

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 24

- 8:30 AM Nursery for Newborn- 4 yrs., **8:30-12:00**
8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service, **Sanctuary**
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**
1:00 PM United Women in Faith Board Meeting, **Room 201**

Monday, August 25

- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
4:00 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting, **Parlor**
5:30 PM Church Council Meeting, **Thorpe Building**

Tuesday, August 26

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

Wednesday, August 27

- 9:30 AM MOMS- Walking Group, **Church parking lot**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
4:30 PM Lift and Learn Kid's Choir, **Choir Room**
5:00 PM Lift and Learn Kid's Bible Fun, **Kid's Club House Upstairs**
5:30 PM Lift and Learn Kid's Supper & Pickup, **Thorpe Building**
6:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, **Choir Room**

Thursday, August 28

- 10:30 AM SAM trip to Alhambra Dinner Theater, **JAX ,FL**

Friday, August 29

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

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Welcome!

We are glad you are here.

*Where Love is Unconditional,
Service is Celebrated Enthusiastically,
&*

The Mission of Christ is Advanced Consistently.

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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

The Worship of God

AUGUST 24, 2025

SANCTUARY • 8:30 AM

PRELUDE

Kevin Lamb
Director of Music Ministries

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tom Jones
Senior Pastor

* HYMN OF PRAISE #203 ***Hail to the
Lord's Anointed*** ELLACOMBE
Verses 1 & 4

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Rev. Benjy Varnell
Assistant Pastor
The Apostle's Creed

* FELLOWSHIP TIME

* FELLOWSHIP SONG ***Give Thanks***

MORNING PRAYER Benjy Varnell

THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN #381 ***Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*** BRADBURY
Verses 1 & 4

OFFERTORY PRAYER Benjy Varnell

OFFERTORY Sondra Anderson
Music Associate, Pianist

MESSAGE IN MUSIC ***Abide with Me*** Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

MORNING MESSAGE Rev. Tom Jones

Bad Shepherd—Good Shepherd

* INVITATION ***Nearer, My God, to Thee*** BETHANY
Verse 1

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Victoria Fryer
Director of Children's Ministry

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* THE DOXOLOGY #95

MESSAGE IN MUSIC ***Abide with Me*** Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Piper Culpepper

MORNING MESSAGE Rev. Tom Jones

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* INVITATION ***You Are My All in All*** ALL IN ALL

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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Worship Notes

The Worship of God

Contemporary Worship

August 24, 2025

Chapel • 9:45

Welcome and Announcements

Praise and Worship

Holly Lamb, Contemporary Music Associate

Beautiful Life

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Fellowship Time

Love the Lord

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Do It Again

CCLI #7067555

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Morning Prayer

What A God

CCLI #7236901

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Today's Message

New and Improved

Ezekial 11:14-21 NRSV

Rev. Tab Miller, Assistant Pastor

Invitation

God of Wonders

CCLI #3118757

© 2000 Never Say Never Song

Blessing

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What Makes a Good Shepherd?

Here's a little-known fact about sheep: they will never win a "Most Intelligent Animal" award. In fact, they would probably get lost on their way to the ceremony. Sheep are notorious for wandering off, getting stuck in ridiculous places, and then looking around helplessly as if to say, "Well, now what?" All of this makes shepherding a full-time, hands-on job.

In the book of Ezekiel, God describes himself as the Good Shepherd - the one who searches for the lost, heals the hurting, strengthens the weak, and watches over the entire flock. It's an image that runs throughout both the Old and New Testaments: God as a faithful Shepherd, always there for his people.

So, what makes a good shepherd?

They show up. Sheep don't thrive with absentee shepherds. Neither do people. Presence matters.

They feed the flock. Hungry sheep get antsy and grumble. This may sound familiar to us, especially when the sermon runs long and we are late for lunch.

They care for the wounded. A good shepherd carries a first-aid kit, not a judgmental stare.

They protect the weak. In God's flock, nobody is disposable, and no one gets left behind.

God promises to be our Good Shepherd. He refuses to give up on his sheep - even when they act, well, like sheep. And in turn, he calls each of us to take up shepherding roles in our own lives. Whether it's family, friends, coworkers, or neighbors, someone around you needs a shepherd's presence, care, and encouragement. How are you tending your flock?

Blessings,

Tom

Weekly Bible Reading Highlights

What did you highlight in your Bible August 17-23? These are a few verses that stood out to Tom:

Ezekial 11:16-17 – "Therefore, tell the exiles, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Although I have scattered you in the countries of the world, I will be a sanctuary to you during your time of exile. I, the Sovereign Lord, will gather you back from the nations where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel once again.'

