

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 23

8:30 am The Class- Sunday school, **Room 202**
8:30 am Traditional Worship Service, **Sanctuary**
9:30 am Nursery for Newborn- 4 yrs., **9:30-12:00**
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**
12:00 pm Children's Ministry Meeting, **Gholson Room**
12:30 pm United Women in Faith Board Meeting, **Room 203**
5:00 pm Youth Group Hangout & Dinner, **Thorpe Building**

Monday, August 24

9:00 am Prayer Team, **Parlor**
11:00 am Chair Yoga \$5.00, **Thorpe Building**

Tuesday, August 25

6:00 am Men's Bible Study, **Thorpe Building**
10:00 am Men's Life, **Room 203**
5:30 pm Outreach Committee Meeting, **Room 203**

Wednesday, August 26

9:30 am MOMS Walking Group, **Thorpe Building**
11:00 am Chair Yoga \$5.00, **Thorpe Building**
1:15 pm Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
6:00 pm Chancel Choir, **Choir Room**

Friday, August 28

11:00 am Chair Yoga \$5.00, **Thorpe Building**

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WELCOME

Sunday, August 23, 2026



*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



St. Simons
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Chapel • 9:45 AM

WELCOME

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Holly Lamb, Contemporary Worship Leader

Good God Almighty

CCLI # 716860
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FELLOWSHIP TIME

Miracle Power

CCLI # 7198506
© 2022 Angie Feel Good Songs

Good Good Father

CCLI # 6304702
© 2014 Capitol CMG Paragon

Word Of God Speak

CCLI # 3912788
© 2002 Songs From The Indigo Room

PRAYER TIME

TODAYS MESSAGE

Time to Confess

Matthew 16: 13-20

Rev. Tab Miller

I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever

CCLI #1043199
© 1994 Curious? Music UK

BENEDICTION



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. David Blackwood
Senior Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Good Ol' Gospel Singing

Chancel Choir (11:00)

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Pentecostal Power
VERSES 1, 2 & 4

* FELLOWSHIP TIME

* FELLOWSHIP SONG

*I've Got Peace
Like a River*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Victoria Fryer
Director of Children Ministry

MORNING PRAYER

Rev. Benjy Varnell
Assistant Pastor

* SONGS OF PRAISE

Love Lifted Me
VERSES 1 & 3

I Stand Amazed in the Presence
VERSES 1, 4 & 5

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Benjy Varnell

OFFERTORY

Good Ol' Gospel Singing

Chancel Choir (8:30)

Voice of Truth

Matt Crawford (11:00)

MORNING MESSAGE

Set The Heart On Fire

Acts 2:1-21

Rev. David Blackwood

* INVITATION

The Lily of the Valley
VERSES 1 & 3

* BENEDICTION

David Blackwood

POSTLUDE

* Stand As Able



For Hearing Assist— Please see an usher.

Growing Together in Faith

One of the great gifts of the church is that we don't have to walk the journey of faith alone. We grow as we learn together, ask questions together, and discover more deeply the story God is telling through Scripture.

This fall, I want to encourage you to make time for one of our adult Bible studies. We have two wonderful opportunities for you to choose from.

Jessica will be leading *Seamless*, a seven-week study that takes us through the major themes and stories of Scripture and helps us see how the Bible fits together as one beautiful, unfolding story. The study begins **Wednesday, September 2, at 6:00 pm**. Childcare will be provided, making this a great opportunity for parents.

I will also be leading a study of **Adam Hamilton's *Half-Truths***, which explores common sayings that sound biblical but can actually lead us away from what Scripture teaches. We will consider what is true, what is misleading, and what the Bible really has to say. There will be **two class options: Wednesdays at 6:00 pm or Thursdays at 10:00 am**, beginning in September.

Whether you choose *Seamless*, *Half-Truths*, or simply make a commitment to spend more time studying Scripture this fall, I hope you will take advantage of these opportunities. Bible study is not simply about gaining more information—it is about allowing God's Word to shape our hearts, deepen our faith, and help us live more faithfully as followers of Jesus.

I hope you'll sign up and join us this fall. There is a place for you!

—David

Welcome to our New Members!

