



**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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**January 14, 2018**

**Worship Services:**

Sanctuary:  
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

**Sunday School:**

Classrooms:  
10:00AM

**Grow in a Wednesday Night Small Group**

Small groups return **this Wednesday!** We know that this time of year marks the start of a busy season, but we hope you will prayerfully consider joining a Wednesday group and commit to growing deeper in your faith. We are certain that one of these offerings will be the right forum for God to speak prophetically and powerfully into your life.

**Adult Groups**

**Please Note:** All groups meet from 6:30-7:30PM and are open to any adult who wishes to participate unless otherwise specified.

- Pastor Jimmy will begin a study on the book of **Mark**.
- Marcus Toole will continue his study on the book of **Revelation**.
- Jennifer Prosser will lead a **women's study** on "**The 5 Love Languages of Children**" by Gary Chapman and Ross Campbell. If you want to understand your children better and learn how to improve your communication with them in ways they will understand and receive with love, then this is the class for you!
- Pastor Scott will begin a new class this semester on a book called "**Goliath Must Fall**". Here is some more info on this book:

*"Have you ever felt like King Saul and the Israelite army did? Some kind of giant, i.e. Goliath, stands before you, taunting you, harassing you, insulting you. Day after day this giant robs you of your power. You've tried any number of approaches to stop the taunts, but you feel immobilized. Held back. Paralyzed from moving forward in the direction you know you should go. Ultimately, you know you're not living the fullness and freedom of life that God intends for you. If this is part of your story, this study is for you.*

*This study is all about experiencing the power of Jesus to live in victory over the giant in your life. Each session will equip you with practical, hands-on steps to take after engaging in passages from the Bible and a video talk. In each gathering, expect an opening question, a short Bible study, and then some time taking notes on the video teaching."*

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**Sunday, January 14, 2018**

11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Jimmy Cason  
 "From 'Likes' to Loving Others" - John 13:34-35  
 8:30, 9:01 & REVIVE - Rev. Scott Harris  
 "From 'Likes' to Loving Others" - John 13:34-35

**Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, January 7, 2018)**

**Morning Worship: 524**

**Sunday School: 303**

8:30AM: 52

9:01AM: 137

11:00AM: 220

Revive: 115

Offering Received: \$14,448.00

## Our Church Family

The **flowers** in the **Sanctuary** on January 14 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Sybil G. Johnston, S. Lindsey Johnston, Mary S. Johnston, James W. Johnston* from *Julia Johnston Cowart, Bud Johnston, Alicia J., Sam & Mellie Trager*.

The **Rose** on the **Altar** on January 14 is given to the glory of God and in honor of *Brooks "Reed" Tellekamp*, who was born December 30, 2017, son of *Brooks & Page (Brunson) Tellekamp* and grandson of *Hoke Brunson & the late Kathy Brunson*.

### Prayer Concerns

**Hospital:** *Maggie Collins - home from hospital*  
*Sarah Mathis - recovering from surgery*  
*Janette Johnson - recovering at Willow Pond*  
*Bobby Deal - Willow Pond*

**Ongoing:** *Fred Maddox, Marilyn Turner, Linda Arnold, Susan Refrow, Mae Doughty, Barbara Fox, Chuck Shiels, Jim Long, Amos Connell, Shirley Connell, Inman Hodges, John Popp, Dick Armstrong, Charlie Christmas, Creighton Alexander, Jimmy Hood, Khaki Herrington, Marshall Thigpen, Lloyd Jones, Diane Deloach*

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### Relay for Life

Cancer has touched all of us in some way. And we want to stop this disease in its tracks. Statesboro First UMC is forming a Relay for Life team to help the American Cancer Society make a global impact on cancer. On Friday, April 27, at the Bulloch County Relay for Life, we'll honor the lives lost to cancer, celebrate survivors, and support the caregivers who so selflessly help others.

PLEASE JOIN the Statesboro First United Methodist Church team for a planning meeting on Sunday, January 21, at 12:15PM in Room 103 (Crusaders Room across from the Nursery) or contact Carole Cox at 828-773-8174 or [carolecox575@gmail.com](mailto:carolecox575@gmail.com) to ask how you can support our efforts. We're counting on your help to make this a special event.

### Help Needed for Wednesday Night Meals

Although we have an established group of volunteers to serve our meals every Wednesday night, we are looking for additional volunteers to "fill-in" for our regulars when they are unable to serve due to illness or a scheduling conflict. Please consider serving as a substitute or "fill-in" for one of our regular team members. If you have any questions or you are willing to serve by having your name added to our substitute list then please contact Lynda Akins (912-587-9212).

