



**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

**September 16, 2018**

**Worship Services:**

Sanctuary:  
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

**Sunday School:**

Classrooms:  
10:00AM

**Backpack Buddies**

At the beginning of each new school year, elementary school teachers, counselors, and administrators take note of children who exhibit a need for additional food at home during weekends and school holidays. Churches in our community partner with local schools to meet this need. Statesboro First joined the Backpack Buddies ministry and began serving students at Sallie Zetterower Elementary school in 2008. With volunteer support we continue to purchase, pack, and deliver food each week during the school year for children in need. Non-perishable, individual sized food items are donated or purchased. Volunteers shop for food at the beginning of each week, pack it on Wednesday mornings, and the children take food home each Friday. This efficient system provides for approximately 450 children in our community every week throughout the 36-week school term. If you are interested in supporting this ministry with your time, gifts, or service, please email sakins@statesborofirst.com.

Backpack Buddies partnerships in Bulloch County

Sallie Z: Statesboro First UMC

Langston Chapel: Pittman Park UMC

Julia P Bryant: First Baptist Church

Mattie Lively: Grace Community & Eastern Heights Baptist

Mill Creek Elementary: First Presbyterian & St. Matthews Catholic Church

Brooklet Elementary: Brooklet UMC

Portal Elementary: Friendship Baptist Church

Nevils Elementary: Emit Grove Baptist, Trinity Baptist & Union Baptist Church

Stilson Elementary: Trinity Baptist, Old Fellowship Baptist & Lanes Primitive Baptist

Cedarwood Alternative School: Connection Church

**Sunday, September 16, 2018**

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

9:01 & REVIVE - Rev. Scott Harris

"The Best Mess Ever"

John 3:17; John 8:12; Matthew 7:24-26

**Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, September 9, 2018)**

**Morning Worship: 529**

**Sunday School: 248**

8:30AM: 56

9:00AM: 129

11:00AM: 197

REVIVE: 147

Offering Received: \$20,344.10

# Our Church Family

## Prayer Concerns

**Hospital:** *Rawls Neville - Home from hospital*  
*David Miller - Home from hospital*

**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, Khaki Herrington, Marshall Thigpen, Lloyd Jones, Diane Deloach, Frances Humphrey, John Gould*

**Care Facilities:** *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

Dr. and Mrs. Al (Debbie) Palmer  
287 Wynn Marsh Road  
Statesboro, GA 30461

Debbie's cell phone: 912-682-6041

*Al* is the OBGYN at East Georgia Women's Center and *Debbie* works with her husband at the East Georgia Women's Center. They join our church on transfer of membership from a local church of another denomination.

# Statesboro First United Methodist Church

## Charlene Black's Bible Study - October 1

Please note that Charlene Black's Bible Study, originally set to start on September 10 will now begin on Monday, October 1. The group will meet at 2:30PM in the Church Library.

## Constitution Week

The Archibald Bulloch Chapter, NSDAR has requested that we be in special prayer for our country during Constitution Week, September 17-23. This is the 231st birthday of this great document.

## Haiti Calls, and We Must Go!

Becky Holmes, Eleanor Schneider, and Karen David will again be going on the medical mission that Dr. Randy Smith leads to Haiti October 14-20. Our church has been so generous to support us in past years, and we are asking for your support again this year. We need over-the-counter medications (large sizes are great) such as pain relievers (Advil, Motrin, Tylenol, infant and children's liquid Tylenol), eye and ear drops, cold and allergy medicines, cough drops, antacids, anti-diarrheals, feminine relief items, most anything sold over-the-counter, except aspirin. We also need all strengths of reading glasses and infant formula. There will be a box in the Gathering Area, or you may leave items in your Sunday School classes and we will collect them. You bless us and all those in Haiti who receive care when you donate. Thank you!

## Volunteers for September 16, 2018 (Third Sunday of September)

**Prayer Warriors:** Buck & Nora Ford

**8:30 Lay Liturgist:** Betty Hodges

**8:30 Ushers:** Mike Beasley, Daryl Harrison

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

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

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

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

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

**Meals on Wheels (September 18):** Marinell Armstrong, Sue Avra



## SFUMC Students News

### **Sunday Night Surge - September 16**

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 - September 17**

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 - September 19**

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.

### **Date Change for Middle School Retreat**

The Middle School Retreat will now take place **November 30-December 2**. Please mark your calendars for this event and note that sign ups will begin October 3.

### **High School Fall Retreat - October 12-14**

If you have a High School Student, you will not want them to miss our Fall Retreat! We will be going to the Mann Center here in Statesboro October 12-14. 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, [bbrown@statesborofirst.com](mailto:bbrown@statesborofirst.com).

## Our Church Calendar

### **Sunday, September 16**

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, 306  
5:00PM - Stephen Ministry Training, 206  
6:00PM - Sunday Night Surge, FH, YR, 306

### **Monday, September 17**

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 - Finance Committee Mtg, 213

### **Tuesday, September 18**

6:00PM - Missions Committee Mtg, Lib.  
6:00PM - 901 Band Rehearsal, FH  
6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House

### **Wednesday, September 19**

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

### **Thursday, September 20**

2:30PM - Magnolia Bible Study, 201  
4:00PM - Helping Hands Mtg, Lib.  
6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305  
6:00PM - REVIVE Band Rehearsal, FH

### **Friday, September 21**

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

### **Saturday, September 22**

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



Statesboro First Methodist  
Children's Ministries

**Sunday, September 16, 2018**

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

Jodie Hendrix

**Kids Worship:**

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

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

## Children's Ministries News

### Children's Choir Coordinator

In addition to leading the 901 contemporary worship band, Lauren Fowler is our new Children's Choir Coordinator. She joins us at the start of a new season of Wednesday Night Ministry, with 58 children participating in the children's choir, better known as Kids JAM. Her husband, Rodney, and daughters, Audrey, age 10, and Reese, age 5, have been active members of Statesboro First since 2014. Lauren is a welcomed addition to our Children's Ministry team, and we are excited to have her leading Wednesday night choir rehearsals, coordinating children's music for Sunday morning worship, and organizing seasonal musicals and programs. She is lively, fun, faithful, and passionate about sharing her love for the Lord through worship and service!

### Fall Events

Mark your calendar for these family events coming up next month.

- **Harvest Festival: Sunday, October 28, 5:00PM-7:00PM**

Annual event with dinner, live music, games, rides, and more!

- **Trunk-or-Treat: Wednesday, October 31, 5:30PM-6:30PM**

Children are invited to dress up and come with family and friends to the church parking lot to fill their bags with treats. We will not have dinner or regularly scheduled Wednesday Night Ministry activities.

### 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 Menu - September 19 - 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)

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

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018**

**LITURGICAL COLOR: RED**

**GATHERING  
LIGHTING OF CANDLES  
PRELUDE & MEDITATION**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

arr. Michael Burkhardt

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

We are blessed to be a blessing.

**We are called to go to places that we don't know.**

Our strength is in God, who always goes with us.

**We walk in faith. Come, let us worship the God who calls us and who walks beside us throughout the journey.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #117 *"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"*

**\*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)**

**JODIE HENDRIX**

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

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

*Let the Lower Lights Be Burning*

arr. Howard Helvey

# PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

## GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM BETTY HODGES; 11:00AM MARTHA RAY

### OFFERTORY

#### *The Lord Is My Shepherd*

after Peter Tchaikovsky/adapted by Richard Maxwell and Fred Feibel

JONHOLLAND JONES, SOLOIST

#### \*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

Hymn #314 *"In the Garden"*

#### \*SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:17; John 8:12; Matthew 7:24-26

#### MESSAGE

*"The Best Mess Ever"*

REV. JIMMY CASON

#### \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Hymn #357 *"Just As I Am"*

#### CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Benediction*

John Behnke

#### POSTLUDE

*Flourish*

Philip Lane

\*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.