

Weekly Events

Sunday, February 21

- 9:00am **Worship Service**, Sanctuary *
10:00am Sunday School & Small Groups *
11:00am **Worship Service**, Sanctuary *
*Nursery Available: Birth to 4 Years
5:30pm MYF-Methodist Youth Fellowship, Thorpe

Monday, February 22

- 9:00am Prayer Team, Zoom Meeting
11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.
6:00pm Church Council Meeting, Thorpe Bldg.
7:00pm Men's Bible Study, Gholson Room

Tuesday, February 23

- 7:00am 707 Bible Study, Youth Room
8:00am Biscuit Eaters Reunion Group, Parlor
10:00am Men's Life, Room 203
7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 248, Thorpe Bldg.

Wednesday, February 24

- 7:00am 707 Bible Study, Thorpe Bldg.
8:00am Prayer Hedge, Parlor
11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.
4:00pm Disciple Bible Study, Zoom Meeting
5:30pm Moms In Prayer, Parlor
5:30pm Children's Ministry Wednesday Night,
Choir Room and Children's Ministry Area
5:30pm Gospel of Mark, Room 207
6:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, February 25

- 10:00am 24 Hours That Changed the World, Room 207
6:30pm Children's Ministry Committee Meeting,
Youth Room

Friday, February 26

- 11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.

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PRAYER Problems

THE GOD PROBLEM PSALM 66:16-20

St Simons United Methodist Church

February 21, 2021

9:00 & 11:00 AM

Nursery Available

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Service is Celebrated Enthusiastically
The Mission of Christ is Advanced Consistently*

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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

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9:00 & 11:00 AM

Rev. Richard Soper

Chancel Bells

Verses 1,2 & 5

Richard Soper

Tab Miller, Director

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Heather Keefer

FOREST GREEN

Richard Soper

Richard Kingsmore
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Rev. Tom Jones

THE GOD PROBLEM

Verses 1 & 2

Tom Jones

**Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*

“Prayer Problems”

Do you believe in the power of prayer? Most of us would respond to the question with a resounding, “yes.” We talk. God listens. God talks. We listen. Simple enough. Prayer is communication that helps build our relationship with God.

There are some who are prayer warriors. With practically every breath they take, they also breathe a prayer. Others of us may be relatively new to the gift of prayer. We may say the occasional “grace” at a meal, but we are far removed from what one would consider an active prayer life. Still others are eloquent in their spoken prayers, while there are some who have an innate fear of praying out loud.

Like our personal faith journeys, we are at different places when it comes to our understanding and practice of prayer. But no matter how strong or weak our prayer lives may be, there have more than likely been times when we have had prayer problems. We ask, among the many questions we may have, “Does it really do much good?” “Are you really listening, God?”

In Mark 9 the story is told of a man who pleaded for Jesus to heal his son. Jesus asks the man if he believes this can happen. The man responds, “Lord I believe. Help my unbelief.” The man’s statement is a declaration of faith as well as an admission that his faith is far from perfect.

The same can be said about our understanding of prayer. “Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief.” It’s a confession of our belief in the power of prayer while at the same time admitting that we have much to learn; that our prayer life is likely far from perfect.

During this season of Lent our focus in worship will be on prayer. We will consider questions that tend to steal the energy from our prayer lives and our need to pray. The sermons I will preach over the next five-weeks will be based on the book, “Talking in the Dark”, by Rev. Steve Harper.

I hope you will make plans to join us in-person or online as we search for a clearer understanding of this gift and explore the mystery of prayer. Lord we believe. Help our unbelief.

Blessings,
Tom



Financial Report

TEXT TO GIVE: For your convenience you may send a text to the number 73265 with the message SSUMC to Give Online

February 14, 2021

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$12,814.20

Amount Given YTD | \$133,943.46

Expenses YTD | \$121,999.79

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$147,354.46

Building Fund YTD | \$400.00

thank you

Attendance

February 14 and 17, 2021

Total In-Person Worship | 228

9:00am | 53 11:00am | 85 Sunday

12:00pm | 40 6:00pm | 50 Wednesday

Total Online Worship Views | 809

9:00am | 261 11:00am | 313 Sunday

12:00pm | 95 6:00pm | 235 Wednesday

Sunday School/Small Groups | 93

Members in Ministry This Sunday

February 14, 2021

Ushers:

9:00 John Goodrich, Bill Foster, Lynda Sterrett, Lee Watkins

11:00 Dona Colglazier, David Lewis, Jimmy Orr, John Rentz, Mel Rozier, Mike Suthard, Jamie Wiles

Greeters:

9:00 Susan Watkins, Toni Metz

11:00 Claudia Royal, Jennifer Irion

Projection:

9:00 Elizabeth Daniel

11:00 Neva Kaye

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns:

Stephanie & Joseph, Tracie Beane, Thomas Black Family, **Ranny Blount**, **Gary Carson**, **Emily Childs**, John Christensen, Pam Dean Family, **Bill Disque**, Lukas Fortunato, Smokey Hicks, Nathan Johnson, **Clyde Moore**, **Lee Watson**, **Billy Wiggins**

