



STATESBORO FIRST  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# TURNING OUR ATTENTION



SFUMC  
NEWSLETTER



FOR THE WEEK OF:  
**MARCH 7, 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

*Prayers for Marquise Stephens, son of Arnold Stephens, as he recovers from burns he sustained in a cooking accident.*

*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.*
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### **Church Welcomes a Facilities Manager**

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee of our church is pleased to welcome James Dixon to our staff. After a search that included a number of qualified persons, James started this week as our Facilities Manager. He will work Sunday through Thursday alongside our staff to oversee our buildings and grounds while using his background in construction and maintenance.

## Worship Attendance

*FEBRUARY 28, 2021*

In Person Worship: <b>251</b>	
8:30AM: <b>30</b>	9:01AM: <b>95</b>
11:00AM: <b>72</b>	REVIVE: <b>54</b>
Online Worship: <b>203</b>	
9:01AM: <b>92</b>	11:00AM: <b>111</b>

Offering Received: **\$22,729.13**

**Jesus practiced perseverance in prayer.** He did this through a pattern of prayer - setting aside time to be alone with the Father. The Gospels are filled with evidence of this.

Perseverance in prayer is not just in the face of busyness. Prayer is called for in the face of adversity. As I alluded to on Sunday, the lives of the most humble and influential people we know and follow have adversity in common. Persistence and perseverance are necessary. One of the most famous names in all of sports, Cy Young, once said,

In our day, when a pitcher got into trouble in a game, instead of taking him out, our manager would leave him in and tell him to pitch his way out of trouble.

Beverly Sills, the famed American opera soprano, once said, "There are not shortcuts to any place worth going."

So, where are believers of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, going? We persevere in order to receive the glory of God. Scott Peck says, "Real glory...is solely an attribute of God, and we humans can partake of it only in relationship to God." So, we persevere in order to remain in relationship to the God who made us and intends to give us an inheritance (that we ourselves did not earn). Prayer is the essence of being in relationship with God. We too often limit prayer to speaking, but when we begin to grasp the relational quality of prayer we open ourselves to hear and listen. The title of the JD Walt book our Bible Study has been reading is based on this idea that prayer is about a relationship to a person who is accessible. It is called, Right Here. Right Now, Jesus. For Jesus is just that - right here, right now.

I encourage you to adopt patterns - like setting a daily reminder to prayer the Lord's Prayer - to build up our muscles for perseverance in prayer.

Grace and peace, Scott

## SFUMC Students News

### **By Design - Local Retreat - March 21**

Our Student Ministry will be hosting a day retreat devoted to focusing on what it means to be a man of God and woman of God. This event is for both Middle and High School students. By Design will take place on March 21, directly following our 11AM church service. The guys and girls will have their own schedule of events for the day. Both groups will be headed out to eat and then partaking in an afternoon of activities, we will gather together for dinner, and then we will have separate worship services. The total cost for the day is \$35 which includes all meals and activities. Sign-ups are open!



Statesboro First Methodist  
Children's Ministries



## Children's Ministries News

### **Save the Dates:**

**Sunday, March 28:** Palm Sunday, adults & children will be waving palm leaves in each service.

**Sunday, March 28:** Easter Egg Hunt - 4PM at the Belle House. We will find eggs, enjoy outside time with friends, and enjoy cake and coffee together. No matter your age, please come join us for a fun day of fellowship

**June 7-11:** We need any and all VOLUNTEERS to help this week. We look forward to hosting a fun filled JESUS week with our VBS kids.

Our **"Love in Action"** challenge is over, everyone's a WINNER! So proud of the children that participated to help a local family in need.

## Church News

### **Opportunity to Serve as Office Volunteer**

After a hiatus of a year, our church is welcoming back persons who are willing and able to serve in the Church Office. So as not to overburden anyone, we hope to schedule persons to serve in the afternoons from 1:00 to 4:30 PM, every other week. This helps cover the telephones in times now unattended as Robin Kersey has shifted to part-time. Free training provided! The desk is distanced from others, and should not interfere with the reading of books, sewing, or pursuing the internet. Contact the Church Office to inquire more.

### **UMW News**

Our March General Meeting will be held "in-person" this Monday, March 8 at 10AM in the Fellowship Hall. Thankful we've had Zoom technology, but looking forward to "seeing" smiling faces in person!

## Church Calendar

### **Sunday, March 7**

8:30AM - Traditional Service, Sanctuary

9:01AM - 901 Service, FH

11:00AM - Traditional Service, Sanctuary

11:00AM - REVIVE Service, FH

6:00PM - Student Surge, FH

### **Monday, March 8**

7:00AM - Youth Breakfast Club, FH

10:00AM - UMW Meeting, FH

### **Wednesday, March 10**

5:45PM - Children's Ministry Activities

6:30PM - Students Small Groups

6:30PM - Pastor Scott's Bible Study, Zoom

### **Saturday, March 13**

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen