



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

October 1, 2017

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

BE RICH

Do more. Give more.

Beginning this Sunday, we begin a financial stewardship emphasis, and we will use the book, "Be Rich" as the basis for this series. Free copies of this book have been given to each Sunday School class, and we are encouraging everyone in the church to read this book. For those who do not attend Sunday school, you can get your book in the Church Gathering Area near the Church Office. There is something powerful that takes place when an entire congregation is reading and studying together. As we study, we each ask ourselves, "What is God saying to me?" "Do I have the courage to say 'yes' to God's call?"

This Sunday at all four services, we will celebrate Communion. You will have access to a card that will ask you to name two or three ministries of the church that have impacted your life this year. You will then be asked to bring those cards and leave them at the altar when you come forward for communion. We will share some of your answers in the next few church newsletters and by video at the 9:01 and REVIVE services.

As we each ponder what kind of financial response do we need to make to God who has showered us with blessings, I want us to also ponder the impact this church has made upon our lives. Why Statesboro First UMC? What is unique about our church? Have we forgotten to appreciate the role this church has played in our spiritual lives? If this church ceased to exist, would we miss its ministry?

My prayer is that we learn to give out of gratitude for God's amazing grace poured into each of our lives. We are all rich!

---Pastor Jimmy

Wednesday Night - October 4

Due to an unusual Wednesday night Georgia Southern football game on Wednesday, October 4, we are slightly altering our schedule to accommodate those who wish to participate in our ministries here and be able to go to the game. Dinner will still be served from 5:30PM-6:30PM and children and youth events will end at 7PM. The adult study groups can decide if they wish to meet.

Sunday, October 1, 2017

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

"Congratulations! We Are Rich!" - I Timothy 6:17-19

11:00AM REVIVE - Rebecca Brown

"Congratulations! We Are Rich!" - I Timothy 6:17-19

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, September 24, 2017)

Morning Worship: 531

Sunday School: 273

8:30AM: 80

9:01AM: 95

11:00AM: 270

Revive: 86

Offering Received: \$13,207.00

Preserving God's House: \$325.00

Special Offering: UMCOR/Texas/FL/GA - \$19,252.00 (total to date)

Our Church Family

In Memoriam - *Martha Boatman* - September 25, 2017

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: *Buddy Jacobs - surgery at Memorial*
Hoke Brunson - recovering from surgery
Kathy Jenkins - recovering from surgery
Tom Singletary - recovering from surgery
Carolyn McCarty - Eagle Rehabilitation

Ongoing: *Charlie Christmas, 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, Buck Ford*

Welcome New Members:

Mr. David Ewing
22 Golf Club Circle
Statesboro, GA 30458

David, who was recently married to *Dr. Martha Abell*, joins our church on profession of faith. He works at Georgia Southern with IT Technical Support.

Mr. JonHolland Jones
Cell: 478-893-0137

JonHolland, who sings in our Chancel Choir, is a freshman at Georgia Southern. He joins our church on transfer of membership from Limestone Baptist Church near Cochran.

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Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child collects shoeboxes filled with gifts and delivers them to children in need around the world. Every one of these shoebox gifts is an opportunity for the Gospel. Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has brought joy to 146 million boys and girls. First Methodist will participate in this ministry again this Fall. Brochures on how to pack your shoebox will be available soon. You still have time to go shoe shopping if you don't have any empty boxes at your house!

Church Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 3 and Tuesday, October 10 to begin the process of nominating church leaders. Both meetings will be at 6PM in the Church Library. Members of the committee are: Pastor Jimmy, Chairperson, Bill Hatcher, Lay Leader, Anita Hill, Tommie Rushing, Marilyn Bruce, Hilda Dutrow, Janet Mathis, Hub Powell, Jack Bailey, Joey Cowart, and Pam Smith. If you are interested in serving in any leadership position in the church or would like to suggest someone, please feel free to contact one of these members.

Volunteers for October 1, 2017 (First Sunday of October)

Prayer Warriors: Russ & Joy Lanier

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Bryan Burke

8:30 Ushers: Bird Hodges, Brannen Hodges

9:01 Ushers: Alice Hall, Rodney Fowler, Stephanie Owens, Darryl Hopkins

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Anthony Waters

11:00 Ushers: Bill Moore, Jim Campbell, Ronnie Ruffo, Hoke Brunson, Tal Johnson, Steve Harper (Balcony: Olin Lovett, Ronnie Hodges, Earl Dabbs Jr., Brad Shiels)

Parking Lot Greeters: Janet Mathis

Front Door Greeters: Betty F. Hodges, Carol Ruffo

Meals on Wheels (October 3): Anne Thompson



Youth Ministries News

Sunday Night Surge - October 1

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 - October 2

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.

High School Fall Retreat

We will be going to the Mann Center, here in Statesboro, October 27 (we will leave after school) through 29. We have moved the trip to a new location this year to be more convenient for students who will have sport commitments. The cost is \$60 which includes everything! This will be a time for students to unplug and grow in their faith. Sign ups are now open for this trip, so please let Becca know if your student would like to attend.

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Wednesday Night Menu - October 4 - 5:30PM

Barberitos: Taco Bar with Chips and Queso

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.

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, October 1

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, October 2

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.

Tuesday, October 3

8:00AM - Morning Glory Reunion Group, Lib.
10:00AM - Linda Hubbard Bible Study, 212
6:00PM - Nominating Committee Mtg, Lib.
6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House

Wednesday, October 4

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

Thursday, October 5

6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305

Friday, October 6

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

Saturday, October 7

8:00AM - KAIROS Training, 306
11:00AM - Al Anon, Grace House
12:00PM - Soup Kitchen
Soup Kitchen sponsored by Old Fellowship Baptist



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, October 1, 2017

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)

Martha Ray

Kids Worship:

9:01: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Laura Gordon

11:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Kelley Collins

Children's Ministries News

Backpack Buddies

This school year is our ninth year partnering with Sallie Z Elementary to serve hungry children in our community. Our church will send bags of food home with eligible students every Friday. School administrators select students who are most in need, and we are serving 60 children this school year. Please consider making a donation to this ministry!

Mark Your Calendar for our Annual Harvest Festival

Sunday, October 29, 5:00PM-7:00PM

We are looking for adult Sunday school classes to organize and work a booth again this year! Dinner will be provided in the Fellowship Hall, and family activities will be set up outdoors. Some favorites include, pony rides, cake walk, bounce houses and slides, face painting, and the fishing booth. This event is open to the community, and we invite you to bring a friend or neighbor.

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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The Making of Miracles

Last year in Haiti, a mother brought in her baby girl, listless, eyes glazed with fever, no expression on her face. When she laid her down, there was no movement. The doctors and nurses rushed to see what the matter was. The umbilical cord had been cut at home, but without proper sanitation it was infected and the baby's fever was very high - 105 degrees. It was determined that the child needed to go to the hospital. Becky Holmes slid some tylenol down the child's throat and we all prayed as they rushed her out the door. We were sure that child would never see the light of day. Yet late the next afternoon, we looked up to see the mother walking in holding a squirming bundle for us all to behold: her baby girl blessed with life! Your generosity allows such miracles to take place. A box will be in the Gathering Area for any over-the-counter medications church members can donate. God blesses you when you give to the least of these, and we thank you on their behalf.

- The Haiti Mission Team, Karen David, Pamma Cope, Eleanor Schneider

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017
LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

GATHERING
LIGHTING OF CANDLES
PRELUDE & MEDITATION

Hymn to Joy
arr. Albert L. Travis

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God has made a wonderful world!
Let us live in this world with daily joy!
God has made us to be God's companions.
Let us praise the Creator with all of our hearts!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #145 "*Morning Has Broken*"

***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)

MARTHA RAY

(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 BRYAN BURKE; 11:00AM ANTHONY WATERS

OFFERTORY (8:30AM Service)

Cross of Jesus
arr. Charles Callahan

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:00AM Service)

What Does the Lord Require of You?

Robert Hobby
DIANE KESSEL, FLUTIST

***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**

I Timothy 6:17-19

MESSAGE

“Congratulations! We Are Rich!”

REV. JIMMY CASON

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Hymn #399 *“Take My Life, and Let It Be”*

CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00AM Service)

Go Forth in Peace

C.O. Beck

POSTLUDE

Make a Joyful Noise

Alan Viner

**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.