



**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

**April 1, 2018**

**Worship Services:**

Sanctuary:  
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

**Sunday School:**

Classrooms:  
10:00AM

**Easter Sunday and April Fools' Day**

It has not happened since 1956 - a year and half after I was born. Today we celebrate Easter Sunday on April Fools' Day. Due to the quirks in dating Easter against the Gregorian calendar, the two observances coincide with each other very rarely. After 2018, the next time is 2029, and then again in 2040. After that, it will not happen again in this century.

There could be no greater contradiction for these two holidays to fall on the same date. While April Fools' is all about pranks and jokes, Easter is about the most incredible fact of history. "The fool has said in his heart that there is no God," the writer of the Psalms proclaim. "If Christ did not rise from the dead, we, of all people, are most miserable," said the Apostle Paul.

There are those critics of the Christian faith who argue that there was no physical resurrection, but that there is the spiritual resurrection where we read the stories of Jesus and He comes alive in our hearts and memories. There are those who argue that the disciples stole the body and boldly proclaimed a lie. But all but one of the disciples died a martyr's death. Would they have died for a lie?

Today is not just a day for us to smell the Easter lilies or enjoy the beautiful music. Today, we should be such a "fool" for Jesus that we would proclaim to the world the power of the Resurrection in our lives.

-Pastor Jimmy

**Sunday, April 1, 2018**

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

*"Mary Magdalene Brings the Disciples to the Risen Christ" - Luke 24:1-12*

*9:01 & REVIVE - Rev. Scott Harris*

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**Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, March 25, 2018)**

**Morning Worship: 567**

**Sunday School: 287**

8:30AM: 55

9:01AM: 83

11:00AM: 344

Revive: 85

Offering Received: \$41,307,70

# Our Church Family

## Prayer Concerns

**Hospital:** *Charlie Olliff - Hospice (no visitors)*  
*Dick Armstrong - Residential Hospice*  
*Helen Thurson - Brooks Rehab, Jacksonville (mother of Tommy Thurson)*  
*Carl Sellers - Home from hospital (Angie Gerguis' father)*  
*Tom Singletary - Hospice at home*

**Ongoing:** *Jean Braswell, Rev. Fred Maddox, Steve Piazza, Janette Johnson, Bobby Deal, Sarah Mathis, Marilyn Turner, Linda Arnold, Susan Refrow, Mae Doughty, Jim Long, Shirley Connell, Inman Hodges, John Popp, Charlie Christmas, Creighton Alexander, Jimmy Hood, Khaki Herrington, Marshall Thigpen, Lloyd Jones, Diane Deloach*

## Welcome New Members

Mr. and Mrs. Russ (Emilie) Taulbee

6202 Carly Club Ct.

Statesboro, GA 30461

His Cell phone: 912-687-4693

Her cell phone: 912-531-9413

*Russ and Emilie* join our church on transfer of membership from another local church.

*Russ* is employed with Lee, Hill, and Johnston while *Emilie* is a homemaker. *Russ and Emilie* are the parents of triplets, *Anna Claire, Maggie, and Banks* who are almost three.

# Statesboro First United Methodist Church

## Food Bank Spring Raffle

The Statesboro Food Bank is holding a Spring Raffle. Tickets are \$2 and can be purchased in the Church Office. The drawing will be held on May 15 for the following prizes: 32-inch HD TV courtesy of Statesboro Wal-Mart, \$50 gift certificate courtesy of Belk of Statesboro, king-size bed cover crocheted by Celeste Fields. Winners will be notified by phone the evening of May 16. Support your local food bank and purchase your raffle tickets!

## First United Methodist Preschool is Fabulous!

For the second year in a row First United Methodist Preschool was recognized by Statesboro Magazine as the ***Most Fabulous Childcare***. Congratulations to Ann Haskins, Preschool Director and all her staff for their well deserved Fabulist Award!

## Clean for a Cause is Almost Here

LAST CHANCE to "Clean for a Cause!" Donate items April 3-6 at the Fellowship Hall from 9AM-4PM and come to the sale April 7, 7AM-12PM. We need workers all week to make this a BIG success!

## Volunteers for April 1, 2018 (First Sunday of April)

**Prayer Warriors:** Daryl & Phyllis Harrison

**8:30 Lay Liturgist:** Joel Martin

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

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

**11:00 Lay Liturgist:** Joe McGlamery

**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)

**Greeters:** Janet Mathis, Betty F. Hodges, Carol Ruffo

**Meals on Wheels (April 3):** John & Martha Ray



## SFUMC Students News

### No Sunday Night Surge - April 1

We will not have Sunday Night Surge due to Easter. Looking ahead we will have a combined Sunday Night Surge from 5:30PM-7:00PM next Sunday, April 8.

