

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 22

- 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service, **Sanctuary***
8:30 AM Adult Sunday School, **Room 202***
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****
Nursery Available: Newborn- 4 yrs. for above worship services
All Services Streamed Live
12:00 PM Family Event— Lunch and Put/Put, **Neptune Park**
1:30 PM Memorial Service for Jim Jensen, **Sanctuary**
2:30 PM Reception for Jim Jensen, **Thorpe Building**

Monday, September 23

- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
5:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting, **Room 203**

Tuesday, September 24

- 10:00 AM Men's Life Group, **Room 203**
1:00 PM Women's Life, **Room 209**

Wednesday, September 25

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
11:00 AM Lay Leadership Meeting, **Room 203**
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
3:00 PM W.A.V.E.S.~ Children's Afterschool Program, **Kid's Clubhouse**
4:30 PM Children's Choir, **Choir Room**
5:00 PM Wednesday Night Dinner, **Thorpe Building**
6:00 PM Chancel Choir, **Choir Room**

Thursday, September 26

- 10:00 AM SAM Trip to Wormsloe Historic Site, **Savannah, GA**

Friday, September 27

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**

Saturday, September 28

- 8:30 AM Glynn Academy Choir Retreat, **All Campus & Thorpe Bldg.**

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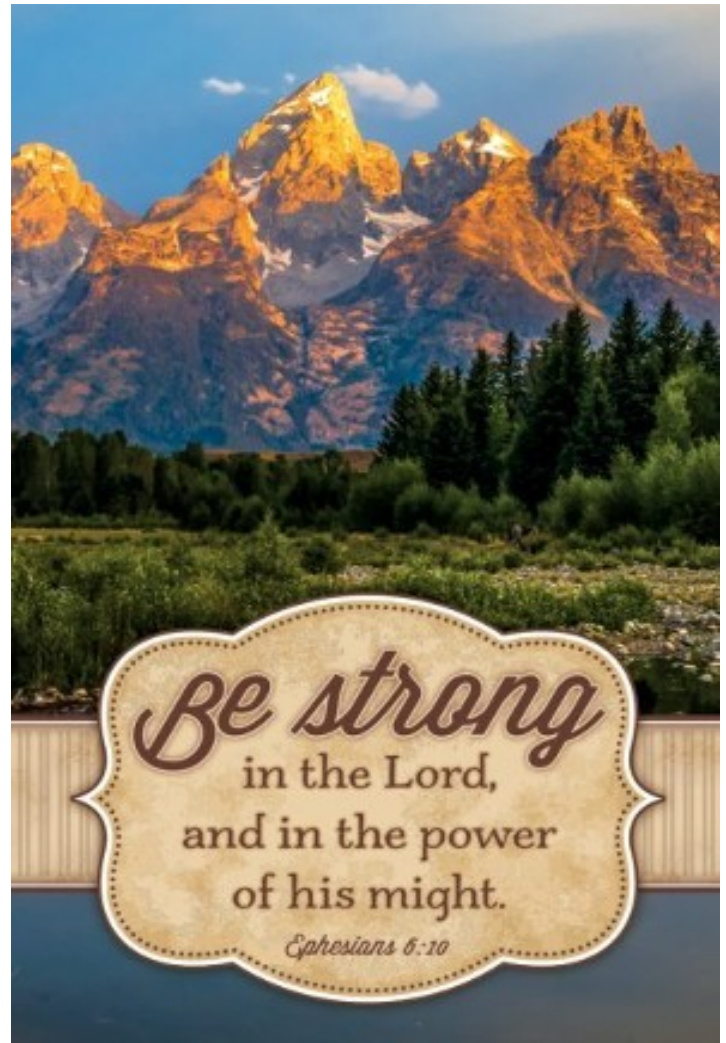
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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

9:45 AM • CHAPEL

GATHERING

Days of Elijah

CCLI #61537904

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WELCOME

Rev. Tom Jones

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

He Reigns

CCLI #4026635

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We Believe

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How Great Is Our God

CCLI #4348399

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PRAYER TIME

Rev. Benjy Varnell

MORNING MESSAGE



INVITATION

They'll Know We Are Christians

By Our Love

CCLI #26997

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SENDING FORTH

The Worship of God

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 AM • SANCTUARY

GREETING

Rev. Tom Jones

PRELUDE

Emri Comer

* HYMN #514

Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus

WEBB

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Benjy Varnell

The Apostles Creed

* RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

GREATOREX

MISSION MOMENT

Salvation Army

* FELLOWSHIP TIME

My Tribute

by Andraé Crouch

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Celia Eisentraeger

ACOLYTE RECOGNITION (11:00AM)

Celia Eisentraeger

MORNING PRAYER

Benjy Varnell

* HYMN #374

Standing On The Promises

verses 1, 3 & 4

PROMISES

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Benjy Varnell

OFFERTORY

Emri Comer

* RESPONSE

The Doxology

OLD 100TH

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

I Can Only Imagine

Jordan Graffis

By Bart Millard

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MORNING MESSAGE

Tom Jones



* INVITATION #451

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

* BENEDICTION

Tom Jones

POSTLUDE



*The beautiful flowers on the altar today are given in memory of
Rev. Jim Jensen by his loving wife and daughters; Barbara,
Jenny, Amy, Joy and their families.*

*All are invited to attend the Celebration of Life service for Rev. Jim Jensen
today at 1:30pm in our Sanctuary and the reception to follow
in the Thorpe Building.*



God's Dress Code

Every Sunday in our church there are those who choose to wear casual clothes. The fact that our church is in a beach community has an influence on the way we dress not only for church but for almost any occasion on the island. One of the reasons I love our church so much is the casual, laid-back atmosphere that is a part of our identity; an attitude that makes it acceptable for the pastors, choir, and acolytes to dress casually between June and October before we return to our more formal attire in November.

I grew up in a day when every Saturday night my mother would make me take a bath - whether I needed it or not. I had to shine my shoes - whether they needed it or not. I had to lay out my Sunday clothes before going to bed - because apparently my mother was under the impression that all the dresser drawers and closets magically locked on Sunday morning.

All of this was in preparation for me to be dressed on time and looking my best when I went to church. Getting ready for church on Saturday night became a ritual in our household. I feel certain that if my mother were here today and saw that I was actually leading worship and preaching while wearing casual clothes she would wonder, "Where did I go wrong?"

I don't mind dressing-up. I know it's true that some of us are more comfortable dressing in our Sunday best all the time - that's perfectly okay if that's what you choose to do. But it is also okay if you choose to be comfortably and casually dressed for worship, because when we cut through it all, do we really believe God is that interested in what we wear to church? Do we believe that God has a dress code?

This week we continue the sermon series, "Stand Out Christians." We will be reminded of what God wants us to wear - the whole armor of God; that if we are to comply with God's dress code, what is most important is that we put on the Lord Jesus Christ. What is fashionable in our church is that you are here and that the desire of your heart is to grow more in love with Jesus through our offerings of worship. "Just as I am...O Lamb of God, I come, I come."

Blessings,

Tom

Thank You for your Faithfulness!

As of September 19, 2024:

Number of Cards Received to date | **121**

Number of New Cards this year | **30**

Total Amount | **\$614,398.00**

Please remember, you may continue to return your Estimate of Giving cards. Cards can be returned via **mail**, brought to the **church office**, placed in the **offering plates** on Sundays or submitted on our **website**! Thank you for your continued dedication and commitment to our church!

Welcome to our New Members!

Welcome to our newest members who joined on Sunday, September 15, 2024.

Suzette & Jimmy Fincher

Join us in welcoming our newest members to our church family!

Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at www.stimonsumc.com
September 15, 2024

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$21,707.00

Received YTD | \$923,459.32

Expenses YTD | \$884,492.22

Difference YTD | \$38,967.10

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$919,649.19

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$29,176.00

Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$274,855.64

thank you

Worship Attendance- September 15

8:30am : **68**

Online Worship Views: **488**

9:45am : **69**

Sunday School/Small Group: **119**

11:00am: **164**

Total In Person: **301**

Members in Ministry- September 22

Ushers:

8:30 Ward Sweat, Chip Higginbotham, Bob Swinehart, Jeff Zoul

11:00 Cliff Pease, Erik Kaufmann, David Paulk, Rick Denman

Greeters:

8:30 Susan Watkins, Barbara Whitney

9:45 Pam & Randall Rehberg

11:00 Sherry Pickett, Nancy Jenkins

Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmelee

9:45 Carol Conner

11:00 Neva Kaye

Acolytes:

11:00 Claire Kase

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Family & friends of Jean Bryan, Suzette Fincher, Family & friends of Marlin Hoffer, Laura Johnson, Holly Lamb, Mary Anna & Mac Morrison, Family & friends of Carolyn Vann

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: Jeff Allen, Rev. Gay Blau, Rev. Matt Blau, Virginia Fortunato, Barrett Merrill, Cindy Peppers, Joe Ray, Major Hollie Ruthberg, Tanis Towns, Hadley Webster

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Di Bailey, Ron Bateman, Bob Beane, Thomas Benefield, Jim Bennett III, Ranny Blount, Sam Bodine, Marcia Boney, Kai Booth, Cindy Bostick, Billy June Boyd, Linda Boyette, Marsha Boyette, Carlotta Budd, Beth Carey, Vicki Certain, Russell Cohen, Trent Cohen, Joy Cowart, Cathy Bailey Crumbley, Pat Daniels, Larry Daugherty, Nick Doster, Betsy Draughon, Eddie Echols, **Gil Erbsich**, Sandy Fitzgerald, Dotsy Fuller, Jim Fuller, Ken Graffis, Mary McCreary George, Julie Haney, Bill Hansen, Elwanda Hopkins, Meredith Houseman, Tom Humphries, Barbara Jensen, Jim Jensen, Kevin Josey, Mitchell Kent, Rosie Koch, Gary Leggett, Ellie Leroux, Chris Lorence, Mike Martin, Jason May & family, Whitney McCarthy, Don McCoy, Mike McDonald, Ed McKenzie, Mike McMillan, Nathan Meadows, Priscilla Mercer, Tom Morris, Spence Mullis, Kirk Nowery, Randy Payne, Ann Pickard, Nancy Pickren, Dick Pipe, Mable Proctor, Mary Rentz, Reggie Rogers, Irene Rohan, Bob Scherer, **Linda & Steve Smith**, Mike Stiles, Carmen Sumpter, Robert Sumpter, Gena Paige Tolleson, **Brion Trainor**, Rhonda Van Liew, Dave Vandersall, Mary Vice, Bo Vice, Judy Whelan, Chuck Wilson, Bobbé Wooldridge, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller, Emmie Zwack

Assisted Living Prayer - Magnolia Manor: Marjorie Lawrence, Barbara Meadows, Norma Mock, Joyce Parry

Marsh's Edge Assisted: Judy Clifton, Nancy Reynolds

Vitality: JoAnne Alford, John Lindgren

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 NIGHT MEALS



Wednesday Night Dinners!

Join us for our next Wednesday Night Dinner on Wednesday, September 25! The dinner will include **Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Salad and Dessert**. This is a great opportunity to connect with others in our church community, and come together for fun and fellowship with a nice, warm meal! Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-12. Children 5 and under eat for free. **PLEASE register by calling the Church office, clicking the QR code or through Realm no later than noon on Monday, to guarantee your reservation!** We hope to see you there!

Get Involved at SSUMC!

Are you ready to get involved at SSUMC? We are looking for monthly **Greeters, Ushers, Pew Care Crew** and **Nursery workers!** What a great way to be involved at our church once a month and make a difference in ministry and sharing the love of Christ! Please email Anne Frazier at anne@stsimonsumc.com for more information or to signup!

Church Council-Charge Conference Meeting

Monday, September 30, 5:30pm, Thorpe Bldg.

We will have a Church Council-Charge Conference meeting to approve the business items of the church. All church members are welcome to attend.



Rise Against Hunger is growing a global movement to end hunger by empowering communities, nourishing lives and responding to emergencies.

Our volunteer meal packing event for Rise Against Hunger is Sunday, October 20 in the Thorpe Building. Lunch will be provided for our volunteers at noon, and the packing will follow from 1:00pm–4:00pm. For more information, contact David Clark at (770) 639-0346 or dfclark929@gmail.com or sign up on Realm!

Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of the following church members who have passed away:

Mr. Marlin Hoffer– September 7, 2024

Mrs. Jean Bryan - September 12, 2024

Mrs. Carolyn Vann - September 14, 2024

Rev. Jim Jensen - September 15, 2024

Please join us as we pray for the families and friends of these dear church members.

Honorariums & Memorials

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF JEAN BRYAN TO

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY BY:

Dr. Emri & Jana Comer

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF BRIAN SMITH BY:

Betty & Jim Daher

*** IMPORTANT PUMPKIN PATCH DATES ***



September 29 — Pumpkin Patch Setup!

Youth and parents please meet at 5:00 PM at the Pumpkin Patch. Wear work clothes! Dinner and Devotion to follow setup. [6-12 grades]

October 5— Pumpkin Patch Delivery!

11:00 AM is the estimated arrival of the pumpkins. Lunch will be provided. Additional shift points are awarded to helpers on delivery day. Wear work clothes! [3-12 grades]

October 6— YOUTH Praise in the Patch!

Gather at 5:00 PM in The Pumpkin Patch for praise and worship with picnic dinner to celebrate opening weekend!

September Family Ministries Gathering

Please join us for our September Family (Children+Youth) Ministries Gathering **THIS** Sunday, 9/22, at noon after the 11:00am worship service for lunch and mini golf at Neptune Park. Come celebrate the official start of this year's autumn season together with your faith family!

Wheel –A– Thon Fundraiser Success!

Congratulation to SSUMC Preschool on raising over **\$6,400** for playground updates and enhancement at their first annual Wheel -a-thon. Tanja Oliver and the Wheel-a Thon committee worked tirelessly to create this fun and profitable event! We are grateful to all school families, community members and sponsors who contributed and participated! This goal and event could not have been such a success without the help of the many volunteers and committee members that planned it and made it all possible! A Special Thank You to: Kristin Butts, Jordan Andrews, Stephanie Bittner, Caroline Flexer, Christina Freeman, Amy Tracy, Laura Mason, Megan Robinson, Lindsay Miller, Emily Alonso, June Bowers and Judy Smith. We look forward to an even bigger and better event next year!! Way to GO and Thank you!!!

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 in the Stubbs Bldg.
- 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 in the Stubbs Bldg.

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**



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