



**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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March 3, 2019

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

A Lenten Journey

When I was younger, I did not like the season of Lent. It seem dreary as the church seemed to focus on suffering, rejection, and death. The thought of Ash Wednesday with its use of ashes and a reminder of what is often said at the graveside: "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." My response used to be: "We are Easter people. Jesus is no longer on the Cross. Let us celebrate resurrection."

However, as I have grown as a Christian, I have found that the spiritual disciplines associated with Lent have brought me to a better understanding of the Resurrection of our Lord. I often say that we cannot have resurrection without crucifixion and death. One has to bury a seed in the ground before it becomes a living plant.

It is interesting that I write this column the day after the conclusion of the called General Conference. All day long, I have listened to people on the phone, and received emails and text messages from people who are glad that our denomination maintained the current stance on matters of sexuality or those who are hurt that they feel once again who they are is being questioned. Without getting into the debate over sexuality, I think Lent is a perfect time for us to examine our cherished Christian beliefs and thank God for allowing Jesus to face suffering, rejection, hatred, insults, beatings, and death. Jesus endured these hardships because He loves every one of us. While we are Easter people, we also proclaim each Sunday that "He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried". Jesus humbled himself and became "obedient even to the point of death - even death on a Cross." (Philippians 2:8). Lent is a time both to humble ourselves as well as a time to embrace our time of suffering to draw us even closer to the "Crucified God."

This Wednesday, March 6, we will begin our journey at 6:30PM with an Ash Wednesday Service held in the Sanctuary. Join me in an uncomfortable but necessary journey.

Pastor Jimmy

Sunday, March 3, 2019

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

Matthew 8: 23-27

"Be Galilee"

9:01 & REVIVE - Jonathan Smith

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, February 24, 2019)

Morning Worship: 472

Sunday School: 281

8:30AM: 68

9:01AM: 127

11:00AM: 164

REVIVE: 113

Offering Received: \$19,132.40

Needed to date: \$254,422.00

Received to date: \$224,301.29

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: *John Gould - University Hospital in Augusta*
Khaki Herrington - Residential Hospice

Ongoing: *Jimmy Hodges, Judy Strickland, Rawls Neville, Gillis Davis, Mary Mincey, Charles Millican, Mary Emmye Lewis, Yvonne Redden, Maggie Collins, Laura Beasley, Ellie Hubbard, Arthur Howard, Jean Deal, Brian Harrison, Steve Piazza, Marilyn Turner, Jim Long, Shirley Connell, Marshall Thigpen, Lloyd Jones, Diane Deloach, Frances Humphrey, Rev. Carter Berkeley* **Care Facilities:** *Willow Pond* - *Janette Johnson, Willie Coleman, Bobby Deal, Carolyn McCarty, Jan Johnston* *Southern Manor* - *Jean Braswell, Libby Hutcheson*

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

Preschool & Summer Care Registration

Sign up dates are as follows:

Currently Enrolled

Register on Tuesday, March 26
8:30AM - 1PM

New FUMC parent member children not currently enrolled (new child)

Register on Wednesday, March 27
8:30AM - 1PM

After these two days, enrollment will open to

The General Public

Register on Thursday, March 28
8:30AM - 1PM

If you have any questions regarding our Preschool or Summer Care Registration, please feel free to contact Ann Haskins, Director of Preschool/Childcare & Summer Care Ministries, at 912-764-1876 for further information. We hope to see you and your friends this year!

Missing a Ring?

A ring was found in the Sanctuary. If you have lost a ring please call or come by the Church Office.

Wednesday Night Menu - March 6 - 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 & youth only)

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

Volunteers for March 3, 2019 (First Sunday of March)

Prayer Warriors: Ronnie Hodges, Marcus Toole

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Buck Ford

8:30 Ushers: Bird Hodges, Brannen Hodges

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

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Bill Hatcher

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 (March 5): Anita Hill, Karen David



SFUMC Students News

Combined Sunday Night Surge - March 3

Middle School and High School students will meet from 6:00PM-7:30PM in the Youth Room. This is our weekly large group meeting where students participate in games, food, worship, and a message. Cost for dinner is \$2.

Breakfast Club - March 4

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 - March 6

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.