Ezekial 18:20 – The child will not be punished for the parent's sins, and the parent will not be punished for the child's sins. Righteous people will be rewarded for their own righteous behavior, and wicked people will be punished for their own wickedness.

Ezekial 20:44 – "You will know that I am the Lord, O people of Israel, when I have honored my name by treating you mercifully in spite of your wickedness."

Tragic Fire— Prayers and Relief

The home of Kris Dockery, the associate pastor at The Chapel, was destroyed by fire on Wednesday, August 20. They have seven children in their family. If you would like to assist this family with a financial gift, please designate your donation to "Fire Relief". Please keep the Dockery family in your prayers.

Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at www.stsimonsumc.com

August 17, 2025

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$17,070.00

Received YTD | \$764,020.03

Expenses YTD | \$773,447.66

Difference YTD | -\$9,427.63

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$839,695.66

Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$14,258.00

thank you

Attendance ~ August 17, 2025

8:30 AM Worship Service: **75**

Online Worship Views: **494**

9:45 AM Worship Service: **86**

Sunday School/Small Group: **136**

11:00 AM Worship Service: **195**

Total In Person Attendance: **356**

Members in Ministry ~ August 24, 2025

Ushers:

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

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

Greeters:

8:30 Pat Carmichael, Lesley Gonzales

9:45 Pam & Randall Rehberg

11:00 Susan Kaufmann, Cherie DeMarco

Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmelee

9:45 Carol Conner

11:00 Neva Kaye

Acolytes:

11:00 Piper Culpepper

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Family & friends of Jim Daher, Paige Daniel, Ron Kersh, Sharon McClellan, Nancy Rozier

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: Nancy Brown, Steve Ford, John Hancock, Mark Jenkins, Peyton Hoshall Johnson, Kaye McRoberts, Jason Sharp, Family & friends of Jan Smith, Laura Taylor

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, Geoff Fields, Sandy Fitzgerald, Karen Flagella, Dotsy Fuller, Jim Fuller, Barbara & Bob Golding, Mary McCreary George, Joe Gonzalez, Ken Graffis, Julie Haney, Jennifer & Tom Higdom, 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, Kristen Merrill, 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

Assisted Living Prayer Concerns:

Heritage Oaks: Jackie Brand, 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.



Wednesday Night Dinner 8-27-25

Join us for our next Wednesday Night Dinner on **August 27!** The menu is: **Poppyseed chicken, Lima beans, House Salad, Yeast Rolls 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!

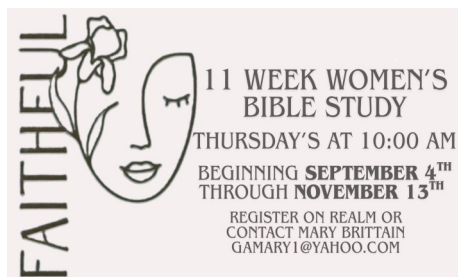


Women's Bible Study

As they examine the stories of incredible women of the Bible, readers will find hope, encouragement, and a strong sense of

community in this beautiful, eclectic collection of writing, photos, and lyrics that reflect God's faithfulness.

This 11 week study will meet in Room 201 on Thursdays at 10:00 AM. Order books on Amazon or Christianbook.com register on Realm or through the church office.



Saints & Sinners Luncheon

Senior Adult Ministries invites you to a lively Musical Bingo event on **Tuesday, September 2 at noon in the Thorpe Bldg.**

Classic tunes and friendly competition will come together for an afternoon of joy and fellowship. Participants will mark off songs on their Bingo cards as they listen to popular hits from various decades. Sign Up on Realm, scan the QR Code or call the church office to reserve your spot! Entrée will be provided— please bring a dish to share!



KidzQuest Camp Sign UP NOW!

Grades 3-5!

September 12-14 at Epworth!

Forms and money are due to **Victoria by this Sunday, August 24!**

Contact Victoria at for questions and more information:

victoria@stsimonsumc.com

LIFT & LEARN— WEDNESDAYS!

Kids K-5, join us for an afternoon of music, Bible fun, and dinner!

4:30 PM

Lift your voice in **CHOIR**



5:00 PM – Learn God's Word in BIBLE STUDY

Dinner follows – Reservations required

COME
JOIN
THE
FUN !!!



SSUMC Preschool Wheel-A- Thon

Fun times for preschool families and children! Church Volunteers and Participants are welcome to this fun event!



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**

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