



**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 12, 2018**

**Worship Services:**

Sanctuary:  
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

**Sunday School:**

Classrooms:  
10:00AM

**New Series Begins Today**

*Relational Vacuums: Dealing With People Who Suck the Life Out of You*

There are some people that just seem to suck the life out of us. Some are endlessly needy; others complain. Some, you can't trust because they're manipulative, or just hypocrites. We know we're supposed to love them, but honestly, sometimes it's just plain difficult. In this series, we'll put a name to this type of person: Relational Vacuums. We'll recognize that these people are all around us draining our energy, and that it's easy to become lifeless ourselves. Instead of running from, avoiding, or "pulling the plug" on these "vacuums," though, we will learn how God can use us to bring love into their lives.

**Meet Clay Boerner, Our New Young Clergy Intern**

This year Statesboro First is participating in a program, "Georgia Young Clergy Academy". This program is designed to assign to interested churches a young person who wishes to explore ordained ministry. The person is under no obligation to become an ordained clergy, but it gives that person the opportunity to work and see "behind the scenes and beyond the pew" what ministry looks like. The church also is able to gain an understanding of this persons potential for ministry.

We are excited to announce that Clay Boerner, a member of our church has been assigned to our church to work 25 hours a week August through April. Clay is a senior at Georgia Southern University with hopes to graduate this December with a major in History and a minor in English. Please welcome Clay when you see him around our church.

**Tyler Grant Accepts New Position**

It is with deep sadness that we announce that Tyler Grant, our Middle School Director of Student Ministries, will be leaving us in early September. Tyler, who also serves as the Worship Leader for the REVIVE service, has accepted a position in the Youth Ministry at Frazier Memorial United Methodist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. While we wish Tyler well, he has done a great job with our students. He and his wife, Elizabeth, and their baby boy, Judah, will be greatly missed. A Search Committee will soon be named to fill this position.

**Sunday, August 12, 2018**

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

*"Relational Vacuums: Controlling People" - Matthew 16:21-24*

8:30AM & REVIVE - Rev. Scott Harris

*"Relational Vacuums: Controlling People" - Matthew 16:21-24*

**Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, August 5, 2018)**

**Morning Worship: 517**

**Sunday School: 274**

8:30AM: 64

9:00AM: 120

11:00AM: 216

REVIVE: 117

Offering Received: \$26,746.10

Special Offering: Altar/ACTS - \$1,317.00

## Our Church Family

The **flowers** in the **Tower Room** on August 12 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Mr. & Mrs. Ed & Mary Warthen Smith* by *their family*.

**Christian sympathy and prayers** are expressed to *Tom & Robin Kersey*, upon the death of *Robin's* mother, *Dolly Shannon* who died on August 8. As most of you know, Robin is our Church Business Administrator.

### Prayer Concerns

**Hospital:**

*John Gould - Home from hospital*

*Jimmy Hood - Home from hospital*

*Jean Deal - Recovering from shoulder surgery*

**Ongoing:** *Bill Mathis Jr, Arthur Howard, Gene Deal, Fred Maddox, Daryl Harrison, Brian Harrison, Steve Piazza, Marilyn Turner, Jim Long, Shirley Connell, Inman Hodges, Charlie Christmas, Alice Christmas, Creighton Alexander, Khaki Herrington, Marshall Thigpen, Lloyd Jones, Diane Deloach, Frances Humphrey*

**Nursing Homes:** *Willow Pond* - *Janette Johnson, Willie Coleman, Bobby Deal, Carolyn McCarty, Jan Johnston* *Southern Manor* - *Jean Braswell, Mary Adams, Libby Hutcheson, Roxie Remley*

### Welcome New Members

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn (Alice) Bennett

401 Magnolia Bluff Road

Statesboro, GA 30461

Phone: 912-587-2001

*Lynn* joins our church on Profession of Faith while *Alice* is restored from a church that no longer exists! *Lynn* and *Alice* are retired and are already active at the 8:30 Worship Service and the Dan Williams Sunday School Class.

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### UMW General Meeting - August 13

All women of the church are cordially invited to participate in the Monday, August 13, United Methodist Women meeting in Room 306. Refreshments and fellowship at 9:45AM, meeting begins at 10AM. United Methodist Women support women, children and youth locally, nationally and internationally. You are encouraged to invite a friend or new church member to this first meeting since the spring banquet. For additional information, contact [martharay@frontiernet.net](mailto:martharay@frontiernet.net).

### Charlene Black's Bible Study on ACTS

Charlene Black will begin a Bible Study on ACTS Monday, September 10. The class will meet in the Library at 2:30PM. Space is limited so if you are interested in joining the group please contact Charlene at (912) 863-4688 or [sylvaniacharlene@hotmail.com](mailto:sylvaniacharlene@hotmail.com).

### Volunteers for August 12, 2018 (Second Sunday of August)

**Prayer Warriors:** Eleanor Schneider, JoAnn Marsh

**8:30 Lay Liturgist:** Phyllis Harrison

**8:30 Ushers:** Steve Garner, Buck Ford

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

**11:00 Lay Liturgist:** Eleanor Schneider

**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)

**Greeters:** June Rushing, Janice Davis, Pam Campbell

**Meals on Wheels (August 14):** Bruce & Carol Yawn



## SFUMC Students News

### **Sunday Night Surge - TONIGHT - August 12**

**Middle School and High School students** will meet from 6:00PM-7:30PM. Middle School students will meet in the Youth Room and High School students will meet in the Fellowship Hall. 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 13**

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 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 15**

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. Youth Room opens at 6:00PM, games begin at 6:20PM, Bible study starts at 7:00PM, and students are dismissed at 8PM.

Dinner is available in the Fellowship Hall starting at 5:30PM. The pizza meal is \$2 and the other hot meal option is \$6. Students will be allowed in the Youth Room starting at 6PM.

