

# CONNECT

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Welcome to worship at Statesboro First.  
We're so glad you're here! We care about you.

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<input type="radio"/> 11:00 AM	<input type="radio"/> Guest
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	<input type="radio"/> Member
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Phone

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Connect Cards help us respond to your visit,  
whether you are visiting or join us regularly!

# PRAYER

Share a Prayer Concern or Celebration  
Let us know if we can share it with others!

☐ I am interested in teaching  
Sunday School!  
Please contact me.

☐ I'd like to meet with a Pastor.  
Include your name and email/phone so we can  
reach out to schedule a meeting or phone call.

I'd like to learn more about...

<input type="radio"/> Church Membership	<input type="radio"/> Serving Opportunities
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## 11:00 AM Traditional Service

### PRELUDE

"Präludium in E" – Vincent Lübeck

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHORAL INTROIT

"Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast" – Traditional  
*The Chancel Choir*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come "Holy Making" Spirit!  
**Sanctify us through the Word of God!**  
Come "Holy Making" Spirit!  
**Make us more like Jesus!**

**\*OPENING PRAYER - LAY LITURGIST - LAURA MARSH**

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God" UMH 110

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UMH 881) AND \*GLORIA PATRI (UMH 71)**

### PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

### GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

"Come, Labor On" – Ryan Murphy  
*The Chancel Choir*

**\*DOXOLOGY (UMH 95)**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT WITH PASTOR MARK "Jesus Loves Me" UMH 191**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (*Children dismissed to Worship*)

### TODAY'S SERMON SCRIPTURE

JAMES 3:3-10 (NRSV)

### "WHERE IS YOUR RUDDER LEADING YOU?"

REV. MARK BURGESS

### \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me", UMH 509

### \*BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL SONG

"Freely Freely" UMH 389

### POSTLUDE

"Improvisation on 'Come, Labor On' " – Dr. Jackson Borges

*\*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.



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025**

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



### Our Church's Sacred Calling:

*Through us God will:  
Reach People  
Touch Souls  
Change Hearts  
Launch Disciples*



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## Statesboro First News

**GS Wesley Foundation Sunday**  
Next Sunday, **Sept 7**, Rev. Albert Williams, III will be preaching at both services with Georgia Southern students speaking in the Fellowship Hall during the 10AM hour. We are excited to hear how the Lord is working in their lives through GS and the Wesley Foundation! As a fun twist, and to make the students we are expecting feel more at home, wear your GS gear or colors Sunday morning!

Registration is also open for their annual **Golf Tournament** to be played **Thursday, October 23rd** at Forest Heights. See the flyers around campus, info in the newsletter, or contact the Church Office for more details!



**Wednesday Night Study!**  
Marcus Toole has begun a study called “*Ancient Heroes of the Faith*”. This week’s study will focus on another significant early Church figure, considered the third or fourth Pope, known for his famous letter to the Corinthians and his legendary martyrdom by being tied to an anchor and thrown into the Black Sea. An Apostolic Father, his writings link him to the apostles Peter and Paul, and he is patron saint of mariners, stonecutters, and tanners. If you still don’t know who I’m talking about, or why he’s relevant today, you should come to **Room 206 Wednesday, Sept 3 at 6 pm** and find out!

## Wednesday into the Word

Pastor mark will be continuing his 4 week study on the first 11 Chapters of Genesis. We have a great group attending, so bring your Bible and join the conversation Wednesday, **September 3** at **10am** in **Room 206**.



## Church Calendar

**Sunday, Aug 31**  
9:01 AM - Contemporary Service, FH  
10:00 AM - Sunday School Hour  
11:00 AM - Traditional Service, Sanct  
4:00 PM - AA Meeting, 211

**Monday, Sept 1**  
**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**  
6:30 PM - Scout Meeting, FH

**Wednesday, Sept 3**  
10:00 AM - Bible Study, 206  
6:00PM - Wednesday Night Study, 206  
7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal, Music Ste

**Thursday, Sept 4**  
6:00 PM - Handbell Practice, 305  
6:30 PM - AA Meeting, 306  
6:30PM - Emmaus Meeting, 204  
6:30PM - Scout Committee Mtg, FH

**Saturday, Sept 6**  
10:00 AM - Soup Kitchen, FH



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## Statesboro First News

**Fried Chicken Fellowship Meal**  
Join us for our FREE Church Luncheon following the 11AM service **NEXT Sunday, September 7 in the Fellowship Hall and Room 306**. The church will provide fried chicken and beverages, so bring your favorite side, salad or sweet and let’s enjoy a time of gathering together. All are invited - bring a friend!



## SFUMC Prayer Concerns

Ronnie Ruffo - home recovering from wrist surgery  
Martha Wells - severe back pain  
Charles Perry - health concerns  
Kevin Cook - recent passing of a beloved fur friend  
Family of Joe McGlamery in his recent passing  
Family of Ray Haskins in his recent passing  
Richard Howard - recovering at home  
Harper Kamppi - recovering from surgery - broken arm  
David Ewing - shoulder replacement surgery Sept 22  
Joyce Bohler - knee replacement Sept 18  
Susan Campo - home with ongoing health issues  
Julie Winskie - undergoing chemo and radiation for brain cancer  
Burney Marsh - severe back pain; upcoming procedure to install pain limiter  
Rev. Terry DeLoach - general health (back at home)  
Carol Elliot (Marcus Toole’s Sister) - now undergoing radiation treatments  
Becky Renfro – stroke recovery - at home with care  
Steve Anderson (Bill & Jane Anderson’s son) – ongoing cancer related Chemo treatment  
Bran Anderson (Bill & Jane Anderson’s son) – ongoing cancer related immune treatment  
Texas flood victims, families and all affected  
All our Civic Leaders (Local, state and national)  
Peace in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine & Russia  
Our Organ refurbishment project underway

## Children & Student Ministry News

**SFUMC Students**  
**No STUDENT SUNDAY** today,  
**Aug 31!** See Mrs. Haley to sign up for **ENCOUNTER** Youth Retreat at Epworth in November!



We are still in need of Sunday School teachers for all ages - elementary through high school. Contact Haley Herrington or check the circle on your Connect Card for more information.

## Attendance

August 24, 2025: 269	
9:01 AM: 43	11:00 AM: 127
Online: 99	

## Offering

Offering Received: \$5,260
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If you wish to purchase flowers in honor or memory of a loved one or in celebration of a life event, contact our church office at (912) 764-7589.

Prefer to complete your connect card electronically? Simply scan this QR code to be automatically directed!



## Nursery & Kids’ Worship

**KIDS’ WORSHIP:** *Pre-K - 5th Grade*  
Children are dismissed during the service and escorted to Room 306 on the 3rd floor. Parents can pick their children up in room 306 after the service, or, following the 9:01 service, children are brought downstairs to their Sunday School classes.

**NURSERY:** *infants, toddlers, and other children under the age of 4 in room 110 across from the Fellowship Hall.*