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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



First time visitor



11:00 AM



Guest





Regular Attendee



Member



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...



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Baptism



Groups/Classes

11:00 AM Traditional Service

PRELUDE

"Aria" – Raymond H. Haan

"I will remember the works of the Lord; I will meditate also on all Thy work" – Ps 77:11-12

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

"Answer Me When I Call" -- Dr. Jackson Borges
The Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord Jesus, our faith is built on Your Sacrifice.
We praise You for Your Sacrificial Death and Resurrected Life.
Lord Jesus, help us be the life-giving body of Christ in the world.
May Your never-ending life in us, overcome our broken world.

***OPENING PRAYER - LAY LITURGIST - LACY KAMPP**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" UMH 139

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

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

"Hymn of Promise" – Natalie Sleeth
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

MATTHEW 27:57-66 (NRSV)

"YOU CAN'T BURY THIS!"

REV. MARK BURGESS

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus", UMH 514

*BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL SONG

"Freely Freely" UMH 389

POSTLUDE

"Postlude in D" – Henry Thomas Smart

**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, SEPT 14, 2025

Thirteenth 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

Get Your Pumpkins Here!
On **Sunday, October 5th**, a semitruck with **800** pumpkins will arrive at our church. We are partnering with Habitat for Humanity Bulloch County on their pumpkin fundraiser throughout the month of October. 100% of proceeds from sales will go to Habitat for Humanity Bulloch County. We need your participation in this SFUMC Missions project and have 2 ways you can help!

1. Come to our south field at **2 pm** On Sunday **October 5** to unload the pumpkins from the truck. We have volunteers coming from many places beyond the church. Come be with us!
2. Volunteer to help man the pumpkin patch. All transactions are electronic (no cash or checks.) We have set up 2 hour service slots and need at least 2 people at the patch while it is open. There will be a tent, table & chairs for you. Customers will use wagons we provide to hunt for pumpkins and take to their cars.

You will not be loading pumpkins!

Sign up for a specific day and time slot with this QR code!



Wednesday into the Word

No Wednesday into the Word this week!
DAC will be meeting in the Sanctuary at 10 AM with Dr. Jackson Borges presenting Wesleyan hymns!



Pastor mark will be continuing his study on the first 11 Chapters of Genesis Wednesday, **September 24 at 10am in Room 206.**

Church Calendar

Sunday, Sept 14
9:01 AM - Contemporary Service, FH
10:00 AM - Sunday School Hour
11:00 AM - Traditional Service, Sanct
4:00 PM - AA Meeting, 211
4:30 PM - SFUMC Students, Youth Rm

Monday, Sept 15
12:00PM - Prayer Meeting, 206
6:30 PM - Scout Meeting, FH

Tuesday, Sept 16
12:00 PM - Finance Comm Mtg, 206

Wednesday, Sept 17
10:00AM - DAC Meeting/Hymns, Sanct
5:30PM - Missions Meeting, Lion's Den
6:00PM - Wednesday Night Study, 206
7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal, Music Ste

Thursday, Sept 18
6:00 PM - Handbell Practice, 305
6:30 PM - AA Meeting, 306

Saturday, Sept 19
11:00 AM - Soup Kitchen, FH



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Flood Bucket Assembly!
TODAY Sunday, September 14, our Missions Team invites you to join us in the Fellowship Hall at **4PM** to assemble flood buckets. Come as a Sunday School Class, family or individual and participate in a time of fellowship and missions.



Wednesday Night Study!
This Ancient Hero was led by Roman soldiers by foot from Caesarea Philippi through Asia Minor & Greece to face martyrdom in Rome. To the church in Rome he sent a letter where he made an odd request. He said that while they may be able to convince the Roman authorities to release him, it was essential to his ministry that they not try. Facing martyrdom would cause his witness to Christ to become the “word of God”. Come to **Room 206 Wednesday, Sept 17 at 6 pm** and find out more about him!

SFUMC Prayer Concerns

Family of Rev. Terry DeLoach in his recent passing
John Tucker - hip pain & brother in intensive care (NC)
Jane Anderson - home from hospital on oxygen concentrator
Martha Wells - severe back pain
Daryl Harrison - recent skin cancer procedure
Richard Howard - recovering at home
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 back surgery
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-in hospital on dialysis
Bran Anderson (Bill & Jane Anderson's son) – ongoing cancer related immune treatment
A mild hurricane season
All our Civic Leaders (Local, state and national)
Peace in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine & Russia
Our Organ refurbishment project still underway

Children & Student Ministry News

SFUMC Students!
NOTE: Student Sundays start at **4pm** today! We're going to help pack flood buckets!

Harvest Festival Time Is Nearing!
Our annual Harvest Festival is on **Wednesday, Oct 22** this year and we need **candy and chocolates!** Please leave donations in the box in front of the church



Attendance

September 7, 2025: 251	
9:01 AM: 35	11:00 AM: 135
Online: 81	

Offering

Offering Received: **\$9,429**



The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Sara Betty Cook by her family.

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.*