



## “I Am. So What?”

The book of John builds a case for Jesus Christ and that Jesus is who he says he is. As Jesus speaks the words “I am” the gospel writers’ audience would have related to Moses and the burning bush experience when God tells Moses his name is “I am.” This is God’s way of saying that it’s impossible to put into words a definition of God - God was, God is, God will be – God is “I am.”

When Jesus uses the words, “I am”, is he claiming to be God? John’s answer is a resounding, “Yes! That’s exactly right!” Jesus is fully human, but also fully divine. God in the flesh. He is everything we need. He is, “I am.”

Unique to the Gospel of John are the seven “I am” statements of Jesus. He says, “I am the bread of life;” “the light of the world;” “the gate;” “the good shepherd;” “the resurrection and the life;” “the way, the truth, and the life;” and “the true vine.” Jesus is explicitly identifying himself as God, and what God in Jesus Christ has done, is doing, and will do for us.

Over the next seven weeks I will preach a series of sermons on the “I am” sayings. We will explore each of these sayings. Most importantly we will consider the “so what?” What relevance do these ancient sayings have for those of us who live in today’s world?

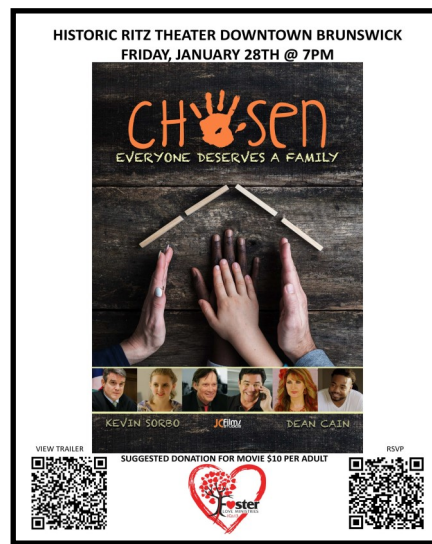
Life will always have its uncertainties. But we can be certain that God is always faithful. In Jesus Christ we have the perfect example of his love for us. Through the Holy Spirit we are given the guidance to be more like Jesus as we live to offer others what Christ has offered us.

Blessings,

Tom

## “Chosen” Movie Premier

Foster Love Ministries is bringing the movie “Chosen” to our community before it is released nationwide. The movie will be shown at the Ritz Theater in Brunswick on Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm. All are invited to be a part of this special event. Tickets are free with a suggested donation of \$10 per adult ticket or any amount that you would like to give.



## Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online by visiting our website at [www.stimonsumc.com](http://www.stimonsumc.com) and click on the Giving tab.

January 16, 2022

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$49,580.17  
Received YTD | \$91,836.18  
Expenses YTD | \$34,405.01  
Difference YTD | \$57,431.17  
Budgeted Amount YTD | \$52,622.08  
Building Fund YTD | \$225.00

*thank you*

## Attendance- January 16, 2022

8:30 Worship Service: 73  
9:45 Worship Service: N/A  
11:00 Worship Service: 110  
Online Worship Views: 412  
Sunday School/Small Groups: 108

## Members in Ministry- January 23, 2022

### Ushers:

8:30 Bill Kirby, Ward Sweat, John Vann, Tim Vinson  
11:00 Joey Baldwin, Erik Kaufmann, Jimmy Maupin, David Paulk, Clif Pease, Dwight Sweat

### Greeters:

8:30 Edie Vinson, Cathie and Dick Wilton  
9:45 Pam Rehberg, Randall Rehberg  
11:00 Phillis Harrell, Max Harrell

### Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmelee 9:45 Neva Kaye  
11:00 Ashley Swann