### **Rock the Universe - Sept 7-9**

We have a few spots remaining for our annual Rock the Universe trip to Orlando, FL. We will be spending the weekend at Universal Studios enjoying the rides and several Christian concerts. This trip is available for Middle and High School students. If you'd like more information or would like to sign your student up please contact Becca Brown at: [bbrown@statesborofirst.com](mailto:bbrown@statesborofirst.com)

## Our Church Calendar

### **Sunday, August 12**

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  
4:30PM - Youth Band Rehearsal, YR  
6:00PM - Surge (MS/HS), FH & YR

### **Monday, August 13**

7:00AM - Youth Breakfast Club, 306  
10:00AM - UMW Meeting, 306  
6:00PM - Revive Band Rehearsal, FH

### **Tuesday, August 14**

6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House

### **Wednesday, August 15**

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)  
5:15PM - Kids JAM, Choir Rm.  
5:30PM - Wednesday Night Ministry, FH  
6:30PM - Confirmation Parent Mtg, GH  
7:00PM - Chancel Choir, Choir Rm.

### **Thursday, August 16**

2:30PM - Magnolia Bible Study, 201  
6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305  
6:00PM - 901 Band Rehearsal, FH

### **Friday, August 17**

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

### **Saturday, August 18**

11:00AM - Al Anon, Grace House  
12:00PM - Soup Kitchen  
*Soup Kitchen sponsored by St. Matthew*



Statesboro First Methodist  
Children's Ministries

**Sunday, August 12, 2018**

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

Sarah Akins

**Kids Worship:**

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

**11:00:** Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Sarah Chester

## Children's Ministries News

### Children's Sunday School

It's Promotion Sunday! Children (age three through 5th grade) will begin the 2018-2019 Sunday school year in their new classrooms.

- **3 year olds** Room 110
- **Pre-K** Room 108
- **Kindergarten** Room 113
- **1st grade** Room 114
- **2nd grade** Room 112
- **3rd grade** Room 209
- **4th grade** Room 303
- **5th grade** Room 307

### Wednesday Night Ministry

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

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

6:30PM-7:30PM – Small groups & activities for children in PreK-5th Grade

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### Wednesday Night Programs

Last Wednesday, we enjoyed our Kickoff for our Wednesday Night Ministries. This Wednesday, August 15, we will begin with our after dinner studies and groups. Our dinner is served from 5:30PM-6:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. In addition to KIDS JAM and Youth small groups, we will also offer the following adult studies.

- **Marcus Toole's Bible Study** will focus upon the first Book of the Bible. Bring your Bible and enjoy a study of **Genesis**. This group which will meet downstairs in the Church Parlor at 6:30PM.
- **Pastor Jimmy** will continue the Bible Study on the **Gospel of Mark** that was started last spring. Read Mark Chapter 9 before you come, and plan to meet the group in Room 206. Feel free to attend even if you did not begin the study last Spring. The group will meet at 6:30PM.
- Our **Stephen Ministry Group** will meet in the Church Library and is led by Susan Cason. The group will meet at 6:15PM. While this is a closed group, discussions are underway about starting a second group that would meet on another night of the week. Look for upcoming details. If you are interested in joining the second group please contact Susan Cason, 912-536-0689.
- **Chancel Choir Rehearsal** is held in the Music Room on the second floor from 7PM-8PM. Our Director of Music, Dr. Pierce Dickens, is always ready for a few new faces.

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2018**

**LITURGICAL COLOR: RED**

*CAMPMEETING MONTH*

**PRELUDE & MEDITATION**

*To God Be the Glory*

arr. Mary Ellen Kerrick

**INVOCATION**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Medley*

*(see insert)*

**PASSING OF THE PEACE AND REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE**

**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.)

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

*Hallelujah, We Shall Rise*

arr. David E. Williams

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

**GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM PHYLLIS HARRISON; 11:00AM ELEANOR SCHNEIDER

**OFFERTORY**

*Camping in Canaan's Land*

Albert E. Brumley

CINDY BERG-AYCOCK, JANICE SMITH, JOHN TUCKER, LEE WALKER

**\*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*

*(see insert)*

**\*SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 16:21-24

**MESSAGE**

*"Relational Vacuums: Controlling People"*

REV. JIMMY CASON

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

*“Standing on the Promises”*

*(see insert )*

**POSTLUDE**

**Statesboro First United Methodist Church**

**Bishop to Lead Discussion on the “Way Forward” for the United Methodist Church  
Pittman Park United Methodist Church - Monday, August 20, 2018 6:30PM-8PM**

Many of you are aware that for the past two years, a group appointed by the Bishops of the church, have been meeting to discuss the variety of issues and opinions around the subject of homosexuality. Currently the Book of Discipline of the Church welcomes all people to become members of the church but the church forbids self-avowed practicing homosexuals from being ordained as clergy and prohibits clergy or churches from participating in gay weddings. This group has finished its work and has three different proposals to present to a called General Conference which will meet in St. Louis on February 23-26, 2019. One of those proposals would keep the present language in our church law. Another proposal would take all the negative language out of church law and allow each Conference to decide its stance on gay ordination and gay marriage. The third proposal is more complex but would also remove the present language.

Whatever decisions are made at this conference in St. Louis could alter the future of the United Methodist Church. Bishop Lawson Bryan, our South Georgia Bishop will gather our District together at Pittman Park on Monday, August 20 from 6:30PM-8PM. Our Bishop will explain all three proposals. Please pray for our Bishop, the called General Conference in February, and Bill Hatcher, who leads the South Georgia delegation who will ultimately vote on these issues.

I hope that many of our church leaders and members and visitors will understand the importance of this meeting and that many of you will be present.

*\*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.