

Worship Notes

TODAYS MESSAGE

Growing Good People

Micah 6:1-8

6 Listen to what the Lord is saying:

“Stand up and state your case against me.

Let the mountains and hills be called to witness your complaints.

2 And now, O mountains, listen to the Lord’s complaint!

He has a case against his people.

He will bring charges against Israel.

3 “O my people, what have I done to you?

What have I done to make you tired of me? Answer me!

4 For I brought you out of Egypt and redeemed you from slavery.

I sent Moses, Aaron, and Miriam to help you.

5 Don’t you remember, my people,

how King Balak of Moab tried to have you cursed

and how Balaam son of Beor blessed you instead?

And remember your journey from Acacia Grove^(a) to Gilgal,

when I, the Lord, did everything I could

to teach you about my faithfulness.”

6 What can we bring to the Lord?

Should we bring him burnt offerings?

Should we bow before God Most High

with offerings of yearling calves?

7 Should we offer him thousands of rams

and ten thousand rivers of olive oil?

Should we sacrifice our firstborn children to pay for our sins?

8 No, O people, the Lord has told you what is good,

and this is what he requires of you:

to do what is right, to love mercy,

and to walk humbly with your God.

The Worship of God

JULY 20, 2025

SANCTUARY • 8:30 & 10:30 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tom Jones
Senior Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP (10:30 AM)

Chancel Choir

There’s Something About That Name

MORNING PRAYER (10:30 AM)

Rev. Benjy Varnell
Assistant Pastor

SONGS OF PRAISE

Blessed Be the Name

Verse 1

There’s Within My Heart a Melody

Verse 1

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Verse 1

* FELLOWSHIP

Sweet, Sweet Sprit

MORNING PRAYER (8:30 AM)

Benjy Varnell

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (10:30 AM)

Victoria Fryer
Director of Children’s Ministry

SONGS OF PRAISE

I’ll Fly Away

Verse 1

When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder

Verse 1

When We All Get to Heaven

Verse 1

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Benjy Varnell

OFFERTORY

* THE DOXOLOGY #95

MESSAGE IN SONG

Chancel Choir

There’s Something About That Name (8:30 AM)

Down By The Riverside (10:30 AM)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Piper Culpepper (10:30 AM)

Micah 6:1-8

MORNING MESSAGE

Tom Jones

Growing Good People

* INVITATION

O How I Love Jesus

Verse 1

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*

Walk Humbly with God

In 1980, country singer Mac Davis released a song that became an instant hit. Its lyrics went:

“O Lord, it’s hard to be humble
When you’re perfect in every way.
I can’t wait to look in the mirror
‘Cause I get better lookin’ each day.
To know me is to love me—
I must be a heck of a man.
Oh Lord, it’s hard to be humble,
But I’m doin’ the best that I can!”

With its tongue-in-cheek humor, the song made many of us smile. But beneath the satire lies a deeper truth - humility doesn’t come naturally. It’s not always easy to embrace, especially in a culture that prizes success, competition, and the urge to stay one step ahead of others.

We’re taught to climb higher, achieve more, and prove ourselves. But humility? That has to be learned as well, and it’s best developed as we grow closer to God.

In the book of Micah, the people ask the prophet what they should do to please God. They thought God would want extravagant offerings and impressive displays of devotion. But Micah’s answer cuts through all of that with surprising simplicity. God isn’t looking for over-the-top religiosity. He’s looking for our hearts.

Micah 6:8 offers a clear and powerful summary of what God desires: *“What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?”*

To walk humbly with God is to live dependently, reverently, and faithfully. It means letting go of status and ego and instead choosing daily surrender and trust. When we walk humbly, justice and mercy aren’t forced - they flow naturally from our lives.

This week, may Micah’s words invite us to pause and reflect:

Am I walking humbly with God?

Am I seeking justice and showing mercy in my daily life?

Let us be a church that lives out these ancient yet ever-relevant truths - not just in our words, but in the way we live.

Blessings,

Tom

Weekly Bible Reading Highlights

What did you highlight in your Bible July 13-July 19? A few of the verses that stood out for Tom are:

Psalm 136:1 – Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.

