



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 19, 2018

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

We are Debt Free!

Due to a very generous gift left to the church by a recently deceased church member, we have been able to make final payments to the Preserving God's House loan as well as to pay off what we owed on the purchase of the Grace House. We are grateful for the generosity from this faithful member, and we can now face future projects without the stress of past debt.

Wills and Legacy Workshop

Thursday, September 5 at 5:30PM

Room 306

DO YOU HAVE A WILL?

It is amazing how many people die without a will. That oversight can add frustration to the grief felt by family members after their loved one's death. If you have a will, have you ever thought about the legacy you will leave behind by including a "final tithe" to the church.

On Thursday, September 5 at 5:30PM, the Reverend Steve Waldorf, Vice President of the Georgia United Methodist Foundation, will lead us in a seminar to help us understand the benefits of preparing a will. The meeting in Room 306 is limited to 30 people. Please call the Church Office to reserve your spot.

Sunday, August 19, 2018

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

9:01AM & REVIVE - Rev. Scott Harris

"Relational Vacuums: Critical People"

I Peter 2:23, Judges 8:3, Proverbs 15:31-32, Romans 14:10

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, August 12, 2018)

Morning Worship: 552

Sunday School: 303

8:30AM: 63

9:00AM: 174

11:00AM: 203

REVIVE: 112

Offering Received: \$26,312.25

Our Church Family

The **flowers** in the **Tower Room** on August 19 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *William "Dub" Lovett by his family.*

Christian sympathy and prayers are extended to *Linda Arnold* upon the death of her brother, *Charles G. Edwards, Jr.* of Bloomingdale, who died on August 11.

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: *John Gould - Metter Swing Bed*

Charles Perry - Surgery in Savannah August 22

Ongoing: *Bill Mathis Jr, Arthur Howard, Gene Deal, Jean 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, Jimmy Hood*

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

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

United Methodist Men Meet & Greet - TONIGHT - August 19

The next First United Methodist Men's Meet and Greet will be Sunday, August 19, at 6PM at the Church House (adjacent to the playground). All men of the church are invited and encouraged to attend. The meal will feature baked ham and will be prepared by David Prosser. As we have in our previous Meet and Greets, we will enjoy a meal, share some important announcements, take prayer requests, a devotional and a testimony. Come join us and enjoy the fellowship!

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.

Wednesday Night Menu - August 22 - 5:30PM

Uncle Shug's Brooklet: BBQ, tossed salad, potato salad, baked beans, roll

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

\$2.00 for pizza plate (kids & youth only)

Drinks and desserts are included with all meals.

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

Volunteers for August 19, 2018 (Third Sunday of August)

Prayer Warriors: Chuck & Beth Rushing

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Buck Ford

8:30 Ushers: Mike Beasley, Daryl Harrison

9:01 Ushers: Lyndia Akins, Ed Akins, Jason Parker

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Earl Dabbs Jr.

11:00 Ushers: Si Waters, Hughes Williamson, Coley Cassedy, Edwin Hill, David Johnson, Tommie Rushing, Fred Shearouse

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

Greeters: Anne Allen, Lisa Lee, Pam Smith, Nita Waters

Meals on Wheels (August 21): Pam Powell, Janice Wilbanks



SFUMC Students News

Sunday Night Surge - August 19

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 20

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 22

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

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, August 19

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
6:00PM - UMM Meet & Greet, CH

Monday, August 20

7:00AM - Youth Breakfast Club, 306
10:00AM - Dreta Sharpe Circle Mtg, 306
10:00AM - Carol Carter Circle Mtg, 201
1:30PM - Lanier Lee Circle Mtg, 103
6:00PM - Revive Band Rehearsal, FH
6:30PM - "Way Forward" Mtg, Pittman Park

Tuesday, August 21

6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House

Wednesday, August 22

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

Thursday, August 23

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

Friday, August 24

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

Saturday, August 25

8:00AM - Emmaus Mtg, 306 & 2nd Floor Classrooms
11:00AM - Al Anon, Grace House
12:00PM - Soup Kitchen
Soup Kitchen sponsored by SFUMC



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, August 19, 2018

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)

Buck Ford

Kids Worship:

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

11:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Patty Johnson

Children's Ministries News

Children's Sunday School

Classrooms for the 2018-2019 Sunday school year

- **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

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2018

LITURGICAL COLOR: RED

CAMPMEETING MONTH

PRELUDE & MEDITATION

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

arr. Larry Shackley

JAMES ALLEN, GUEST PIANIST

INVOCATION

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Medley

(see insert)

PASSING OF THE PEACE AND REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00AM Service)

BUCK FORD

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

ANTHEM (11:00AM Service)

Wonderful Grace of Jesus

arr. Larry Shackley

JAMES ALLEN, GUEST PIANIST

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM BUCK FORD; 11:00AM EARL DABBS JR.

OFFERTORY

My Burdens Have Rolled Away

Henry L. Thompson

ADULT ENSEMBLE - AARON COBURN, BASS GUITAR;

JARRETT THOMPSON, DRUMS

***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**

I Peter 2:23, Judges 8:3, Proverbs 15:31-32, Romans 14:10

MESSAGE

“Relational Vacuums: Critical People”

REV. JIMMY CASON

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“Victory in Jesus”

(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.