

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 16

8:30 am The Class- Sunday school, **Room 202**
8:30 am Traditional Worship Service, **Sanctuary**
9:30 am Nursery for Newborn- 4 yrs., **9:30-12:00**
9:45 am Clubhouse Jam, **Kid's Clubhouse**
9:45 am Sunday School & Small Group Classes, **Various Locations**
9:45 am Contemporary Worship Service, **Chapel**
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service, **Sanctuary**
5:00 pm Youth Group Hangout & Dinner, **Thorpe Building**

Monday, August 17

9:00 am Prayer Team, **Parlor**
11:00 am Chair Yoga \$5.00, **Thorpe Building**
4:00 pm Stephen Ministry, **Parlor**

Tuesday, August 18

6:00 am Men's Bible Study, **Thorpe Building**
10:00 am Men's Life, **Room 203**
5:30 pm Finance Meeting, **Room 203**

Wednesday, August 19

9:30 am MOMS Walking Group, **Thorpe Building**
11:00 am Chair Yoga \$5.00, **Thorpe Building**
11:45 am Footprints Widows Group, **Mullett Bay**
12:00 pm August Ladie's Birthday Lunch, **Sago at Sea Palms**
1:15 pm Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
6:00 pm Chancel Choir, **Choir Room**

Thursday, August 20

5:30 pm Nominations Committee Meeting, **Parlor**

Friday, August 21

11:00 am Chair Yoga \$5.00, **Thorpe Building**

August Ladie's Birthday Lunch!

Let's get together to celebrate our birthdays this month! Wednesday, Aug. 19, 12:00 pm, at Sago Restaurant (Sea Palms). Dutch treat. If you can come, please respond to Janet Higginbotham by text or phone at 912-399-4105.



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WELCOME

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ST. SIMONS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Where Love is Unconditional,
Service is Celebrated Enthusiastically, &
The Mission of Christ is Advanced Consistently.*

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This is a Stephen Ministry Church



St. Simons
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Chapel • 9:45 AM

WELCOME

MISSION MOMENT

Skylark

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Holly Lamb, Contemporary Worship Leader

Lead On Good Shepherd

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FELLOWSHIP TIME

Do It Again

CCLI # 7067555
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Hallelujah Feeling

CCLI # 7215271
© Brentwood Music

Firm Foundation / He Won't

CCLI # 7188203
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PRAYER TIME

TODAYS MESSAGE

Struggling Faith

Matthew 15:21-28

Rev. Tab Miller

Who You Say I Am

CCLI #7102401
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BENEDICTION



PRELUDE

Kevin Lamb
Director of Music Ministries

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. David Blackwood
Senior Pastor

* HYMN OF PRAISE #370 **Victory in Jesus**

HARTFORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881

Rev. Benjy Varnell
Assistant Pastor

A RESPONSIVE CAMP MEETING AFFIRMATION

MISSION MOMENT

SKYLARK

* FELLOWSHIP TIME

* FELLOWSHIP SONG

Revive Us Again

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Victoria Fryer
Director of Children Ministry

MORNING PRAYER

David Blackwood

SONGS OF PRAISE

The Unclouded Day
I'll Fly Away
Since Jesus Came into My Heart
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Benjy Varnell

OFFERTORY

How Great Thou Art

Chancel Choir

MORNING MESSAGE

Awaken Hearts

Luke 15:11-24
Rev. David Blackwood

* INVITATION

Love, Mercy and Grace

* BENEDICTION

David Blackwood

POSTLUDE

* Stand As Able



For Hearing Assist— Please see an usher.

Revive Us Again!

There is something uniquely Methodist about singing our faith. From the very beginning, John and Charles Wesley understood that theology was not simply something to be studied—it was something to be **sung, remembered, shared, and lived**. Charles Wesley became one of Christianity's greatest hymn writers, putting deep truths about God's grace, Christ's love, and the Christian life into songs that ordinary people could sing.

John Wesley also understood the importance of music in the Methodist movement. He made sure that Methodist circuit riders had three essential books: **the Bible, the Standard Sermons, and a hymnal**. The Bible taught them the story of God. The sermons helped them proclaim the faith. And the hymnal gave them a way to put that faith into the hearts and voices of the people.

For the Wesleys, singing wasn't simply something we did before the sermon. **Singing was part of the proclamation.**

When we sing together, we don't just hear words—we speak them ourselves. We take the truths of our faith and make them our own. We sing about grace, and we remember that God's grace is still available. We sing about hope, and we remind ourselves that God is still faithful.

Over the next three weeks, we will be singing some of the great songs of revival and praying a simple prayer:

"Revive us again."

Revival isn't simply about making worship more exciting. It is about asking God to awaken something within us that may have grown tired, distracted, or comfortable.

"Revive us again" means:

Renew our love for you.

Renew our passion for the gospel.

Renew our compassion for others.

Renew our joy.

Renew your church.

And perhaps most importantly: **"Lord, begin that renewal in me."**

So over these next three weeks, I invite you not simply to **sing the songs, but to pray the songs**.

When we sing about God's grace, receive it.

When we sing about God's faithfulness, trust it.

When we sing about revival, ask God to begin with you.

The Methodist tradition has always reminded us that our faith is something we sing, not just something we believe.

So let's raise our voices again.

Let's remember who we are, remember whose we are, and ask God to breathe new life into us.

Revive us again, O Lord.

To God be the glory. Amen.

Honorariums & Memorials

A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF ADELAIDE BEALL BY:

Herbert Barnes	Beth Ewing
Lynn Payne	Pam Lewis
Bill Hansen	June Smith

A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF REV. DR. CHARLES HOUSTON, JR. BY:

Hoke S. Brunson, Jr.

A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF RON BATEMAN BY:

Pam Lewis

A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF DICK PIPE BY:

Mary & Arthur Walters

Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at www.stsimonsumc.com

August 9, 2026

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$39,480.00

Received YTD | \$781,647.14

Expenses YTD | \$782,453.14

Difference YTD | -\$806.00

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$812,582.34

Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$27,925.00

thank you

Attendance

August 9, 2026

8:30AM Worship Service: **95**

Worship Views Online:

9:45AM Worship Service: **96**

Sunday School/Small Group: **135**

11:00AM Worship Service: **234**

Total In Person Worship: **425**

Members in Ministry~ August 16, 2026

Ushers:

8:30 Bill Foster, Joy Coleman, Elden Carmichael, Mike Presley

11:00 Dona Colglazier, Zdenek Kuja, Steve Smith, John Rentz, Buddy Brand

Greeters:

8:30 Susan Watkins, Barbara Foster

9:45 Toni Metz, Ava White

11:00 Robbie Clark, Edie Payne

Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmelee

9:45 Jessica Zettler

11:00 Elizabeth Daniel

Acolytes:

9:45 Savannah & Natalie Smith

11:00 Julia Humphries

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Sondra Anderson, Family & friends of Adelaide Beall, Rhonda Howton

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: Family & friends of Ron Bateman, Heather Benton, Family & friends of Jay Childers, Joe Cramer, **Brooks Harvey**, Jim Lee, **Kylie McMullen, Don Ray**, Family & friends of Alyse Stevens, Hannah & Sarah Wood, **Rita Wright**

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Di Bailey, Dianne Beisel, Jim Bennett III, Sam Bodine, Kai Booth, Cindy Bostick, Carlotta Budd, Trudy Budd, Beth Carey, Vicki Certain, Russell Cohen, Cathy Bailey Crumbley, Pat Daniels, Betsy Draughon, Brenda Fields, Geoff Fields, Sandy Fitzgerald, Butch Frye, Dotsy Fuller, Mary McCreary George, Barbara Golding, Jennifer & Tom Higdom, Elwanda Hopkins, Tom Humphries, Barbara Jensen, Holly Lamb, Ellie Leroux, Randy Little, Chris Lorence, James McBride, Mike McDonald, Ed McKenzie, Nathan Meadows, Kristen Merrill, Kirk Nowery, Randy Payne, Mary Rentz, Dawn Roberts, Anne Rogers, Irene Rohan, Jo Ann Segars, Bob Scherer, Bonni Smith, Brion Trainor, Betty Tomlin, Rhonda Van View, Dave Vandersall, Mary & Bo Vice, Holly & Bill Wagner, Judy Whelan, Benjamin Wiggins, Chuck Wilson, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller, Emmie Zwack

Missionaries & Christians in Middle East and abroad

Assisted Living Prayer Concerns:

Heritage Oaks: Jackie Brand, Marjorie Lawrence, Norma Mock, Mel Rozier

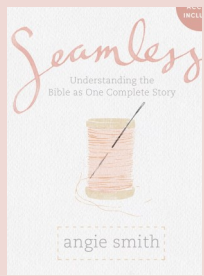
Marsh's Edge: Linda May, Ann Pickard, Nancy Reynolds, Ellen Thrift

Sears Manor: Joan Harris

Vitality: Judy Clifton

When a name is added to the New Prayer Concerns they will remain for TWO weeks unless the office is notified of an ongoing prayer concern. Names that are BOLD indicate a new addition or current concern.