### Volunteers for January 14, 2018 (Second Sunday of January)

**Prayer Warriors:** John & Martha Ray

**8:30 Lay Liturgist:** Joyce Bohler

**8:30 Ushers:** Will Altman, Buck Ford

**9:01 Ushers:** Don Marsh, Nancy Marsh, Thad Riley

**11:00 Lay Liturgist:** Martha Ray

**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:** Janice Davis, Pam Campbell

**Meals on Wheels (January 16):** Bruce & Carol Yawn



## SFUMC Students News

### **Combined Sunday Night Surge TONIGHT - January 14**

Middle School and High School students will meet from 5:30PM-7:00PM in the Youth Room for a Combined Sunday Night Surge. This is our weekly large group meeting where students participate in games, food, worship, and a message. Cost for dinner is \$2.

### **Small Groups & Confirmation- January 17**

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.

### **Breakfast Club - January 22**

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.

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### **Wednesday Night Menu - January 17 - 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, January 14**

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 - Combined Surge, YR

### **Monday, January 15**

*MLK Holiday - Church Office & PS Closed*  
10:00AM - Carol Carter Circle Mtg,  
10:00AM - Dreta Sharpe Circle Mtg,  
2:30PM - Charlene Black Bible Study, Lib.  
7:00PM - Revive Band Practice, FH

### **Tuesday, January 16**

6:00PM - Staff Parish Meeting, Lib.  
6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House

### **Wednesday, January 17**

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

### **Thursday, January 18**

4:00PM - Helping Hands Mtg, Lib.  
6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305

### **Friday, January 19**

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

### **Saturday, January 20**

11:00AM - Al Anon, Grace House  
12:00PM - Soup Kitchen  
*Soup Kitchen sponsored by Statesboro Service League*



Statesboro First Methodist  
Children's Ministries

**Sunday, January 14, 2018**

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

Sarah Akins

**Kids Worship:**

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

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

## Children's Ministries News

### Wednesday Night Ministry

We will begin a new season of Wednesday Night Ministry this week, January 17. Please join us for dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30PM. Kids JAM (children's choir) meets on the second floor from 5:15PM-6:00PM, and small groups meet from 6:30PM-7:30PM. This includes children in PreK-5th grade.

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#### *Chancel Choir*

Consider joining the Chancel Choir! This group leads in the 11:00AM Traditional worship service and will allow you to participate in worship in a new and meaningful way. No previous experience is necessary and there is no audition. Everyone is welcome. Rehearsals are held **from 7:00-8:30PM** in the Music Suite on the 2nd floor. Childcare is available. Please contact Pierce Dickens for more information:

912-764-1878 or [pdickens@statesborofirst.com](mailto:pdickens@statesborofirst.com).

#### *Children and Youth*

We are also offering some incredible activities for children and youth. **Please visit those sections** of this newsletter for more details.

### Clean for A Cause

We want to remind everyone to start saving your excess for the FIRST METHODIST CLEANOUT EXTRAVAGANZA. We have tentatively planned the first week in April for our sale. There will be a laundry basket in the Gathering Area for your items and we will begin to store them until closer to our sale date. Let's make this a double blessing: for missions and for you! If you have any questions please contact Eleanor Schneider (764-7047).

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018**  
**LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN**

**GATHERING**  
**LIGHTING OF CANDLES**  
**PRELUDE & MEDITATION**  
*How Wondrous and Great*  
arr. James C. Kasen

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**  
God calls our name.  
**We wonder who is calling.**  
God calls our name.  
**We go another way.**  
God calls our name.  
**We long for God's presence.**  
God calls our name.  
**We will listen for God's word.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**  
Hymn #139 *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

**\*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)**

**SARAH AKINS**

(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 JOYCE BOHLER; 11:00AM MARTHA RAY

### OFFERTORY (8:30AM Service)

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

arr. Franklin Ashdown

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:00AM Service)

*My Savior's Love*

Lloyd Larson

### \*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

John 13:34-35

### MESSAGE

*"From 'Likes' to Loving Others"*

REV. JIMMY CASON

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Hymn #578 *"God of Love and God of Power"*

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

*Grace, Love and Fellowship*

arr. Pierce Dickens

### POSTLUDE

*Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain*

arr. Wayne Wold

*\*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.