



**STATESBORO FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

"TO GLORIFY GOD AND LOVE OTHERS THROUGH WORSHIP, STUDY, AND SERVICE."

REV. JAMES A. CASON SENIOR PASTOR
REV. STEPHANIE SMITH ASSOCIATE PASTOR

November 10, 2019

Worship Services:

Sunday School:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Classrooms:
10:00AM

Sermon Series - Promises: Experiencing All that God has in Store

I read the other day that \$5.8 billion in gift cards go unclaimed every year. Think of all that money not utilized. Those gift cards are already paid for. They just need to be cashed in. The Bible is filled with promises from God that we all too often disregard like unused gift cards. Someone has estimated there are 3,000 promises to believers found in the pages of Scripture. I don't know if that figure is accurate, but I do know there are numerous promises that God has given us in the Bible.

For example, God says we will never be alone in life. In Isaiah 41, the Lord says: "Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand" (verse 10, NLT). And Jesus said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5, NKJV).

It is during difficult times that verses of Scripture suddenly become what they've always been: great and precious promises from God. All we have to do is claim them for ourselves. Those gift cards, if you will, are already paid for. We just need to go and redeem them. However, we only pull them out in trying times, but God's promises are around and available during the struggles and the daily tasks of life.

In this new sermon series, we will learn about just a few of the promises that God has made to you. These promises aren't empty; they're the key to renewed life, peace of mind, and hope for the future. Come and worship with us as we discover the amazing promises of God for your life and begin to claim them!

Sunday, November 10, 2019
2 Thessalonians 2:13-17
God's Promises in Scripture

Sunday, November 17, 2019
Luke 21:5-19
God's Promise: You Will Win

Sunday, November 24, 2019
Luke 23:33-43
God's Promises for Heaven

Sunday, November 10, 2019

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

9:01AM & REVIVE - Rev. Stephanie Smith

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

"God's Promises in Scripture"

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, November 3, 2019)

Morning Worship: 500

Sunday School: 265

8:30AM: 60

9:01AM: 181

11:00AM: 176

REVIVE: 83

Offering Received: \$36,586.00

New Building Fund: \$40.00 (total \$72,573.11)

Special Offering: Altar/ACTS - \$866.00

Our Church Family

In Memoriam - *Jan Johnston* - November 1, 2019

The **Flower** on the **Altar** on November 10 is given to the glory of God and in honor of *Charlotte James Hatten* who was born October 21, 2019, daughter of *Michael and Lauren Hatten*, and granddaughter of *Irene Denmark*.

The **Flower** on the **Altar** on November 10 is given to the glory of God and in honor of *our Veterans*, past and present.

Congratulations to *Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan (Lindsay) Williamson* upon the birth of their son, *Pierce Hughes Williamson* who was born on October 30, 2019. Proud paternal grandparents are *Mr. and Mrs. Hughes Williamson*. Smiling from heaven is his grandmother, *Mrs. Lynda Williamson*.

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: *Charlie Christmas - Home from hospital*
Greyson Kennedy - Home from hospital
Janette Johnson - Metter Swing Bed
Connie Hodges - Encompass Rehab

Ongoing: *Joyce Bohler, Bill Mathis Jr., Sue Brammar, Joel Martin, Barbara Fox, Ed Akins, Sara Betty Cook, Carter Berkeley, Steve Piazza, Bill Mathis Sr., Fred Maddox, Ken Whitaker, Marshall Thigpen, George Ann Thigpen, Peggie Herrington, Judy Strickland, Yvonne Redden, Laura Beasley, Mike Beasley, Jim Long, Brian Harrison, Daryl Harrison, Shirley Connell, Lloyd Jones, Diane Deloach, John Gould, Frances Humphrey*

Care Facilities: *Willow Pond* - *Willie Coleman, Carolyn McCarty*
Southern Manor - *Jean Braswell, Libby Hutcheson*

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

UMW General Meeting - November 11

United Methodist Women (UMW) meets Monday, November 11, with refreshments and fellowship at 9:45AM in Room 306. All women in the church are encouraged to attend as we will be discussing plans for several future activities. The meeting begins at 10:00AM with a devotional led by a member of the Carol Carter Circle. UMW members will be available in the Gathering Area later this month to assist you as you select SFUMC Christmas cards and church cookbooks for Thanksgiving and Christmas gifts.

Decorating for Advent

Please join us in helping to prepare the church for the Advent season. We will be decorating on Sunday, November 24 starting at 2PM. All are welcome! If you are able to help that day or have any questions, please call Olin Lovett, 682-0336.

Christmas Wrappers Needed

Join us in this simple mission! Again this year, volunteers will provide a free wrapping service on Saturday, December 14 and Saturday, December 21 from 10AM-5PM at the Bealls Outlet at the mall. If you would like to help, contact Eleanor Schneider, 682-3426.

Wednesday Night Menu - November 13 - 5:30PM

Uncle Shugs: BBQ, potato salad, baked beans, roll, dessert

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.