Wednesday Women's Bible Study



In 7 sessions, *Seamless - Bible Study Book* covers the people, places, and promises of the Bible, tying them together into the greater story of Scripture. You'll gain an overarching understanding of the fundamental layout and meaning of God's Word.

Each week of study features key info. that ties all of Scripture together into the seamless truth of the gospel message and is

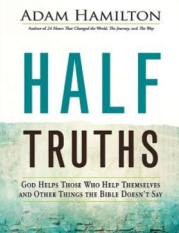
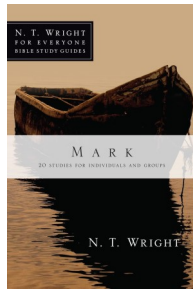
accompanied by maps, general Bible facts, and word studies.

Wednesday Nights 6:00 pm starting September 2.

Register on Realm or by contacting the church office. Books available on Amazon. Childcare is available.

Early Morning Men's Bible Study

Join us on Tuesday Mornings starting on Tuesday, August 11, in the Thorpe Building at 6:00 am. This is a great option for those who are working or busy with kids! Each week we will be done by 6:45 am so you can get to work or help get kids to school. Order the book of Mark by N.T. Wright on Amazon. Contact the office or David Blackwood to attend or for more info. david@stsimonsumc.com



Half Truths Bible Studies!

Pastor David will be leading a discussion based on Adam Hamilton's book *Half-Truths*. There will be **TWO** options for classes: **Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm and Thursday mornings at 10:00 am. Starting 9/2 & 9/3.** This is the same study just offered at two different times! They

are simple phrases. They sound Christian-like something you might find in the Bible. We've all heard these words. Maybe we've said them. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways. Join in this 5-week Bible study to search for the whole truth by comparing common Christian clichés with the wisdom found in Scripture. Sign up on Realm or contact the church office to register for either time slot.

Support Our Teachers This School Year

As a new school year begins, our dedicated teachers are hard at work in their classrooms and purchasing items they need to be effective and creative! Often, they do this by reaching into their own pockets to purchase classroom supplies. You can make a meaningful difference by supporting our **Teacher Supply Drive** over the next few weeks. We will be sending our teachers an Amazon gift card. Simply write "Teacher's Supplies" on your check or offering envelope to designate your gift. Thank you for your generosity and for investing in the lives of students and teachers alike!

Telfair Museum Trip

The Telfair Museums are comprised of several distinct divisions, two of which we will tour with museum docents. Register to join us on **Thursday, September 10, 2026 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, the cost is \$25/person.** Space is limited! Register on Realm or by contacting the church office.

SSUMC CHILDREN'S MUSIC & SUNDAY MINISTRY

LAUNCHING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026!

8:30 AM

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

SANCTUARY

- NO NURSERY
- NO CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

9:45 AM

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

CHAPEL

- NURSERY AVAILABLE
- CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 AM

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

SANCTUARY

- CHILDREN WORSHIP WITH FAMILIES
- CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
- ~11:20 AM: DISMISSED TO CHILDREN'S MUSIC & WORSHIP

KIDS GROW FAITH & MUSIC!

CHILDREN'S MUSIC & WORSHIP INCLUDES:

CHOIR

WORSHIP MUSIC

MUSIC FUNDAMENTALS

BIBLE CONNECTION

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

PROGRAM CONCLUDES ~12:00 PM

3RD ANNUAL WHEEL-A-THON

12 SEPTEMBER

9-12

2 RACE HEATS | ACTIVITY VILLAGE | BOUNCE HOUSES | DJ | FOOD TRUCKS | MORE!

Guest Information

- **First time guests** please fill out the yellow, "Welcome Card" located in your pew. Please drop in the offering plate or bring to the Welcome Desk to receive a gift!
- Restrooms are located through the exit doors nearest the altar to your right or left.
- Sunday School for children & adults meets at 8:30 (adult only) & 9:45am.
- A nursery is available for children **4 years old and under**, located through the exit door to the right of the altar, 1st floor.
- Kid's Clubhouse (**5 years old - 5th grade**), leave together after the Kid's Message (except on the 1st Sunday of the month—Communion Sundays) for lessons, crafts, and games, and may be picked up on the 2nd floor.

Join the Church

If you would like to join St. Simons United Methodist Church you may do so by one of three ways:

Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ, Transfer from another United Methodist congregation or Transfer from another denomination

If you are interested in more information about becoming a member contact Rev. David Blackwood at david@stsimonsumc.com | **912.638.3317**