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The **Nursery** is available for infants, toddlers and other children under the age of 4 as of September 1, 2022. It's located on the first floor near the elevator.

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NEWSLETTER



FOR THE WEEK OF:
OCTOBER 24, 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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“I would do the same thing again.”

Julie and I walked out of the restaurant earlier this week, with the Atlanta Braves up by three runs late in the game. I sent out a text to a group of friends mentioning how close our favorite team was to taking a commanding lead in the league championship series against the Los Angeles Dodgers. Before we could arrive home, the tide had turned with a big home run and the Braves would lose that game.

When Luke Jackson, the Braves' pitcher who gave up the home run, was asked after the game what he would do differently he replied, “Sad thing is I would do the same thing again.” I love the question and I really love the answer. Jackson went on to say, “I was trying to throw a fastball up and away. I actually threw it better than I thought I threw it. Out of my hand, I was like, Oh, that’s a ball. It’s too high.” He gave the batter credit for making a great play, but Jackson did not have any regrets.

The phrase ‘No Regrets’ has become popular in the last decade, at least based on the back windows of every seventh truck riding through town. If this is meant to excuse bad behavior or ignore suffering caused to other people, this is a devilish perspective. So, what does the Bible say about regrets?

“Godly sadness produces a changed heart and life that leads to salvation and leaves no regrets, but sorrow under the influence of the world produces death.”

- 2 Corinthians 7:10

At the time that I am writing this, I don't know how the fate of the Braves turned out. But, if they played their best and put it all out there, isn't that enough? Similarly, I don't know how my week or month will turn out. I don't know how the year will end, or the coming five years will go. As Christians, we can have assurance even when we don't know the particulars. Paul prayed that the believers in Colossae “might have all the riches of assurance...” in Colossians 2:2. That is my prayer for all of us, as we grow in grace and godliness. Grace and peace, Scott



Statesboro First United Methodist Church News

Support Our Choral Scholars

Our talented choral scholars work very hard not only here at our church, but in events at Georgia Southern University. Please show your support for them by attending their events, which take place in Carol A. Carter Recital Hall at Georgia Southern!

- Opera: “La Bella Dormente nel Bosco” by Ottorino Respighi - October 29 & 30 @ 7:30PM

Class on Awakening & the Spirit

Revival is more than three nights under a tent. Don't forget, this new class starts on Sunday, October 24 at 10:05AM in Room 206.

Shut-Ins and Nursing Home Residents

If you have a family member that is the resident of a nursing home or is confined to their own home and you would like them to receive visits from someone on the Helping Hands Committee, call the Church Office and have them added to our list.

Committing to Ministry in 2022

Our church's mission, carried out by God through our members, pastors and staff, continues into a bright future. Members and regular attendees are invited to complete a Commitment Card during worship on Sunday, November 7 or online at statesborofirst.com/commit. As always, your commitment is safe and confidential.



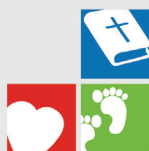
Student Ministry News

Sign Up to Volunteer at the Harvest Festival

If your student is interested in volunteering for the Harvest Festival on November 7 from 5PM-7PM please email, text, or call and let us know! We ask that students would commit to serving a one hour shift and then enjoy the festival for the other hour. We hope to see you there!

Pumpkin Carving at Surge!

This Sunday, October 24, we will be having a pumpkin carving contest, sweet treats, some festive stage games, and a few prizes! You don't need to bring anything but yourself. Grab a friend and join us from 6PM-7:30PM in the Fellowship Hall!



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries



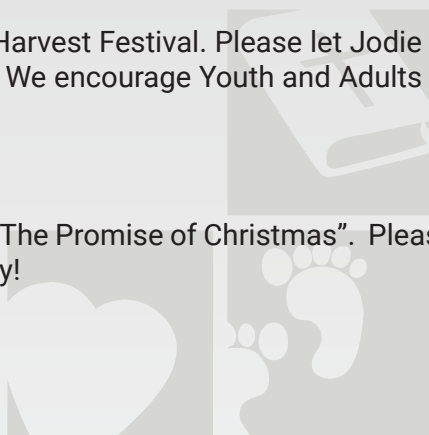
Children's Ministries News

Harvest Festival - November 7

We are still in need of many volunteers for our Harvest Festival. Please let Jodie or Eastyn know where you would like to volunteer. We encourage Youth and Adults to volunteer for this church-wide event!

Mark Your Calendars for December 1

On December 1 our children will be performing "The Promise of Christmas". Please join us as our children tell of the Christmas story!



Church Calendar

Sunday, October 24

8:30AM - Traditional Service, Sanctuary
9:01AM - 901 Service, FH
11:00AM - Traditional Service, Sanctuary
11:00AM - REVIVE Service, FH
4:30PM - Youth Band Rehearsal, YR
6:00PM - Youth Surge, FH/306

Monday, October 25

7:00AM - Youth Breakfast Club, 306
6:30PM - City Planning Meeting, FH

Tuesday, October 26

6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House

Wednesday, October 27

10:00AM - Linda & Roxella's Bible Study, 306
6:15PM - Wednesday Night Ministry
7:00PM - Choir Practice, Choir Room

Thursday, October 28

6:00PM - Chancel Ringers Rehearsal, 305

Saturday, October 30

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lay Liturgist

8:30AM BETTY HODGES 11:00AM JOHN RAY

PRELUDE

Méditation

Louis Vierne

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have not always lived in ways that reflect God's love for all.

God release us and grant us mercy.

We have not always lived as people assured of our place in God's heart.

God release us and grant us hope.

We have walked in paths that lead us away from trusting you.

God release us and grant us forgiveness.

We have not always lived as people of the Resurrection.

God release us and grant us courage. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty UMH #64

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles Creed UMH#881

GLORIA PATRI

UMH#71

CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED TO KID'S WORSHIP

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Sheep May Safely Graze, BWV 208

Johann Sebastian Bach

DOXOLOGY

UMH#94

SCRIPTURE READING & MESSAGE

8:30AM REV. DR. SCOTT HAGAN

11:00AM REV. STEPHANIE SMITH

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Great is Thy Faithfulness UMH #140

*BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE

Carillon du Longpont

Louis Vierne

**Congregation standing if able during this portion of the service.*

The Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher for a receiver.



Our Church Family

Prayers for John Gould who is EGR, Lynn Davis (Jody Polk's mother), Jan Lowe (Courtney Joiner's mother) and Dug Duggan.

Continued prayers for Jimmy Franklin, Jimmy Hodges, Carter Berkeley, Linda Arnold, Ann Mullins, Edwina Amerison, Klenke Bredenberg, Chuck Shiels, Charlie Christmas, Dot Piazza, Betty (Fred) Hodges, Barbara Fox, Inman & Mary Sue Hodges, Earl & Jewel Dabbs, Janette Johnson, Shirley Connell, Betty Rushing and Gretchen Jackson

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) Government Leaders at every level- for God's will to be done through them and around them.***

Attendance

OCTOBER 17, 2021

In Person Worship: 229

8:30AM: 39

9:01AM: 60

11:00AM: 98

REVIVE: 32

Online Worship: 128

9:01AM: 52

11:00AM: 76

Offering

Offering Received: \$21,549.69

**HE
LEADETH
ME**