### No Youth Activities This Coming Week

Due to Spring Break we will not have Breakfast Club or Wednesday Night Small Groups. We will resume all activities the following week.

### Missions Weekend - May 4-5

We are just 5 weeks away from our local Missions Weekend, May 4-5! This retreat is full of service projects for our students, so we can actively be the hands and feet of Christ to our community. This is an opportunity you don't want your student to miss! The cost for the weekend is \$50, which includes all food and activities. Students will spend the night in host homes on Friday evening and will be ready to be picked up Saturday evening. If your student would like to sign up for this retreat or if you would like to be a parent volunteer that weekend please let Becca know, [bbrown@statesborofirst.com](mailto:bbrown@statesborofirst.com).

## Our Church Calendar

### Sunday, April 1

7:00AM - Sunrise Service, Church lawn  
8:00AM - UMM Easter Breakfast, 306  
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

### Monday, April 2

6:00PM - Trustees Mtg, Lib.  
6:00PM - Young Adult Bible Study, 306  
7:00PM - Revive Band Practice, FH

### Tuesday, April 3

10:00AM - Linda Hubbard Bible Study, 212  
6:00PM - Finance Sub-Committee Mtg, Lib.  
6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House

### Wednesday, April 4

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)  
2:30PM - Magnolia Bible Study, 201  
6:00PM - Stephen Ministers Mtg, Lib.

### Thursday, April 5

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

### Friday, April 6

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

### Saturday, April 7

7:00AM - Clean for a Cause, FH  
8:00AM - Kairos Team Meeting, 306  
11:00AM - Al Anon, Grace House  
12:00PM - Soup Kitchen  
*Soup Kitchen sponsored by SFUMC*



Statesboro First Methodist  
Children's Ministries

**Sunday, April 1, 2018**

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

**Kids Worship:**

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

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

## Children's Ministries News

### Wednesday Night Ministry

We will not meet this Wednesday, April 4, due to Spring Break. Choir and activities will resume the following Wednesday.

### Please Mark Your Calendar

- Sunday, May 6: Children's Sunday in the 901 worship service
- Monday - Friday, June 4-8: Vacation Bible School
- Wednesday, June 20: Start of summer small groups for rising 3rd-rising 6th graders

### 5th Grade Car Wash a Success

Thanks to the support of the Trustees and our church family and friends, the 5th grade Sunday School class was able to donate \$580 to the Relay for Life team. Thanks to all who purchased tickets and came out to the car wash last Saturday!

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2018**  
**LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE**

We are pleased today to host the following students from Georgia Southern University: *Rachel Adams, Brenden DeArman, Aaron Taylor, Jonathan Tang, Luke McLain and Jarrett Thompson*. Please welcome them to First United Methodist Church and thank them for their contribution to our worship! We are also deeply grateful to *Lee Walker* and the members of our Chancel Ringers for their participation in today's services. Thank you all for making today's music particularly special and meaningful as we celebrate the resurrection of our Risen Savior.

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

*Grand Choeur*

Theodore Dubois/arr. David J. Brockman

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

God of mystery, God of wonder and love,

**God of resurrection and new life;**

On that first sabbath night, the women wept for they thought Jesus was dead.

**But now they saw that the tomb was empty, and Jesus was no longer there.**

Today our eyes see blossoms of azaleas and our ears hear the song of birds,

**Our hearts are filled with joy for God is not dead!**

Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed!**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #302 "*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*"

Stanzas 1-4

**\*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

**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)

ELLEN COWART

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

### ANTHEM

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

arr. Mark Hayes

### PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

### GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM JOEL MARTIN; 11:00AM JOE MCGLAMERY

### OFFERTORY

*Prelude, from Te Deum Laudamus*

Marc-Antoine Charpentier/arr. S. Drummond Wolff

\*DOXOLOGY HYMN #94

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Hymn - see insert "*Thine Is the Glory*"

\*SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:1-12

### MESSAGE

*"Mary Magdalene Brings the Disciples to the Risen Christ"*

Sermon 7 in "Delivered" Series

REV. JIMMY CASON

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Hymn #327 "*Crown Him with Many Crowns*"

### CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Hallelujah, from Messiah*

George Frideric Handel

### POSTLUDE

*St. Andrews Fanfare*

Edwin M. Willmington

\*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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