

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 5

- 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**

Monday, January 6

- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**

Tuesday, January 7

- 10:00 AM Men's Life, **Room 203**
10:30 AM Staff Meeting, **Youth Room**
1:00 PM Women's Life, **Room 209**
5:30 PM SPR Committee Meeting, **Parlor**

Wednesday, January 8

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
6:00 PM Chancel Choir, **Choir Room**

Thursday, January 9

- 4:00 PM Esther Circle, **Parlor**
5:30 PM Church Council New Member Orientation, **Thorpe Building**

Friday, January 10

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

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Genesis 1:1-5 NLT

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

JANUARY 5, 2025
9:45 AM • CHAPEL

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tom Jones

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Lead On Good Shepherd

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FELLOWSHIP TIME

We Three Kings

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PRAYER TIME

Rev. Benji Varnell

MORNING MESSAGE

How Much Is Your Bible Worth

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CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Counting My Blessings

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INVITATION

I Give You My Heart

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SENDING FORTH

The Worship of God

JANUARY 5, 2025
SANCTUARY 8:30 AM • 10:30 AM

Prelude Kevin Lamb

Greeting Rev. Tom Jones

* Hymn #64 **Holy, Holy, Holy** Heber, 1826
NICEA

* Invitation to Holy Communion Rev. Benji Varnell
Unison Prayer of Confession

We confess, Gracious God, that we have not always turned to you for guidance. At times, we have allowed the world's time to dominate your time. Forgive us for our sins of hurriedness and impatience. Forgive us when we have slumbered instead of remaining alert, waiting and watching for you. Forgive us for allowing the world's fears to become our fears. Shine upon us that we may be restored unto you. Guide us into your time. As we call upon your name, hear our prayers and give us life. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Pardon

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

*In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven
Glory to God. Amen.*

* Passing the Peace **This Is The Day
of New Beginnings** Wren, 1967
©1987 Hope Publishing
Verses 1 & 5

Children's Message Victoria Fryer

* Hymn #254 **We Three Kings** Hopkins, 1857
KINGS OF ORIENT
Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus,
Verse 3, Verse 4, Chorus
Verse 5, Chorus

Offertory Prayer Benji Varnell

Offertory Sondra Anderson

* Response #95 **DOXOLOGY**
Holy Is He CHANCEL CHOIR

Morning Message Rev. Tom Jones

How Much is Your Bible Worth?

Genesis 1:1-5

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

* Invitation #127 **Guide Me,
O Thou Great Jehovah** CWM RHONDA

* Benediction Tom Jones

Postlude Sondra Anderson

*Worshippers, please stand as comfortable



Resolve to Read – The Bible

Admittedly I am not a good reader. I would like to be, but I am too impatient. There are times I have made it about halfway through a book only to put it aside and wait for the movie to come out. Also, whenever I do settle down enough to take time to read, I fall asleep. I just can't keep my eyes open. Reading has been and always will be a challenge for me.

I have a feeling I am not the only one who can find excuses not to read. But I want to challenge you to put aside 15 minutes a day and resolve to read the Bible from cover to cover in 2025. As much as I don't like to read, I have found it easy to dedicate a few minutes daily to read the Bible. Like me, I'm sure you will find that the benefits of doing so are immeasurable. Choose to make reading the scriptures a priority and immerse yourself in God's Word.

I hope you will join with me and the members of our church as we journey through the Bible this year. Beginning this Sunday I will preach sermons based on a story or spiritual truth we have read in the previous week's daily readings. In addition, there are Sunday School classes and small groups planning to use the weekly readings as the focus of their time together. I also pray that individuals will step-up who are led to form and facilitate new study groups. Invite some friends to join you. These groups could meet anywhere at any time of the week. If you are interested in forming a group let us know and we will be glad to help you get the word out.

The Bible we are using is the One Year Chronological Study Bible – New Living Translation. It is available on Amazon using the following link <https://a.co/d/azKtZJZ>

Don't worry about getting started a few days behind, it is not that difficult to get caught up in your reading.

Resolve to Read the Bible through in 2025! We can do this with the help and encouragement of each other along the way. May God's blessings be with you, your family, and upon our church as we begin a new year in our personal faith journeys.

Blessings,

Tom

Welcome to our New Members!

Welcome to our newest members who joined on Sunday, December 22:

- ◆ **Austin and Cate Brown** with her children **Piper and Elliot DeAurora**, who are preparatory members.
- ◆ **Ally and Johnathan Haney** with their children **Kate and Bennett**, who are preparatory members.

Congratulations to the Haney family whose daughter, **Kate Hearin Haney**, was baptized on December 22, 2024. Welcome to these new families!

Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at www.stimonsumc.com
December 29, 2024

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$33,857.00
 Received YTD | \$1,294,689.72
 Expenses YTD | \$1,229,694.11
 Difference YTD | \$54,995.61
 Budgeted Amount YTD | \$1,291,347.72
 Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$38,206.00
 Maintaining the Mission (given to date) | \$284,520.35

thank you

Attendance

December 22, 2024

8:30AM Worship Service: **96** Online Worship Views: **601**
 11:00PM Worship Service: **244** 9:45 AM Worship Service: **69**
 Total In Person Worship: **409**

December 24, 2024

4:00 PM Worship Service: **525** Online Worship Views: **784**
 11:00 PM Worship Service: **109**
 Total in Person Worship: **634**

December 29, 2024

10:00AM Worship Service: **185** Online Worship Views: **496**

Members in Ministry- January 5, 2025

Ushers:

8:30 Bill Foster, Pete Irby, Tom Smith
11:00 Kevin Brandon, Garrett Brandon, Dylan Brandon, David Clark, Ed Reynolds