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Diana Bailey, John Barton, Lauren Belt, Sandy Bottjer, Billy June Boyd, Peggy Capes, Beth Carey, Lanier Dobrenic, Terri Dunkle, Julia Epstein, Connie Hallows, Elwanda Hopkins, Shannon Lemmon, John Lindgren, Nathan Meadows, **Spence Mullis**, Jimmy Orr, Sandy & Jerry Peterson, Bill and Ann Pickard, Dick Pipe, Don Proctor, George Raiford, Bob Rewis, Mary Stivers, Dave Vandersall, Paul Wilska, Bobbé Wooldridge, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller, Our Nation

Assisted Living Prayer:

Magnolia Manor: JoAnne Alford, Jack Jenkins, Marjorie Lawrence, Debby Lloyd, Pat Miller, Norma Mock, Joyce Parry, Charlotte Petty, Larry Varnadoe

Senior Care: Anne Pinson

Marshes Edge Assisted: Nancy Reynolds

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. BOLDDED names indicate a new addition or current concern.

MARK: New Wednesday Night Class

February 24-March 24 | 5:30-6:30pm | Room 207

For the next 5 weeks, we will be reading and studying the gospel of Mark. In the study of this gospel, we will learn and relearn the story of Jesus and why Mark was in such a hurry to make this story as vivid to his readers as it was to him. Bring your favorite version of the Bible as we read and study together.

No registration needed for this bible study. Becky Bridges will be facilitating.

24 Hours That Changed the World

Thursdays | February 18 - April 1 | Room 207

Lenten Bible Study, led by Richard Soper, will meet at 10:00am each Thursday for 7 weeks. This study was cut short last Lenten season, if you attended or have the book join us again and let us know!

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Kids: Save the Date!

Easter candy needed! | Palm Sunday | March 28

We are excited to announce that we are going to have an Easter Egg Hunt this year after the 11am worship service on Palm Sunday, March 28th! More details to come, but we would like to begin collecting Easter candy to fill plastic eggs. If you would like to donate candy, please place it in the Easter Egg basket in the Gholson Room by March 14. Thank you!

SAM: Save the Date!

Tuesday, March 16 | 12:00noon | Parking Lot/Thorpe

Senior Adult Ministry will be hosting an event on the Church Grounds! Menu - BBQ, slaw, baked beans, potato chips, dessert, tea Entertainment by Annie Akins <https://www.annieakins.com/>
Cost and RSVP: \$7:00 - RSVP by March 11
Aim Phone Camera app here and click link ->
We need 25 signed up to host this event.

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Walk for Life | Skylark

Annual Fundraiser | Join our Team!

Glynn County | North Glynn Recreation Complex Walking Track

Walk for Life is an annual fundraising event to support the mission of Skylark. The outreach ministries who directly benefit from the Walk for Life are our Medical Clinics, Mobile Unit, BRAVEheart Teen Initiative Program, and Post Abortion Recovery Program. This year's Walk for Life is being held on March 6, 2021, but you do not have to walk to be a part of this fundraiser! We would LOVE for you to join our SSUMC Walk for Life Team!

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In Memory

A gift has been given to the Church in Memory of

Sandy Rewis on her Birthday by her husband **Bob Rewis**.



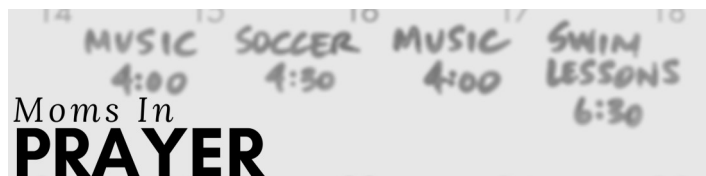
5-Week Series – “Prayer Problems”

This Sunday, February 21, we will begin a five-week sermon series entitled, “Prayer Problems.”

The sermon series is based on the book, “Talking in the Dark”, written by Rev. Dr. Steve Harper. If you have ever been or are currently bothered by the question, “Why pray?” this sermon series is for you. If you have moved beyond that question, you will still find the sermon series helpful because someone you know is asking the question. The sermon schedule is as follows:

Feb 21	Psalm 66:16-20	“The God Problem”
Feb 28	Philippians 4:4-7	“The Human Problem”
March 7	Romans 8:31-32, 35, & 37-39	“Nevertheless”
March 14	Malachi 3:6 Hebrews 13:8	“Sudden Change”
March 21	Matthew 6:5-14	“For Others and Ourselves”

Please continue to pray that God will speak to us and that we will be open to his direction as we explore how to reenergize and go deeper in our prayer lives.



Moms In Prayer

Wednesdays | 5:30-6:30pm | Parlor

While we spend the next 5 weeks learning about prayer, join other Moms In Prayer, in the Parlor. This small group meets each Wednesday night to pray with each other. Facilitated by Anne Jones.

Join the Church

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

- (1) Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ
- (2) Transfer from another United Methodist congregation
- (3) Transfer from another denomination

If you are interested in more information about becoming a member contact Rev. Tom Jones

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Open a new text message on your phone and send the words above to the listed phone number. Once you text in, you will be able to answer some follow up questions to share with us.

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