### Acolytes:

8:30 CJ Stahl 11:00 Stiles Robinson

## Prayer Requests

*Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:*

### New Prayer Concerns:

**Kim Belt**, Bonnie Brandeberry, Whitney Bull, Linda Cardwell, The Family of Madge Comer, **John Hardwick, Danny Hill**, Robin Holmes, **Kevin Lamb & the Lamb Family, Donna Proctor Nedik, Vickie McKenzie, Keith McKenzie**, Family & Friends of Chic Nutt, **Major Larry Repass**, Family of Joe Savino, **Bo Vice, Pam Willis**, Emmie Zwack

### Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Diana Bailey, Lauren Belt, Tilman Blakely, Ranny Blount, Linda Blount, Marcia Boney, Billy June Boyd, Carolyn Bruce, Beth Carey, Lanier Dobrenic, Terri Dunkle, Julia Epstein, Barbara Foster, Dotsy Fuller, Connie Hollowes, Ginny Holt, Elwanda Hopkins, Jim Jensen, Amelia Lasater, Ellie Leroux, Bill Lukitsch, Sandee Lukitsch, Mike Martin, Ken McCauley, Nathan Meadows, Sharon Mitchell, Spence Mullis, Kirk Nowery, Sandy Peterson, Jerry Peterson, Ann Pickard, Bill Pickard, Dick Pipe, Don Proctor, Mable Proctor, George Raiford, Bob Rewis, Irene Rohan, Dave Vandersall, Paul Wilska, Judy Whelan, Bobbè Wooldridge, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller

Our community, Hope 1312 Collective, Foster Love, Parkinson Support Group, SSUMC Church Staff and programs

### Assisted Living Prayer:

**Magnolia Manor:** JoAnne Alford, Marjorie Lawrence, Norma Mock, Joyce Parry, Larry Varnadoe  
**Marsh’s Edge Assisted:** Judy Clifton, Nancy Reynolds  
**Senior Care:** Anne Pinson

*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.*

## 2021 SSUMC Annual Report

Through your generous giving the church received \$1,120,325.36 in offerings and tithes for 2021. Our expenses for the year were \$1,133,452.30 and all apportionments and ministry commitments were met. Expenses were under the budget by \$45,381.70, but contributions fell short of expenses by \$13,126.94. We have added 29 new members in 2021, ending the year with 1079 members. For 2022 there are 152 pledges totaling \$730,466.00. Thank you for your faithful stewardship to the church! Your generosity and time allow us to continue to support all the ministries of St. Simons United Methodist Church and sharing the love of Jesus in our community and beyond.

## Elvis Dinner and Show

**Friday, February 11, 6:00-8:00pm, Thorpe Bldg.**

Join us for a delicious meal of Chicken Cordon Blue on a potato mash, roasted green beans, salad, rolls and dessert. The entertainment for the evening will be "Elvis". Jordan Poole from Sylvester Georgia will be on stage for a great evening of singing and maybe a little dancing. Jordan is an Elvis Tribute Artist, who has had a love for Elvis music since he was a child. He grew up performing in front of the mirror practicing Elvis’ moves. All are welcome!

**Cost \$15 | Reservations by February 3 | Dinner served at 6:00pm. Register on Realm or call the church office.**

## Position Available- Administrative Assistant

St. Simons United Methodist Church is seeking an Administrative Assistant to work in our Church Office. Interested candidates should demonstrate strong and mature Christian faith, attitude and interactions with others. This individual must work well within a small staff and be a team player! Skills needed include computer proficiency in Word, Publisher, Power Point and clerical skills. For more detailed information and to submit resumes, please email Anne Frazier at [anne@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:anne@stsimonsumc.com), no later than January 28, 2022.

## Bible Study- The Gospel of John

Join us for a new Bible study led by Rev. Tom Jones! Tom will facilitate a 10-session study that will take participants through the Gospel of John. The class will be held on Wednesdays, from 5:30-6:15pm, in Room 201, the study began on January 19 but you can still join in! John’s Gospel differs greatly from the other three gospels in its tone, structure, and portrayal of Jesus. It lacks the Sermon on the Mount, the Lord’s Prayer, and any parables. Instead it focuses on the claims Jesus made about his relationship to God, “signs” that gave evidence to that relationship, and the resulting conflict that emerged. Please register for the class on Realm or contact the church office. All are welcome to participate. The only required material you will need is your Bible. For more information contact Tom at [tom@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:tom@stsimonsumc.com).

