



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

August 27, 2017

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

Joining the Church

There are many people who are very active in the life of this church who have never formally joined the church. They attend worship, are involved in a Sunday School class, and come on Wednesday nights. Some are our very best volunteers. Yet, they are reluctant to make an official decision to join the church.

If I am describing you, then let me give you a warm invitation to consider making that decision. We live in a culture that is suspicious of bureaucracy and institutions. Organizations that provide nurture, love, solid preaching, vibrant, joyful worship and meaningful activities for children and youth are valued greater than a denominational label that says Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, etc. In addition, without joining, one can pick and choose how active he/she wants to be.

Without belittling the above facts, I believe that joining the church gives you a greater sense of belonging and a greater obligation to be responsible for honoring God's call to be a disciple by working with others in the church. "They are counting on me!" we acknowledge to ourselves.

We receive new members through transfer of membership from another Christian denomination or by profession of faith. If you have been baptized as a baby, a teenager, or an adult, we recognize and accept your baptism. We do not re-baptize. If you have not been baptized, then we give you a choice of being baptized by sprinkling or by immersion. United Methodists believe that "it doesn't matter how much water you have on you."

If you are joining on public profession of your faith in Christ, you will be asked at least one question: "Do you confess your faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and pledge your allegiance to His kingdom?" Both those joining on profession of faith or by transfer from another United Methodist church or a church of another Christian denomination, will be asked the following: "Will you be loyal to the church and support it with your prayers, presence, gifts, witness and service?"

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Sunday, August 27, 2017

8:30, 9:01 & 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Jimmy Cason

"Time Over Time" - Ephesians 5:15-17, Job 14:5

11:00AM REVIVE - Rev. Scott Harris

"Time Over Time" - Ephesians 5:15-17, Job 14:5

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, August 20, 2017)

Morning Worship: 558

Sunday School: 312

8:30AM: 44

9:01AM: 152

11:00AM: 244

Revive: 118

Offering Received: \$19,380.98

Preserving God's House: \$510.00

Our Church Family

Christian sympathy and prayers are extended to *Mr. and Mrs. Jack (Chantel) Webb* upon the death of Jack's mother, *Mrs. Ella Mimbs Webb* of Statesboro, who died on August 19, 2017.

Christian sympathy and prayers are expressed to *Mr. and Mrs. Matt (Kathleen) Gruben* upon the death of Kathleen's mother, *Mrs. Bonnie Hall* of Garland, Texas, who died on August 22, 2017.

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: *Charlie Christmas - recovering from surgery*
Bill Thompson - recovering from surgery
Shirley Hooker - recovering from surgery
Steve Garner - recovering from surgery
Sue Avra - recovering from surgery
Martha Boatman - Heritage
Carolyn McCarty - Eagle Rehabilitation

Ongoing: *Creighton Alexander, Jimmy Hood, Khaki Herrington, Marshall Thigpen, John Karrh, Lloyd Jones, Diane Deloach, Jim Long, Amos Connell, John Gould, Ed Shannon, Dolly Shannon, David Rupar*

Please take time to welcome our new members:

Ms. Ashlyn Avera
103 B Terrell Drive
Statesboro, GA 31719
Cell phone: 762-207-6552

Mr. Jordan Wilkins
103 Herty Drive
Statesboro, GA 30458
Cell phone: 478-244-0443

Ashlyn joins our church on transfer of membership from Concord UMC near Americus while *Jordan* is transferring from Central Baptist in Warner Robins. Both are full time students at Georgia Southern and plan to be married in our church on March 3, 2018.

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Charlene Black Bible Study on Romans

Charlene Black will begin a Bible study on the Book of Romans on Monday, September 11, at 2:30PM. If you are interested in joining the study please contact her at sylvaniacharlene@hotmail.com for details.

Volunteers for August 27, 2017 (Fourth Sunday of August)

Prayer Warriors: Max & Susan Manack

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Buck Ford

8:30 Ushers: Ken LeCain, Max Manack

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

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Bill Hatcher

11:00 Ushers: Mike Rollins, John Hatcher, JJ Altman, Jack Bailey, Anthony Waters, Wayne Laircey, Russ Lanier

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

Parking Lot Greeters: Linda Rushing

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

Meals on Wheels (August 29): Hilda Dutrow, Marcia Wise



SFUMC Youth Ministries

Love God: Love People: Serve the World

Youth Ministries News

Sunday Night Surge - August 27

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 - August 28

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 & Confirmation- August 30

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.