Psalm 150:6 – Let everything that breathes sing praises to the Lord!

Isaiah 26:4 – Trust in the Lord always, for the Lord God is the eternal Rock.

Isaiah 33:2 – But Lord, be merciful to us, for we have waited for you. Be our strong arm each day and our salvation in times of trouble.

Welcome to Rev. Tab Miller

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is excited to announce that Tab Miller will become a part of our worship ministry team effective August 3. Tab will assist with the preaching responsibilities on Sundays with his focus being on the Contemporary Worship Service. In recent years Tab has served as the associate pastor at College Place United Methodist Church. He currently serves with FaithWorks with his specific responsibilities being at The Well. Tab is married to Natalie and they have three children, Audrey, Lia, and Tabitha. Please join us in welcoming Tab to our worship team! He can be reached at tab@faithworksministry.org.

Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at www.stimonsumc.com
July 13, 2025

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$26,076.00
Received YTD | \$643,999.25
Expenses YTD | \$652,350.37
Difference YTD | -\$8,351.12
Budgeted Amount YTD | \$714,315.75
Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$14,058.00

thank you

Attendance ~ July 13, 2025

8:30 AM Worship Service: **82**
10:30 AM Worship Service: **228**
Total In Person Attendance: **310**
Online Worship Views: **347**
Sunday School/Small Group: **95**

Members in Ministry ~ July 20, 2025

Ushers:

8:30 Bill Foster, Joy Coleman, Elden Carmichael, John Vann
10:30 Dona Colgazier, Cyndy Franklin, Zdenek Kuja, John Rentz, Buddy Brand, Toni Metz, Ava White

Greeters:

8:30 Pat Carmichael, Lesley Gonzalez
10:30 Gayle Disque, Edie Payne

Projection:

8:30 Neva Kaye
10:30 Elizabeth Daniel

Acolytes:

10:30 Claire Case, Ketch Case

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Adelaide Beall, Oliver Clark, Laura Johnson, Teri & Marion Moore, Conrad Stocks & family

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: Kathy Alpin, Emily Buhman, **Hope Hall**, Angela Johnson, Peyton Johnston, David Keesee, **Bill Melson**, Kathy Moses, The Parker Family, Eugene Ramba, **Family & friends of Sandy Rice**, Larry Sharpe, Mary Smith, Stan Smith, Kip Sterling, **John David Strickland**, Brenda & Tony Tate, **Teddy Whitehead**, Susan Wilksa

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Di Bailey, Ron Bateman, Bob Beane, Jim Bennett III, Ranny Blount, Sam Bodine, Kai Booth, Cindy Bostick, Billy June Boyd, Carlotta Budd, Beth Carey, Vicki Certain, Russell Cohen, Trent Cohen, Cathy Bailey Crumbley, Betty Daher, Pat Daniels, Larry Daugherty, Mark Daugherty, Betsy Draughon, Cindy Evans, Geoff Fields, Sandy Fitzgerald, Karen Flagella, Dotsy Fuller, Jim Fuller, Barbara & Bob Golding, Mary McCreary George, Joe Gonzalez, Ken Graffis, Julie Haney, Jennifer & Tom Higdome, Elwanda Hopkins, Tom Humphries, Pete Irby, Barbara Jensen, Kevin Josey, Mitchell Kent, Holly Lamb, **Jimmy Langford**, Gary Leggett, Ellie Leroux, Chris Lorence, James McBride, Mike McDonald, Ed McKenzie, Mike McMillan, Nathan Meadows, Priscilla Mercer, Kristen Merrill, Mary Alice Mills, Megan & Blake Moore, Neil Mullis, Spence Mullis, Kirk Nowery, Randy Payne, Ann Pickard, Dick Pipe, Mable Proctor, Mary Rentz, Dawn Roberts, **Anne Rogers**, Jimmy Rogers, Irene Rohan, **Jo Ann Segars**, Bob Scherer, Bonni Smith, Brion Trainor, Rhonda Van View, Dave Vandersall, Mary Vice, Bo Vice, Holly & Bill Wagner, Joel West, Judy Whelan, Chuck Wilson, Audrey Wood, Bobbé Wooldridge, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller, Emmie Zwack

Texas Flooding & Victims

Assisted Living Prayer Concerns:

Heritage Oaks: Marjorie Lawrence, Barbara Meadows, Norma Mock
Marsh’s Edge Assisted: Nancy Reynolds

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.