## W.O.W. (Worship on Wednesday) JOIN US!

**When:** Wednesday Evenings

**What:** Children’s Choir from 5:30-6:00pm, and Bible Fun from 6:00-6:30pm

**Who:** Children ages PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to come!

**How:** Drop off your child at the choir room at 5:30pm and pick up at 6:30pm upstairs in the Children’s Ministry Room Ms. Holly & Mr. Kevin look forward to worshipping God with you by singing and playing some fun instruments! This semester’s Bible Fun curriculum is, “13 Very Surprising Sayings and Why Jesus Said Them”. Come join in learning more about Jesus and why he said things like “Love Your Enemies” or “Fish for People” with some fun activities and games!

Set apart an hour in the middle of your week to learn more about God through worship and the Bible.

## Our Deepest Sympathies

Our deepest sympathies are extended to, Kevin Lamb and the Lamb Family on the death of Kevin’s parents **Mary Lou Lamb** and **Jake Lamb** who both passed away on Tuesday, January 18, 2022. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Lamb family during this difficult time.

## Memorials and Honorariums

**A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF :**

**Jean Belt** by:

John Lindgren

**Madge Comer to the Music Ministry** by:

Cindy & Dwight Sweat

## 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

**678.343.3767 | [tom@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:tom@stsimonsumc.com)**

## Connect With Us!

There are many ways to connect with SSUMC. Fill out a blue Prayer Card, a yellow Welcome Card, Sign the Pew Pad as they are passed (and pass it back when it reaches the end of your pew). Call or Email us to join REALM – our online community where you can stay connected.

Thank you for joining us!

**912.638.3317 | [anne@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:anne@stsimonsumc.com)**



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# Weekly Events

## Sunday, January 23

- 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service, **Sanctuary\***
- 9:45 AM Sunday School & Small Group Classes, **Various Locations\***
- 9:45 AM Contemporary Worship Service, **Chapel\***
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service, **Sanctuary\***  
**\*Nursery Available: Birth - 4 yrs. for above worship services**  
**All Services Streamed Live**
- 5:30 PM Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF), **Youth Room**

## Monday, January 24

- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga- \$5.00, **Thorpe Building**
- 1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**

## Tuesday, January 25

- 8:00 AM Biscuit Eaters Reunion Group, **Parlor**
- 10:00 AM Men's Life Group, **Room 203**
- 10:00 AM Women of the Bible Speak- Study, **Room 201**