By Design - March 24

Our Student Ministry will be hosting a day retreat devoted to learning God's design for us as men and women. This event is for both Middle and High School students. By Design will take place on March 24, directly following our church services. The guys and girls will have their own schedule of events for the day. The total cost for the day is \$30 which includes all meals and activities. This is an event you do not want your student to miss out on! Contact Becca to sign up your student, bbrown@statesborofirst.com.

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, March 3

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 - Combined Surge MS/HS, YR

Monday, March 4

7:00AM - Youth Breakfast Club, 306
6:00PM - Trustees Committee Mtg, Lib.
6:15PM - Revive Band Rehearsal, FH

Tuesday, March 5

6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House
6:00PM - 901 Band Rehearsal, FH

Wednesday, March 6

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)
2:30PM - Magnolia Bible Study, offsite
4:30PM - Early Stephen Ministers Grp, Lib.
5:15PM - Kids JAM, Choir Rm.
5:30PM - Wednesday Night Ministry, FH
6:00PM - Combined Stephen Ministers
6:45PM - Late Stephen Ministers Grp, Lib.
7:00PM - Chancel Choir, Choir Rm.

Thursday, March 7

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

Friday, March 8

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

Saturday, March 9

11:00AM - Al Anon, Grace House
12:00PM - Soup Kitchen



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, March 3, 2019

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)

Buck Ford

Kids Worship:

10:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Madonna Henry

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

Children's Ministries News

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

Ash Wednesday at Bethany Lodge

Wednesday, March 6, 1st-5th graders will travel with the Children's Ministry to The Lodge at Bethany for a special Ash Wednesday gathering. We are in need of parent drivers! Children in Pre-K and Kindergarten are welcome to participate chaperoned by a parent. We will leave from the Fellowship Hall at 6:30PM and return by 7:30PM.

Save the Date

If you haven't already, be sure to put Vacation Bible School on your calendar for this summer! Monday-Friday, June 3-7, 9:00AM-12:00PM. It's an out of this world adventure you don't want to miss!

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

Relay for Life - Friday, April 12

Spaghetti Supper Update

THANK YOU to all who supported our Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser on Wednesday. We raised \$1,750 for the American Cancer Society! Because of the generous donations from our sponsors: Anderson General Store, BiLo, Barberito's, Uncle Shug's Chicken Barn, and Neighborhood Walmart, and those of you who contributed the delicious desserts, all of the funds raised will go to ACS. Way to go SFUMC Relay for Life Team: Ed & Lyndia Akins, Marinell Armstrong, Bobbie Coursey, Carole Cox, Jewel Dabbs, Hilda Dutrow, Buck & Nora Ford, JoAnn Marsh, Kathleen Modd, and Bill & Marilynn Sellers.

Honor or Remember a Loved One with a Donation

You can still support your Relay for Life Team by purchasing a luminaria in honor of a cancer survivor or in memory of a loved one. Forms are located in the Gathering Area throughout March. Or go online to make a donation at www.relayforlife.org. The luminaria walk will be a highlight of the April 12th Relay for Life.

Save your Panera Bread Restaurant Receipts

Save your Panera Bread receipts and place them in the collection boxes at the church. The SFUMC Relay for Life Team will receive 15% for each receipt we turn in through April. An easy way to support our team!

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SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019
LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

GATHERING
LIGHTING OF CANDLES
PRELUDE & MEDITATION

O My Father
arr. Darwin Wolford

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jesus reminds us to bring our burdens and fears to him.
May we see the arms of Jesus outstretched toward us.
Sometimes we fail to hear Jesus saying to us: "Come to me!"
Jesus is the only one who can give rest to our souls.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #140 *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

***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)

BUCK FORD

(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 BUCK FORD; 11:00AM BILL HATCHER

OFFERTORY (8:30AM Service)

The Lord Is My Shepherd

arr. Wilbur Held

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:00AM Service)

He Hideth My Soul

arr. Mark Shepperd

***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**

Matthew 8: 23-27

MESSAGE

“Be Galilee”

REV. JIMMY CASON

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Hymn #344 *“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”*

CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00AM Service)

Amen

John Rutter

POSTLUDE

Sarabande

Carl Bohm

**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.