



STATESBORO FIRST  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



SFUMC  
NEWSLETTER



FOR THE WEEK OF:  
**FEBRUARY 14, 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](http://www.statesborofirst.com/live)

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# SFUMC Prayer List

## *In Memoriam*

**William "Bill" Stradling - February 1, 2021**

***Congratulations to JD & Monica Pope upon the birth of their sons, Jeffrey Donnie Pope III and Cooper George Pope, born on February 5.***

***Continued prayers for Charlie Christmas, Si Waters, Betty Hodges, Bobby & Holt Coursey, Dot Piazza, Coley Cassedy, Barbara Fox, Carter Berkeley***

**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

*FEBRUARY 7, 2021*

In Person Worship: <b>194</b>	
8:30AM: <b>18</b>	9:01AM: <b>78</b>
11:00AM: <b>58</b>	REVIVE: <b>40</b>
Online Worship: <b>256</b>	
9:01AM: <b>115</b>	11:00AM: <b>141</b>

Offering Received: <b>\$26,739.00</b>	
New Building Fund: \$30	Total: \$84,983.52

## **How will they know who I support?**

As I was waiting to turn onto South Main, alongside the church buildings, a truck passed in front of me that caught my eye. Attached from the tailgate was a large navy flag, snapping on the pole, that read GATA. I think I could make out that it was a college student behind the wheel.

Of course, this phrase was introduced to our little 'boro nearly forty years ago by Coach Erk Russell. Most of us also know it was carried over from his days in Athens and that Coach Russell rearranged the letters of the Georgia Tech Athletic Association from GTAA to GATA in order to inspire his junkyard dawg defensive unit. They did not need much inspiration, as UGA beat GT 13 out of the 17 years he was there!

But, back to driver with the GATA flag. Think about his loyalty. Think about his public profession of allegiance. We are seven months from the next football game and signing day is now behind us, yet he is so 'for' his team that he drives around town with a flag waving for everyone to see.

What are we passionate about? As believers? As the church? How can the church show its allegiance to the way, the truth, and the life of Jesus? It is with banners and flags? Maybe on some occasions those would be helpful, but when a flag is not the answer how will they know who I support?

Jesus said, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:35).

Grace and peace, Scott



## SFUMC Students News

### **Student Ministry Discount Cards**

Our Student Ministry Discount Cards have arrived! Students have the ability to check out cards to try to sell in order to raise money for their upcoming youth trips. Each card sells for \$10, and the student is able to put the full proceeds towards their trip account. This is a great way for your student to have ownership in the trips they want to take! We also love this fundraising opportunity, because each student will directly benefit from their own effort. Please let us know if your student would like to check out some cards to sell!



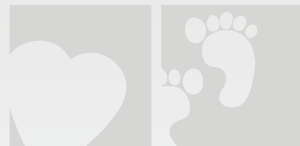
Statesboro First Methodist  
Children's Ministries



## Children's Ministries News

### **Love In Action**

Our "Love in Action" challenge is going great for the month of February! The girls are WINNING, so boys you best get to working and bringing some stuff in. It's been a JOY watching the kids bring in items to help others out in our community. For more details contact Jodie Hendrix, 912-690-1291.



## Church News

### **Our Plans for Ash Wednesday**

Ash Wednesday is February 17. While the pandemic changes our practice, it does not change our ability to mark the start of our Lenten journey. We have individual household ashes and instructions available for pick up from now through Wednesday, February 17. Additionally, our Website and Social Media will have an Ash Wednesday devotional to lead you and your family in this holy moment.

## Church Calendar

### **Sunday, February 14**

8:30AM - Traditional Service, Sanctuary

9:01AM - 901 Service, FH

11:00AM - Traditional Service, Sanctuary

11:00AM - REVIVE Service, FH

### **Monday, February 15**

6:30PM - Young Adult Bible Study, 201

### **Wednesday, February 17**

*Ash Wednesday*

### **Thursday, February 18**

*Youth Leave on Ski Trip*

### **Saturday, February 20**

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen