



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

January 19, 2020

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

Who Is Your Everyday Simon?

This past spring, I experienced the most amazing sunset in Tortola in the British Virgin Islands. The view was stunning and I marveled in the masterpiece that God painted before our eyes. The next day of our trip, we were at another island that was quite different. What caught my eye and quite honestly my heart, was a Methodist church that had been destroyed by Hurricane Irma. The yellow cinder block walls were standing, the altar rail in place, the roof completely gone, and no doors or windows. Standing there, seeing God's beauty in creation and the destruction of a worship site, we talked about how we are called to all the world and the people in it. Called by God to be about His work in our community, that the world will know Jesus. And that gave me pause, what an intimidating thought.

At the end of 2019, there were over 7.7 billion people in the world. As of 2017, only 31% of the world was Christian, at best. And here we are full of people who don't know Jesus...charged with bringing His truth to the world every day. That task is immense...impossible...right?

As I read through John 1:35-42, I'm struck by a little piece of this passage, represented by verse 41, "Andrew went to find his brother, Simon, and told him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which means 'Christ')." Simon...whom Jesus would rename "Peter" in Matthew 16:18 and charge him (Peter) to lead the disciples as they shared the love of Jesus with their world.

What a pivotal moment. What a critical decision by Andrew. He told Just. One. Person. Yet this one man would lead a movement that would go from a hated, persecuted, little sect of Judaism in a despised corner of the Roman Empire... to a recognized faith in the Roman Empire by the early 300sAD. I want to reiterate that. Andrew told one man about Jesus...and how many came to a saving relationship with Jesus because of that one conversation?

What I'm saying is God has called us, the Church, to reach the world. But you, individual Christian, are called to bring Christ to the hand-full of people who move within the sphere of your everyday life. They may be coworkers or bank tellers or coffee baristas or janitors or disc golfers or CrossFitters or homeless people or preschoolers. They may look like the greatest or the least, but they are all those for whom Christ died, and among them you have significant, little relationships that God may want to use to help one man or woman to know their Jesus... just as they are fully known.

So yes...pray for the world and enjoy the beauty that is all around you, but live for Christ within your everyday "Simon"...knowing that if God could turn five loaves and two fish into a meal for 15,000, God can use one person's salvation to bring salvation for millions. *God Bless, Rev. Stephanie*

Sunday, January 19, 2020

8:30AM & 11:00AM Traditional - Dr. Jonathan Smith

9:01AM & REVIVE - Rev. Stephanie Smith

John 1:35-42

"What Are You Looking For?"

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, January 12, 2020)

Morning Worship: 365

Sunday School: 214

8:30AM: 62

9:01AM: 101

11:00AM: 125

REVIVE: 76

Offering Received: \$21,460.19

New Building Fund: \$350.00 (total \$76,709.92)

Our Church Family

Christian sympathy and prayers are expressed to *Vicki Hill*, upon the death of her mother, *Virginia Sams* who died on January 12.

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: *Susan Cason - Home from hospital*
Gladys Hacker - Post hip surgery

Ongoing: *Connie Hodges, Charlie Christmas, Greyson Kennedy, Joyce Bohler, Steve Piazza, Bill Mathis Jr., Bill Mathis Sr., Sue Brammar, Joel Martin, Ed Akins, Sara Betty Cook, Carter Berkeley, Frances Humphrey, Fred Maddox, Ken Whitaker, George Ann Thigpen, Judy Strickland, Yvonne Redden, Laura Beasley, Mike Beasley, Jim Long, Brian Harrison, Daryl Harrison, Shirley Connell, Lloyd Jones, Diane Deloach,*

Care Facilities: *Willow Pond* - *Willie Coleman, Carolyn McCarty, Janette Johnson*
Southern Manor - *Jean Braswell, Libby Hutcheson* *Brown's* - *John Gould*

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

2019 Year-End Operating Budget Update

January - December Budget Giving:	\$1,600,301.24
January - December Ministry Spending:	\$1,541,053.26
Operating Budget Surplus:	+\$59,247.98
December Budget Giving:	\$227,488.53
December Ministry Spending:	\$116,033.87
December Budget Surplus	+\$111,454.76

What great news. Last year we finished 2018 with a deficit of \$55,000. This year-a surplus of almost \$60,000. This was accomplished by your generous giving and by several reductions in the budget made by the Finance Committee and Church Council.

Now, we began January 1 with a zero budget balance. The almost \$60,000 budget surplus will be placed in a fund named Prior Year Reserves. When we finished 2018 with a budget deficit, we were able to balance the budget with the use of this Prior Year Reserves fund. This fund was decreasing, and now we will be able to increase the fund with our budget surplus.

We ask that we all keep our giving up-to-date. We know that there will be months (the summer months) where the giving will be smaller and the expenses will be larger. Our reserve funds allow us to continue to do ministry during those shortfall months until the giving increases towards the end of the year.

PLEDGE UPDATE

The results of our pledge campaign has been great. While there are still persons who have not yet returned their pledge cards, we anticipate that the approved budget of \$1,708,962 will be completely underwritten. Pledges from those who gave last year increased for this year by 4.5% or \$43,039. 32 persons who had not pledged in 2019 pledged a total of \$92,500 for 2020. We believe that with some pledges still outstanding, we will receive around \$1,229,000 in pledges. When you add \$480,000 from consistent givers who do not pledge and loose plate offering, we have our budget underwritten.