Greeters:

8:30 Faye George, Helen Baker
11:00 Cindy Simpson, Susan Bagwell

Projection:

8:30 Neva Kaye **9:45** Jessica Zettler
11:00 Richard Hart

Communion Servers:

8:30 Becky & Lawrence Bridges Edie Payne, Thornton Willingham
9:45 Laura & Jim Weldy TBD
11:00 Sherry Pickett, Betty Sharp Ron Flowers, Mike Martin

Communion Prayers:

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Adelaide Beall, Wayne Land, Laura Johnson, Donna Nedik

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: Family & friends of Gerry Bohannon, **Darlene Cramer, Jim & Betty Daher, John Haynes, The Mitchell Family, Mike McDonald**, Jean Morris, Kathy Muir-Heart, **Nancy Newton**, Billy Perry, **JoAnn Segars**, Marty Shuster, **Faith Peek, Jacki Turbidity**, Carrington Wilson, **Family & Friends of Linda Wright**

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, Cathy Bailey Crumbley, Pat Daniels, Larry Daugherty, Cathy Dowdy, Betsy Draughon, Eddie Echols, Sandy Fitzgerald, Dotsy Fuller, Jim Fuller, Barbara & Bob Golding, Mary McCreary George, Ken Graffis, Julie Haney, Bill Hansen, Elwanda Hopkins, Tom Humphries, Barbara Jensen, Kevin Josey, Mitchell Kent, Rosie Koch, Holly Lamb, **Jimmy Langford**, Gary Leggett, Ellie Leroux, Chris Lorence, Jason May & family, James McBride, Whitney McCarthy, Mike McDonald, Ed McKenzie, Mike McMillan, Nathan Meadows, Priscilla Mercer, Spence Mullis, Kirk Nowery, Randy Payne, Ann Pickard, Dick Pipe, Mable Proctor, Mary Rentz, Reggie Rogers, Irene Rohan, Bob Scherer, Bonni Smith, Mike Stiles, Carmen Sumpter, Robert Sumpter, Brion Trainor, Rhonda Van View, Dave Vandersall, Mary Vice, Bo Vice, Judy Whelan, Chuck Wilson, Bobbé Wooldridge, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller, Emmie Zwack,

Assisted Living Prayer Concerns:

Magnolia Manor: Marjorie Lawrence, Barbara Meadows, Norma Mock
Marsh's Edge Assisted: Judy Clifton, Nancy Reynolds

Vitality:

JoAnne Alford
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 Dinner! 1/15/25

Join us for our next Wednesday Night Dinner on Wednesday, January 15! The dinner will include Mississippi Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli with Cheese Sauce, 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!**

Sermon Schedule – Read Through the Bible

The following are upcoming scripture texts and sermon titles in the Read Through the Bible Sermon Series. The sermons will be based on the prior week's readings.

- 1/12 Genesis 28:10-19a *Bridges Between Earth and Heaven*
- 1/19 Genesis 45:1-15 *Signs of Healing*
- 1/26 Job 23:1-7 *I've Got One Question*
- 2/2 Exodus 3:9-15 *Who?*
- 2/9 Exodus 17:1-7 *Is the Lord Among Us or Not?*
- 2/16 Exodus 34:29-35 *Face to Face*

Dive Deep Into the Chronological Bible Study

The Friends in Faith adult Sunday School class is embracing the churchwide Chronological Bible Study in 2025 with weekly sessions that will examine the week's scriptures, Genesis through Revelation and everything in between. All are invited to join us every Sunday beginning at 9:45 am in the upstairs classroom, next to the church library, in the adult education building as Becky Blalock facilitates this in-depth look at God's word.

The Chosen, Season 4

The video series, *The Chosen, Season 4*, returns Wednesday, January 15, from 6:00-7:30pm. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. The group is facilitated by Jeff Zoul. For more information contact Jeff at jeffzoul@gmail.com

Purchase your Chronological Bibles

The One Year Chronological Study Bible – New Living Translation is published by Tyndale House and can be easily found on Amazon and at other book vendors. We will also have these bibles for sale on Sunday in the Gholson room or in the church office for the next few weeks. The bibles are \$17.00 each. Join us on a personal and churchwide journey through the Bible together in 2025!



Poverty Simulation– Save the Date

What is it like to experience a day in the life of a person less fortunate than us? Save the date: Saturday, January 25, 9:00am-12:00pm, Thorpe Bldg. Sponsored by the Men's Ministry of our church.

Saints and Sinners Luncheon

Tuesday, January 14, 2024 12:00 pm

Entree will be provided, but please bring a side dish to share. Cost is \$5.00. Enjoy great food, fellowship, and be entertained by our special guest speaker – local beekeeper Ed Maguire! Don't miss this sweet opportunity to learn and connect. See you there – it's going to be *buzzing* with fun! Reservations are due by January 9 via Realm or by contacting the church office.



FaithWorks Offering- Christmas Eve

Thank you for your generous support as we were able to collect \$1,401 for FaithWorks Ministry on Christmas Eve.

Honorariums & Memorials

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN HONOR OF THE SSUMC MUSIC MINISTRY BY:

Jill Hardwick

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF JOHN LINDGREN BY:

Barbara & Chuck Milliken

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF BARBARA & JOHN LINDGREN BY:

Debbie & Clif Pease

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF ROBERT JENKINS BY:

Jill Hardwick

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF RONDA HANSEN BY:

Jill Hardwick

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF TERRY WEST BY:

Jill Hardwick

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF MARLIN HOFFER BY:

Jill Hardwick

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF JEAN BRYAN BY:

Jill Hardwick

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF REV. JIM JENSEN BY:

Jill Hardwick

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

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