

In the wilderness of life, we are not alone.  
**God is with us, even in the midst of our loneliness.**  
On the treacherous paths, God guides us.  
**We will walk in God's ways of wisdom and truth.**  
Here we find grace. Here we find love.  
**Here we will worship and pray.**

**\*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)**

ASHLEY WREN

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

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

# GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM SUZAN LAIRCEY; 11:00AM HUGHES WILLIAMSON

## OFFERTORY (8:30AM Service)

*Cross of Jesus*

arr. Charles Callahan

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:00AM Service)

*Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling*

Ralph Manuel

### \*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!**

### \*SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:11-24

### MESSAGE

*“Awakening to Longing: There’s Got to be More”*

Sermon 1 in “Awaken” Series

REV. JIMMY CASON

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### \* HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Hymn #301 *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

### \*CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00AM Service)

*All the Way My Savior Leads Me*

arr. Pierce Dickens

### POSTLUDE

*Word of God, Across the Ages*

arr. Lani Smith

*\*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.  
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