SFUMC Students News

Combined Sunday Night Surge - November 10

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 - November 11

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 - November 13

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.

Parent Meeting - November 14

We will be meeting at 6PM in the Youth Room to discuss our end of semester dates, spring semester dates, and summer dates for youth activities. Sign ups will open at this meeting for our Winter Ski Retreat and other spring trips. It is much more efficient to communicate all the details in person collectively as a group, so please make every effort to be present at this meeting!

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Cluster Charge Conference

The Statesboro Cluster Charge Conference will be held this afternoon, Sunday, November 10 at Pittman Park UMC. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, November 10

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
4:00PM - Youth Band Rehearsal, YR
5:00PM - Stephen Ministry, 206
6:00PM - Surge, MS/HS, YR, FH

Monday, November 11

7:00AM - Youth Breakfast Club, 306
10:00AM - UMW Meeting, 306
6:00PM - Young Adult Bible Study, 306

Tuesday, November 12

10:00AM - *Through It All* Bible Study, 212
6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House

Wednesday, November 13

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)
2:30PM - Magnolia Bible Study, 201
5:15PM - Kids JAM, Choir Rm, 200
5:30PM - Wednesday Night Ministry, FH
6:30PM - Adult Bible Studies
7:00PM - Chancel Choir, Choir Rm.

Thursday, November 14

6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305
6:00PM - Youth Parent Mtg, 306

Friday, November 15

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

Saturday, November 16

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



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, November 10, 2019

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)
Lacy Kamppi

Kids Worship:

9:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix

11:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Laura Brannen

Children's Ministries News

Field Trip to Bethany Lodge

This Wednesday, November 13, the children will travel to The Lodge at Bethany to sing and visit with the residents. Children in 1st-5th grade may ride the church bus and we will need parent chaperones as well. Children in Pre-K and Kindergarten must ride with a parent. The Children's Ministry will head out at 6:30PM, following dinner, and return to the Fellowship Hall by 7:30PM. Parents are welcome and encouraged to join us!

Kids JAM Rehearsals

A Sunday rehearsal is scheduled for December 1 at 4:00PM in the Fellowship Hall for children participating in the children's Christmas musical on December 4. Parents, please mark your calendars and encourage your children to continue listening to the music at home. We look forward to sharing this program with you as we approach the Advent season.

Wednesday Night Ministry

Pre-K through 5th Grade:

- Kids JAM (children's choir) 5:15PM-6:00PM
Pre-K & Kindergarten - Room 200
1st-3rd Grade - Room 201
4th-5th Grade - Choir Room
- Dinner served in the Fellowship Hall 5:30PM-6:30PM
- Team KID (small groups) 6:30pm-7:30pm
Pre-K & Kindergarten - Room 112
1st-5th Grade - Rooms 306 and 307

All children should be picked up from the Fellowship Hall at 7:30PM.

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Christmas Bundles Soup Kitchen - December 14

If you have left over wrapped Halloween candy that is tempting you, please donate it to our Christmas Bundles for our less fortunate neighbors. You can place it in the crate in the Gathering Area along with hygiene items, "charity" gifts, etc. Please also remember that we will be assembling and wrapping the bundles on Sunday afternoons from 2:00PM-4:00PM and Tuesday afternoons from 3:00PM-4:30PM at 1102 Cherokee Ct. starting today, November 10. We will also need help distributing them on December 14. For more information, e-mail saramelford@gmail.com.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2019

LITURGICAL COLOR: RED

GATHERING

PRELUDE & MEDITATION

All Hail the Power

arr. Charles Callahan

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Today we are standing on the promises of God.

God's promises can never fail.

When doubt and fear come to us.

We shall prevail because the living Word of God says so!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #696 *"America the Beautiful"*

***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)

LACY KAMPP

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

ANTHEM (11:00AM Service)

The Time for Turning

Craig Courtney

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM SUZAN LAIRCEY; 11:00AM LESLIE FLETCHER

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace

arr. Craig Courtney

ISA WALLACE, SOLOIST

*DOXOLOGY HYMN #94

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Hymn #370 *"Victory in Jesus"*

*SCRIPTURE READING

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

MESSAGE

"God's Promises in Scripture"

REV. JIMMY CASON

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Hymn #374 *"Standing on the Promises"*

CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00AM Service)

Sent Forth By God's Blessing

Leland Sateren/arr. Pierce Dickens

POSTLUDE

Stately Sortie

Andrew Fletcher

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

Volunteers for November 10, 2019 (Second Sunday of November)

Prayer Warriors: Jim & Hilda Dutrow, Martha Wells

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Suzan Laircey

8:30 Ushers: Steve Garner, Buck Ford

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

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Leslie Fletcher

11:00 Ushers: Clark Collins, Chris Bishop, Jake Collins, Jim Davis, Michael Mallard, Dan Snipes, Brian Thomas, Bill Thompson, Robert Benson, Kent Brannen

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

Greeters: June Rushing, Janice Davis, Pam Campbell

Meals On Wheels (November 12): Hilda Dutrow, Marcia Wise

*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.

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