



**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

**May 21, 2017**

**Worship Services:**

Sanctuary:  
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

**Sunday School:**

Classrooms:  
10:00AM

**Change in Worship Schedule for May 28 & July 2**

Sunday, May 28

- NO 8:30AM or REVIVE Services
- 9:01 Contemporary Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall
- Sunday School at 10AM
- 11AM Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

Sunday, July 2

- NO 8:30AM, 9:01, or REVIVE Services
- NO Sunday School
- 10AM Contemporary Worship Service with communion in the Fellowship Hall
- 11AM Traditional Worship Service with communion in the Sanctuary

**Congratulations to Deen Day Smith Award Recipients**

The following members of our church were recently awarded

Deen Day Smith Awards:

*Darryl Hopkins*

*Chip Mobley*

*Karen Phipps - Director of our Soup Kitchen*

We are proud of each of you!

**Did You Know?**

Many of you shared on Facebook and through our website the recent "Awaken" video testimonies. Did you know that because you shared those videos that to date, we have reached: **12,443** people, in **47** states, **31** countries, and **883** towns/cities around the world including Atlanta, New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Vancouver, Nashville, London, Dubai, Seoul, Nairobi, and Rome (Italy).

**Sunday, May 21, 2017**

8:30 & 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Jimmy Cason

"Playing for Keeps: Tribes Matter" - 1 John 4: 7-21

9:01 & 11:00AM REVIVE - Rev. Scott Harris

"Playing for Keeps: Tribes Matter" - 1 John 4: 7-21

**Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, May 14, 2017)**

**Morning Worship: 567**

**Sunday School: 279**

8:30AM: 69

9:01AM: 188

11:00AM: 234

Revive: 76

Offering Received: \$25,296.62

Preserving God's House: \$845.00

Special Offering: Magnolia Manor - \$380.00

## Our Church Family

Christian sympathy and prayers are extended to *Mr. and Mrs. Lee (Hollie) Eckles* and to *Mr. and Mrs. Will (Mary Beth) Ball* upon the death of Hollie's mother and Mary Beth's grandmother, *Mrs. Sybil Allen*, who died on May 17, 2017.

### Prayer Concerns

**Hospital:** *Carolyn Millican - EGR*  
*Susan Renfrow - EGR*

**Ongoing:** *Jimmy Hood, Khaki Herrington, Carolyn Millican, Marshall Thigpen, Mary Karrh, John Karrh, Lloyd Jones, Diane Deloach, Jim Long, Amos Connell, John Gould, Ed Shannon, Dolly Shannon, Gladys Hacker, Bob Gunnels, John Pops, Edith Jenkins*

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### New Building Committee to Have First Meeting

The new Building Committee elected recently by the Church Council will have its first meeting this Monday night, May 22 at 6:30PM in the Church Library. Members of the committee are: Bill Mathis, Chair; Charles Eunice, Trustees Chair; Janice Smith, Church Council Chair; Chip Cowart, Finance Committee Chair; Jimmy Cason, Senior Pastor; Tim Durden, Rachel Miller, Amy Altman, Warren Ball, Chuck Perry, and Sidney David. Please be in prayer for this group as they begin to make plans for a new building addition.

### Financial Update

As the church prepares to begin a campaign within the next year or two to build a new building, it is important that we know what our current debt is. The following is a summary of our debt:

Original Loan for Church Renovation:	\$749,000.00
Amount Paid on Loan:	\$583,879.97
Total Still Owed on Loan:	\$165,120.03
Outstanding Pledges Remaining:	\$240,588.80

Amount Owed on 4 Bulloch Street: \$70,908.70 (Monthly payments made from reserve accounts)

### Operating Budget (As of April 30, 2017)

Total Donations Received in April:	\$148,182.17
Total Expenses Paid in April:	\$129,848.65
Donations in Excess of Expenses	+\$18,332.52
Total Donations Jan. - April:	\$500,852.79
Total Expenses Jan. - April:	\$532,356.61
Expenses in Excess of Donations:	\$31,503.82

### Volunteers for May 21, 2017 (Third Sunday of May)

**Prayer Warriors:** Bill & Betty Hatcher

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

**8:30 Ushers:** Mike Beasley, Daryl Harrison

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

**11:00 Lay Liturgist:** Lincoln Lippincott

**11:00 Ushers:** Si Waters, Hughes Williamson, Coley Cassedy, Edwin Hill, David Johnson, Tommie Rushing, Fred Shearouse

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

**Parking Lot Greeters:** Anne Allen

**Front Door Greeters:** Pam Smith, Nita Waters

**Meals on Wheels (May 23):** Bob & Sue Avra



# SFUMC Youth Ministries

Love God: Love People: Serve the World

## Youth Ministries News

### VBS - June 5-9

In the past, our students have done a great job serving at our church's Vacation Bible School! We would love for our students to help serve again this year! VBS will be June 5-9 and we are looking for student volunteers. Students arrive at 8:15AM each morning and serve in their assigned area until 12:15PM. If your student would like to volunteer, please let Becca know, [bbrown@statesborofirst.com](mailto:bbrown@statesborofirst.com) The earlier they sign up, the better chance they have at working in their preferred area.