Fall Kick Off and Cook Out!

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Join us for a fun-filled evening featuring:

- Bounce houses & yard games
- Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, drinks & dessert
- Bingo and Prizes



All Church family and friends are welcome to this complimentary event but please let us know you plan to attend! Register on Realm, scan the QR code or call the church office!



We can't wait to celebrate the start of the season together.

Texas Flooding UMCOR—Information

- **In Offering:** If giving in the offering you may make checks payable to **SSUMC** and we will mail them to the **Rio Texas Conference office**, designate in memo to **Advance #2050 — Guadalupe River Flood**.
- **Individuals:** You may give through your local church, or mail contributions directly to the conference office at:
Rio Texas Conference, 16400 Huebner Rd., San Antonio, TX 78248

Your generosity will support immediate needs in the affected areas and is greatly needed and appreciated!

Small Group Facilitators Planning Session

Your help is needed! If you currently lead a Sunday School Class, have a led a small group in the past, or are interested in facilitating a small group in the next year, you are invited to attend a brief planning session on Sunday, July 27, 11:30am, in the Thorpe Building. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information about the goals of our Education Committee and how you can play a key role in helping to achieve those goals. Your ideas, input, and potential involvement are much needed. Please contact Tom Jones at tom@stsimonsumc.com for more information.

We are Hiring:

Media & Administrative Assistant

St. Simons UMC is looking for a creative, organized, and faith-filled individual to support our ministry through media, marketing and administration.

Key Responsibilities:

- Manage church social media, website & marketing
- Prepare bulletins, newsletters & visual worship content
- Support live streaming & AV for services

General office duties & volunteer coordination

You'll Need:

- Skills in Microsoft Office, Canva, ProPresenter & Realm
- Strong communication & organizational abilities
- A Christ-centered, team-oriented spirit


Full Time—Monday—Thursday 8:30-4:00pm and some Sundays and events. Salary based on experience/degree.

Apply by sending your resume to: anne@stsimonsumc.com

Come be a part of something meaningful!

Children's Ministry Parent Meeting

All parents of children (**Rising K—5th Grade**) are invited to attend a special combined meeting with the Children's Committee on **Sunday, July 20, 5:30pm, in the Youth Room**. Tom Jones and Victoria Fryer will lead the discussion as we explore ways to grow and enhance the children's ministry. Your voice matters! Whether your child is currently active with our children's group or not, your perspective and input are invaluable.



TOP GOLF - JACKSONVILLE

YOUTH BACK TO SCHOOL BASH!

Youth to TOP GOLF!

Join us for a fun outing for the Youth on Sunday, August 3! We will leave immediately after the 11:00am service. Bring money for lunch we will cover your golf! Contact Justis at justis@stsimonsumc.com with any questions or to register.

SSUMC Manna House Team

Our First Thursday of the month Manna House team is looking for a team captain. If you would like to join and lead this well established group please reach out to Anne Frazier in the church office. We are looking for someone to start serving in this capacity by September!

Rise Against Hunger — Save the Date!

Save the date for our annual Rise Against Hunger packing day on Sunday, October 19, 2025! This is a church wide event and all are welcome to attend. More information and a sign up will be sent out in September.

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:

- (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

Join Our Email List or Update Your Contact Info:
info@stsimonsumc.com | **912.638.3317**



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 20

- 8:30 AM Summer Worship Service, **Sanctuary**
9:15 AM Sunday School & Small Groups , **Various Locations**
10:30 AM Summer Worship Service, **Sanctuary****
*Nursery Available: Newborn- 4 yrs. for above worship services
**Streamed Live
5:30 PM Children's Committee and Parents Meeting, **Youth Room**

Monday, July 21

- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
2:00 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting, **Parlor**

Tuesday, July 22

- 10:00 AM Men's Life, **Room 203**
10:30 AM Al-Anon Group, **Room 201**

Wednesday, July 23

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

Friday, July 25

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



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Micah 6:1-8

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

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