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER RETURNING YOUR PLEDGE CARD SOON!

Pastor Jimmy's Bible Study

Due to Pastor Jimmy leading a group to the Holy Land January 15-24, his Bible study on the book of Matthew will not resume until Wednesday, January 29. We will start with Matthew Chapter 6. The study meets in Room 206. New persons are welcome!



SFUMC Students News

Combined Sunday Night Surge - January 19

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.

NO Breakfast Club - January 20

There will be no Breakfast Club due to the school holiday. We will resume next week!

Small Groups - January 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.

Winter Retreat - February 20-24

We are headed to Ghent, West Virginia to go skiing/snowboarding at Winter Place Ski Resort! We will be staying at Glade Spring Resort in the Chestnut Houses. It's an awesome trip full of fun and worship opportunities! Even if your student hasn't skied before, this is still a great trip for them. We have taught many students over the years how to ski/snowboard, so don't worry! Cost for the trip is \$300 which includes rentals, ski lift, transportation, lodging, and food while there. Sign ups are now open for this trip, with a limited amount of space available. Please let Becca know if you'd like to sign your student up or if you'd like more information, bbrown@statesborofirst.com.

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, January 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
5:00PM - Stephen Ministry Training, 206
6:00PM - Youth Surge MS/HS,YR,FH, 306

Monday, January 20

Preschool Closed - MLK Holiday
10:00AM - Carol Carter Circle Mtg, 201
10:00AM - Dreta Sharpe Circle Mtg, 306
1:30PM - Lanier Lee Circle Mtg, 103

Tuesday, January 21

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

Wednesday, January 22

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)
12:30PM - Roxella's Bible Study, 213
5:15PM - Kids JAM, Choir Rm, 200
5:30PM - Wednesday Night Ministry, FH
6:00PM - Stephen Ministry Con't Ed, Lib.
6:30PM - Adult Bible Studies
6:45PM - Stephen Ministry Superv. Grp, Lib.
7:00PM - Chancel Choir, Choir Rm.

Thursday, January 23

6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305

Friday, January 24

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

Saturday, January 25

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



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, January 19, 2020

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)
Jonathan Smith

Kids Worship:

9:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Nikkia Mathis

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

Children's Ministries News

Wednesday Night Ministry

Please join us for dinner at 5:30PM in the Fellowship Hall

Children's WNM Schedule:

- 5:15PM-6:00PM Kids JAM children's choir (PreK-5th Grade)
- 6:30PM-7:30 Team Kid small groups (PreK-5th Grade)

Upcoming Children's Ministry Calendar Dates

February 2: 5th Grade Sunday school class collecting over the counter cold meds for Open Hearts Community Mission

March 15: Kids JAM singing in 11:00AM traditional worship

May 3: Children's Sunday in 901 worship

June 1-5: Vacation Bible School (9AM-12PM)

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Wednesday Night Menu - January 22 - 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.

UMM Meet & Greet - TONIGHT, January 19

The first meeting of 2020 for the Meet & Greet Men's group is tonight, Sunday, January 19. The meeting will be held at the Glen Oaks subdivision clubhouse at 6PM. The meal will feature baked ham with all the trimmings. All men of the church are encouraged to attend. A very special program has been planned.

Panera Bread Receipts for Relay for Life

Panera Bread has agreed to help again this year with Relay for Life. Last year almost \$200 was added to our church's total just by turning in Panera receipts. A collection box is outside of the Church Office to receive your receipts starting this week. Cooler weather is going to return and their soups are great! Panera also donates their "leftovers" Friday nights for our Soup Kitchen on Saturdays. Relay for Life is scheduled for Friday, April 24.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2020

LITURGICAL COLOR: RED

GATHERING

PRELUDE & MEDITATION

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

arr. Anna Laura Page

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us praise the Lord.

Who sets our feet upon a rock.

God makes our steps secure,

And puts a new song in our mouths.

Let us speak of God's faithfulness,

And sing of God's salvation!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #369 "*Blessed Assurance*"

***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)

JONATHAN SMITH

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

ANTHEM (11:00AM Service)

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

arr. Lloyd Larson

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM IRENE DENMARK; 11:00AM SIMS LANIER

OFFERTORY

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

arr. Michael Burkhardt

*DOXOLOGY HYMN #94

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Hymn #496 *"Sweet Hour of Prayer"*

*SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:35-42

MESSAGE

"What Are You Looking For?"

Sermon Series: 20/20

DR. JONATHAN SMITH

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Hymn #357 *"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"*

CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00AM Service)

Amen

Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE

Stately Sortie

Andrew Fletcher

Volunteers for January 19, 2020 (Third Sunday of January)

Prayer Warriors: Don & Nancy Marsh

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Irene Denmark

8:30 Ushers: Mike Beasley, Daryl Harrison

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

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Sims Lanier

11:00 Ushers: Si Waters, Hughes Williamson, Coley Cassedy, Edwin Hill, David Johnson, Fred Shearouse, John Lee, Rawls Neville

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

Greeters: Anne Allen, Anne Williamson, Lisa Lee, Kathleen Modd

Meals On Wheels (January 21): Pam Powell, Janice Wilbanks

*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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