Labor Day Weekend Surge Plans

We will be going to the Club House on Sunday September 3, from 6:30PM-8:30PM. Students should meet there as well as be picked up there. Cost is \$10 which covers bowling, shoes, and food. This is open for Middle and High School students.

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, August 27

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
4:00PM - Youth Band Practice, YR
5:30PM - MS Sunday Night Surge, YR
7:00PM - HS Sunday Night Surge, YR

Monday, August 28

7:00AM - Youth Breakfast Club, 306
3:30PM - Magnolia Bible Study, 201
6:00PM - Building Committee Mtg, Lib.

Tuesday, August 29

6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House

Wednesday, August 30

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

Thursday, August 31

6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305
6:30PM - Emmaus Board Mtg, Lib.

Friday, September 1

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

Saturday, September 2

11:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House
12:00PM - Soup Kitchen
Soup Kitchen sponsored by SFUMC



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, August 27, 2017

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)

Jodie Hendrix

Kids Worship:

9:01: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Melissa Avra

11:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Elizabeth Penn

Children's Ministries News

Wednesday Night Ministry Children's Schedule

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

Room 200 – PreK & Kindergarten

Choir Room – 1st-5th Grade

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

6:30PM-7:30PM Small groups, Games, & Activities for PreK-5th

Children in PreK-Kindergarten should be picked up from Room 112.

Children in 1st-5th Grade should be picked up from the Fellowship Hall.

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What are you promising? With your prayers, you are opening yourself to Jesus so that you can more easily obey the Savior. You can keep this membership covenant by participating regularly in a small discipleship group. With your presence, you are committing yourself to a life of worship and promise to participate in weekly worship at least 3 weekends each month unless prevented by illness or travel. With your gifts, you are committing yourself to a life of generosity and commit to proportional giving to the ministries of this congregation with the goal of moving toward the tithe. With your service, you are committing yourself to a life of service as you serve in some way in the local community (beyond the walls of the church) each month. With your witness, you are committing to a life of hospitality as you invite someone to come with you to church/events at least three times a year and build at least three relationships outside the church to witness the love of Christ.

Does this information create a longing in your heart to belong to a church that will help you draw closer to Christ? If so, talk to Pastor Scott or me about making your decision official.

---Pastor Jimmy

Wednesday Night Menu - August 30 - 5:30PM

Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Butter Beans, Salad & Tea

Meals are \$6.00 for adults; \$4.00 for kids 12 and under;

\$2.00 for pizza plate (kids only)

Drinks and desserts are included with all meals.

Families of five or more (parents and children) pay a maximum of \$24.

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2017
LITURGICAL COLOR: RED

GATHERING
LIGHTING OF CANDLES
PRELUDE & MEDITATION

To God Be the Glory
arr. Mary Ellen Kerrick

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP (11:00AM Service)

Love, Mercy and Grace
C. Austin Miles

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMN OF PRAISE MEDLEY**

Please see newsletter insert

PASSING OF THE PEACE AND REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00AM Service)

JODIE HENDRIX

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

MINISTRY MOMENT

ANTHEM (11:00AM Service)

I'll Fly Away
arr. Craig Courtney
JAMES ALLEN, PIANIST

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM BUCK FORD; 11:00AM BILL HATCHER

OFFERTORY

Just Over in the Glory Land
Emmett S. Dean/arr. Bill Gaither
COLLEGE ENSEMBLE

***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**

Ephesians 5:15-17, Job 14:5

MESSAGE

“Time Over Time”

Part 3 of “Ask It” Series

REV. JIMMY CASON

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Please see newsletter insert

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

First Sundays are for Food Bank

Please note your calendars for the first Sunday of each month, and bring non-perishable food for the Statesboro Food Bank. Items that are in great demand are cereal, rice, oatmeal, grits, peanut butter, etc. Red wagons for your donations are placed in the Narthex and the near the entrance to the Fellowship Hall. Thanks for having big hearts SFUMC!



Saturday Soup Kitchen

Do you have a heart to help people? Do you have a little spare time on Saturday mornings? If so, the Missions Committee is looking for a few people interested in assisting Karen Phipps, the Soup Kitchen Coordinator. We are looking for a small group of people that can commit to helping supervise 1 Saturday morning a month and can help solicit and coordinate the volunteer groups. No cooking experience necessary, just a heart of kindness and mercy! For more information or to volunteer, call Debbie Walker at 912-682-9703 or email lwalk@frontiernet.net or call the Church Office and leave a message 764-7589.

**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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