



STATESBORO FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



SFUMC
NEWSLETTER



FOR THE WEEK OF:
JANUARY 10, 2021

Worship Services:

Traditional Worship
8:30AM & 11:00AM
in our Sanctuary

Contemporary Worship
9:01AM & 11:00AM
in our Fellowship Hall

Watch online at www.statesborofirst.com/live

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SFUMC Prayer List

Bill & Betty Hatcher

Continued Prayers for Pierce Dickens and Kathleen Modd, both at EGRMC

Continued prayers for Mike Beasley, Dot Piazza, Coley Cassedy, Ronnie Pope, Barbara Fox, Carter Berkeley

Christian sympathy to Alice Hall and her family upon the loss of Alice's mother, Nancy Henderson, who died on December 26.

Christian sympathy to Daphne Totten and her family upon the loss of Daphne's father, George David Jarriel, who died on December 29.

Christian sympathy to Summer Hodges and her family upon the loss of Summer's grandmother, Sarah Margaret Williams, who died on January 5.

Christian sympathy to Kelly Spence and his family upon the loss of Kelly's father, Robert Isaac Brack, Jr., who died on January 6.

Every week we invite you to join us in praying for:

- 1) Our nation's military and the civilians who support them as they defend freedom around the world.**
- 2) First-responders, who serve and protect our communities.**
- 3) Leaders of government at every level - for God's will to be done through them and around them.**

Worship Attendance

JANUARY 3, 2021

In Person Worship: 137	
8:30AM: 20	9:01AM: 55
11:00AM: 37	REVIVE: 25
Online Worship: 224	
9:01AM: 115	11:00AM: 109

Offering Received: \$33,916.00

We titled the series of teachings to start the new year "You've Got Mail." Most folks recognize it as the movie from 1998 that featured Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan. It was cute, but it also offered some truths and some wisdom. Yet, our teachings are not based on a contemporary movie, even one that grossed \$250,821,495. It was popular, but is that enough to give it primacy in our worship? Of course, the answer is no. At the center of our worship is God - who is still speaking through the reading and exhortation of the Word. Which is to say, we place the Bible in the center of worship in order that God may continue to speak to us through it.

John Wesley would come to see the Methodist movement that he and others helped to form in the late 1730's as a return to the original life and faith & experience of Christianity. He wanted to return to the faith of the apostles and the early church – to find that same dynamic quality of faith and life that the early Christians had. So, Scripture had a place of central importance in Wesley's teaching and preaching. In Wesley's view, devotion to the teachings of the Scripture is absolutely essential for the task of keeping and renewing the Christian faith.

Yet, the events of this week have shown the shadow side of our humanity. In our brokenness, we place something other than the truth of God's Word at the center. We are guided by self, and not truth. I read Paul's words to Timothy, quoted here, as evidence that this has been happening forever. As I watched the news on Wednesday, I saw it happening again.

So, we gather on Sundays to reset our hearts and minds back to the truth, with God's Word in the center.

Grace and peace,
Scott

Preach the word. Be ready to do it whether it is convenient or inconvenient. Correct, confront, and encourage with patience and instruction. There will come a time when people will not tolerate sound teaching. They will collect teachers who say what they want to hear because they are self-centered. They will turn their back on the truth and turn to myths.
- 2 Timothy 4:2-4



SFUMC Students News

Youth Events Start Back Up

We hope everyone has had a wonderful Christmas Break, and we can't wait to be back with you all soon! Make sure to mark your calendars for Surge starting back on January 10, Breakfast Club on January 11 and Small Groups/Confirmation on January 13. See you all soon!



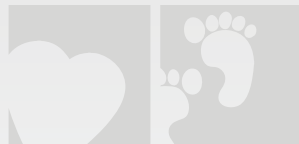
Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries



Children's Ministries News

Wednesday Night Ministry

We are excited about meeting back for our Wednesday nights this coming Wednesday, January 13, from 5:45PM-6:45PM. Drop off will be under the white tent and pick up will be on Cherry Street. We look forward to some fun times sharing God's word with your children.



Church News

Angel Tree Thank You

Our "Angel Tree" children were once again given gifts from their incarcerated parent to let them know they are loved. Our church family, in spite of Covid, all came together and bought, wrapped and delivered the packages for Christmas. Thank you all for supporting this ministry of our church!

- *Nancy Martin*

Church Calendar

Sunday, January 10

8:30AM - Traditional Service, Sanctuary

9:01AM - 901 Service, FH

11:00AM - Traditional Service, Sanctuary

11:00AM - REVIVE Service, FH

6:00PM - Students Surge, FH

Monday, January 11

7:00AM - Students Breakfast Club, FH

6:00PM - Staff Parish Meeting, FH

Wednesday, January 13

5:45PM - Children's Ministry Activities

6:30PM - Students Small Groups

Thursday, January 14

6:30PM - Music Rehearsal, FH

Friday, January 15

Seniors leave on Youth Senior Trip to Snowbird

Saturday, January 16

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen