

# CONNECT

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

Name

Service

I am a...

- ☐ 901
- ☐ 11:00 AM
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ First time visitor
- ☐ Guest
- ☐ Regular Attendee
- ☐ Member
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

Phone

Email

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...

- ☐ Church  
Membership
- ☐ Serving  
Opportunities
- ☐ Baptism
- ☐ Groups/Classes

## 11:00 AM Traditional Service

### PRELUDE

"Voluntary VIII, Op. 6, No. 8" – Samuel Wesley

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHORAL INTROIT

"Seek the Lord" -- Hal H. Hopson  
*The Chancel Choir*

**\*OPENING PRAYER - LAY LITURGIST - IRENE DENMARK**

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" UMH 103

### \*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

**\*GLORIA PATRI (UMH 71)**

### PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

### GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

"Here I Am, Lord" – Craig Courtney  
*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

HEBREWS 12:1-2 (NRSV)

### "WHY DOES WESLEY MATTER?"

REV. ALBERT WILLIAMS, III

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Offerings left on the altar will benefit ACTS)

### \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"Take My Life, and Let It Be", UMH 399

### \*BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL SONG

"Freely Freely" UMH 389

### POSTLUDE

"Marche de Fête, Op. 36" – Henri Büsser

*\*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.



**STATESBORO FIRST**  
United Methodist Church

# Welcome Students!

**SUNDAY, SEPT 7, 2025**

Twelfth 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

### Wednesday Night Study!

This week’s ancient hero sat under the ministry of the Apostle John as a child. He’s the first known Christian to expose a Second Century cult as a counterfeit Christianity. Today’s versions of the same cult are threatening Christianity today by insisting that the so called gospels of their forbearers left behind are closer to that of the historical Jesus than that of traditional Trinitarian Christianity. This hero joins Clement of Rome as an eye witnesses of men who Jesus trained himself and commissioned to preach the gospel. As such, he stands as an independent witness that the Jesus found in the 4 canonical Gospels is the real Jesus. If you still don’t know who I’m talking about you should come to **Room 206 Wednesday, Sept 10 at 6 pm** and find out!

### Second Grade Bible Presentation

 Mrs. Haley has something special next Sunday, **Sept 14!** During the 11AM service, our second graders will be presented with Bibles. We are delighted to present these Bibles to our children and as a church family, we promise to support you and your families as you grow in your faith.

### Church Fellowship Luncheon

Don’t forget our **FREE** Luncheon immediately following the **11AM service TODAY!** We’ll be in the Fellowship Hall and room 306 upstairs. Follow your nose to the fried chicken and let’s gather together for a delicious meal and time of fellowship!

## Wednesday into the Word

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



## Church Calendar

### Sunday, Sept 7

9:01 AM - Contemporary Service, FH  
10:00 AM - GS Wesley Students, Sanct  
11:00 AM - Traditional Service, Sanct  
12:00PM - Church Luncheon, FH & 306  
4:00 PM - AA Meeting, 211  
4:30 PM - SFUMC Students, Youth Rm

### Monday, Sept 8

10:00AM - UWF Gen Meeting, 306  
12:00PM - Prayer Meeting, 206  
2:00 PM - Willow Pond Communion  
6:30 PM - Scout Meeting, FH

### Wednesday, Sept 10

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

### Thursday, Sept 11

6:00 PM - Handbell Practice, 305  
6:30 PM - AA Meeting, 306

### Saturday, Sept 13

11:00 AM - Soup Kitchen, FH



Church  
Calendar  
Online

## Statesboro First News

### Flood Bucket Assembly!

Next **Sunday, September 14**, our Missions Team invites you to join us in the Fellowship Hall at **3PM** to assemble flood buckets. Through your generous giving, we were able to sponsor all **FIFTY** buckets! Come as a Sunday School Class, family or individual and participate in a time of fellowship and missions.



## SFUMC Prayer Concerns

John Tucker - back pain & brother in hospice (NC)  
Ronnie Ruffo - home recovering from wrist and finger surgery  
Martha Wells - severe back pain  
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 Student Sundays

All 6th-12th graders are invited to play games, eat snacks, hear a lesson, break into small groups, & grow in Christ’s love together! The fun starts in the **youth room at 4:30 and ends at 6!**



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 31, 2025: 223	
9:01 AM: <b>21</b>	11:00 AM: <b>108</b>

Online: **94**

## Offering

Offering Received: **\$12,105**



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.*