## Wednesday, January 26

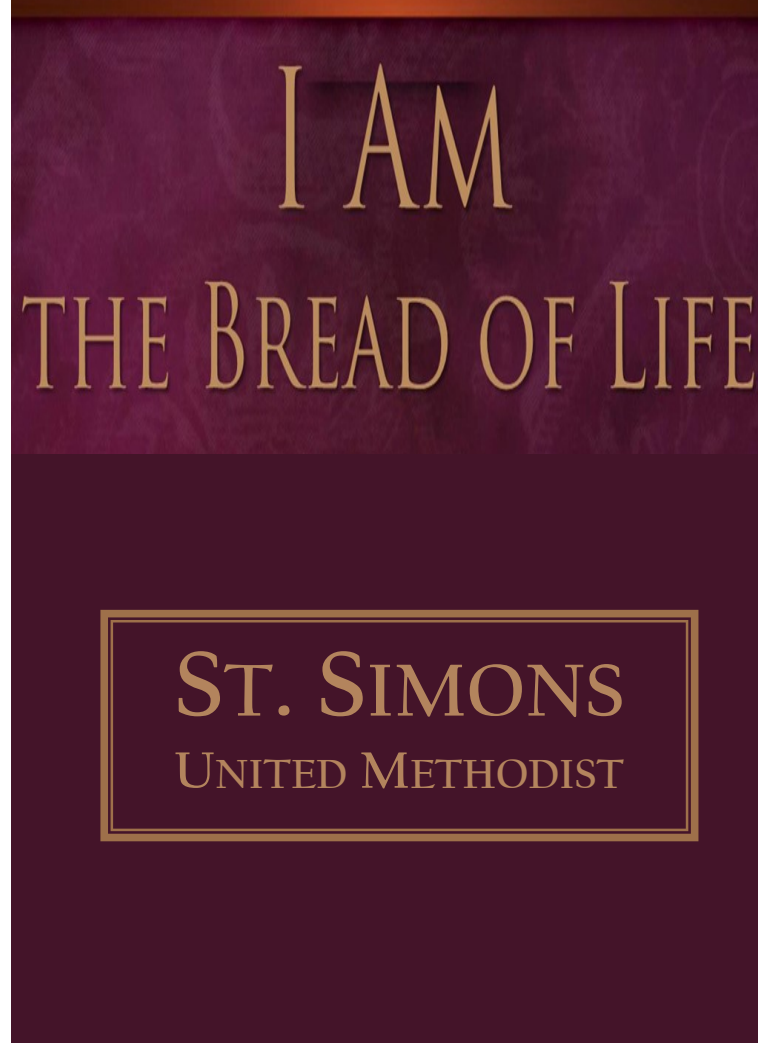
- 8:00 AM Prayer Hedge, **Parlor**
- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga- \$5.00, **Thorpe Building**
- 1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
- 5:30 PM Gospel of John -Bible Study, **Room 201**
- 5:30 PM Children's Choir, **Choir Room**
- 6:00 PM Bible Fun for Children, **Room 206-- Pick up-- Upstairs**
- 6:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, **Choir Room**
- 6:30 PM Disciple Fast Track-- Bible Study, **via ZOOM**

## Friday, January 28

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga- \$5.00, **Thorpe Building**
- 1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**


## Our Staff

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

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## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

JANUARY 23, 2022  
CHAPEL • 9:45am

### WELCOME

Rev. Tom Jones

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Pam Taylor  
Mike Martin

### PRAISE AND WORSHIP

#### *This Is Amazing Grace*

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### FELLOWSHIP TIME

#### *Best News Ever*

CCLI #7079505  
©2017 Universal

### PRAYER TIME

#### *Who You Say I Am*

CCLI #7102401  
©2017 Hillsong

#### *Draw Me Close*

CCLI #1459484  
©1994 Mercy

### MORNING MESSAGE

#### *I Am the Bread of Life*

John 6:25-35  
Rev. Tom Jones

### INVITATION

### RESPONSE SONG

#### *A House United*

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### CLOSING PRAYER

Tom Jones

## The Worship of God

JANUARY 23, 2022  
SANCTUARY • 8:30am • 11:00am

Greeting Rev. Tom Jones

Call to Worship Pam Taylor  
Mike Martin

\* Hymn #2126 **All Who Hunger** HOLY MANNA

\* Affirmation of Faith #881 **The Apostles' Creed** Tom Jones

\* Passing the Peace #641 **Fill My Cup, Lord**

Children's Message Chris Moncus

Morning Prayer Betty Sharp

\* Hymn #618 **Let Us Break Bread Together** LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

Offertory Prayer Tom Jones

Offertory Sondra Anderson

\* Response #95 **DOXOLOGY**

Message in Music

Morning Message **I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE** Tom Jones  
John 6:25-35

\* Invitation #2062 **The Lily of the Valley** SALVATIONIST

\* Benediction Tom Jones

Postlude

*\*Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*