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### Relay for Life 2017 Final Count

The SFUMC Team raised \$4,315 to fight cancer. With thanks for each one who participated, and praise God for His blessings.

- Hilda Dutrow, Team Captain

### Mission Trip to Prague and Slovakia

The Missions Committee is currently making plans to send a team to Prague and Slovakia September 29 - October 9, 2017. The team will be visiting our partner church in Partizanske, Slovakia and then will travel to Prague to attend the Mission Summit hosted by Mission Together. The primary purpose of the trip is to encourage the church members in Partizanske and continue to build our relationship with the church. If you are interested in hearing more about the trip, please contact Debbie Walker at 682-9703 or [lwalk@frontiernet.net](mailto:lwalk@frontiernet.net) or contact Jimmy Cason at 764-7589 or [jcason@statesborofirst.com](mailto:jcason@statesborofirst.com).

## Our Church Calendar

### Sunday, May 21

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

### Monday, May 22

6:30PM - Building Committee Mtg, Lib.  
7:45PM - REVIVE Band Practice, FH

### Tuesday, May 23

### Wednesday, May 24

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

### Thursday, May 25

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

### Friday, May 26

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

### Saturday, May 27

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen  
*Soup Kitchen sponsored by SFUMC*



Statesboro First Methodist  
Children's Ministries

**Sunday, May 21, 2017**

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

**Kids Worship:**

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

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

## Children's Ministries News

**VBS is June 5-9, 9:00AM-12:00PM**

Be sure to go ahead and register your child at [vbs.statesborofirst.com](http://vbs.statesborofirst.com). This helps with t-shirt orders and grouping children ahead of time. Please see the adult volunteer banner on the First Floor Hallway to volunteer. Decorating hours include Tuesday, May 30, and Thursday, June 1, from 10:00AM-12:00PM.

### Summer Small Groups

Small groups for children in rising 3rd-6th grade will begin Wednesday, June 21. We meet each Wednesday from 3:30PM-5:00PM, location varies. Look for sign up information coming soon for Faith Girls! If you have a child interested in participating in God's Guys, please let Sarah or Jodie know. The boys group will be scheduled based on parent feedback, due to low attendance in the summer.

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### You are Invited

Habitat for Humanity of Bulloch County is excited to invite you to join them at 3:00PM today, Sunday, May 21, at 503 Institute Street to break ground for the ABC Winners' House, Habitat House 53. This will be the third Habitat House built in support of the Blue Mile Project. It is being called the ABC Winners' House to celebrate Statesboro winning one million dollars in the America's Best Communities competition.

Also tonight, Sunday, May 21, at 7:00PM at Trinity Episcopal Church there will be an evening of classical piano to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Bulloch County. Classical solo and ensemble piano music will be presented by area High School youth.

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

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**SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017**  
**LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE**

**GATHERING**  
**LIGHTING OF CANDLES**  
**PRELUDE & MEDITATION**

*Intonations of Praise*

by Jason Krug

CHANCEL RINGERS

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

From joy and excitement, we come into God's presence.

**May God gather us in and make us whole.**

From suffering and pain, we come seeking God.

**May God gather us in and make us one.**

From the highways of life, we come seeking the power of the Holy Spirit.

**May God gather us in, and make us disciples of Jesus Christ**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #89 *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

**\*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.)

**RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING SENIORS**

**(11:00AM Service)**

MRS. BECCA BROWN

**ANTHEM (11:00AM Service)**

***Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah***

arr. Mark Hayes

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

**GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM SUZAN LAIRCEY; 11:00AM LINCOLN LIPPINCOTT

**OFFERTORY**

***Victory and Meditation***

by Ron Mallory

CHANCEL RINGERS

**\*DOXOLOGY HYMN #94**

**\* HYMN OF PREPARATION**

Hymn #377 *"It Is Well With My Soul"*

**\*SCRIPTURE READING**

I John 4: 7-21

**MESSAGE**

*"Playing for Keeps: Tribes Matter"*

Sermon 5 in "Playing for Keeps" Sermon Series

REV. JIMMY CASON

**\* HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Hymn #593 *"Here I Am, Lord"*

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

***Irish Blessing***

arr. Linda Spevacek-Avery

**POSTLUDE**

***Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain***

arr. Mary McDonald

*\*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.