Welcome to our newest members who joined **Sunday, August 16, 2026**.

- **Carla Licata**
- **Lowell Crawford**

Please join us in welcoming each of them to our SSUMC church family!

Early Morning Men's Bible Study

Join us on Tuesday Mornings in the Thorpe Building at 6:00 am. This is a great option for those who are working or busy with kids! Each week we will be done by 6:45 am so you can get to work or help get kids to school. Order the study book "Mark" by N.T. Wright on Amazon. Contact the office or David Blackwood to attend or for more info. david@stsimonsumc.com

Honorariums & Memorials

A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF ADELAIDE BEALL BY:

Debbie & Clif Pease

Frances & Dave McLean

A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN HONOR OF CHARLOTTE JUNE ARRINGTON'S BIRTH TO CHILDREN'S MINISTRY BY:

Sandra & David Clark

A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF RON BATEMAN TO MUSIC MINISTRY BY:

Laura Edenfield

Financial Report

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

August 16, 2026

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$14,059.00

Received YTD | \$795,706.14

Expenses YTD | \$802,369.68

Difference YTD | -\$6,663.54

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$837,750.90

Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$28,020.00

thank you

Attendance

August 16, 2026

8:30AM Worship Service: **89**

Worship Views Online: **423**

9:45AM Worship Service: **67**

Sunday School/Small Group: **138**

11:00AM Worship Service: **206**

Total In Person Worship: **362**

Members in Ministry~ August 23, 2026

Ushers:

8:30 Chip Higginbotham, Jeff Zoul, Bob Swinehart, Helene Magee

11:00 Rick Denman, Erik Kaufmann, Clif Pease, Rabun Matthews

Greeters:

8:30 Pam Lewis, Lesley Gonzalez

9:45 Pam & Randall Rehberg

11:00 Susan Kaufmann, Sherry Pickett

Projection:

8:30 Kim Howe

9:45 Carol Conner

11:00 Robin Parmelee

Acolytes:

9:45 Atlas Zettler

11:00 Savannah & Natalie Smith

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Sondra Anderson

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: Kate Griffin, Brooks Harvey, Kylie McMullen, **Camal Santabay Mehanna, Rita Noel, Audrey Pire, Don Ray, Rita Wright**

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Di Bailey, Dianne Beisel, Jim Bennett III, Sam Bodine, Kai Booth, Cindy Bostick, Carlotta Budd, Trudy Budd, Beth Carey, Vicki Certain, Russell Cohen, Cathy Bailey Crumbley, Pat Daniels, Betsy Draughon, Brenda Fields, Geoff Fields, Sandy Fitzgerald, Butch Frye, Dotsy Fuller, Mary McCreary George, Barbara Golding, Jennifer & Tom Higdom, Elwanda Hopkins, Tom Humphries, Barbara Jensen, Holly Lamb, Ellie Leroux, Randy Little, Chris Lorence, James McBride, Mike McDonald, Ed McKenzie, Nathan Meadows, Kristen Merrill, Kirk Nowery, Randy Payne, Mary Rentz, Dawn Roberts, Anne Rogers, Irene Rohan, Jo Ann Segars, Bob Scherer, Bonni Smith, Brion Trainor, Betty Tomlin, Rhonda Van View, Dave Vandersall, Mary & Bo Vice, Holly & Bill Wagner, Judy Whelan, Benjamin Wiggins, Chuck Wilson, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller, Emmie Zwack

Missionaries & Christians in Middle East and abroad

Assisted Living Prayer Concerns:

Heritage Oaks: Jackie Brand, Marjorie Lawrence, Norma Mock, Mel Rozier

Marsh's Edge: Linda May, Ann Pickard, Nancy Reynolds, Ellen Thrift

Sears Manor: Joan Harris

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 Women's Bible Study

Seamless
Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story

angie smith

In 7 sessions, *Seamless - Bible Study Book* covers the people, places, and promises of the Bible, tying them together into the greater story of Scripture. You'll gain an overarching understanding of the fundamental layout and meaning of God's Word.

Each week of study features key info that ties all of Scripture together into the seamless truth of the gospel message and is

accompanied by maps, general Bible facts, and word studies.

Wednesday Nights 6:00 pm starting September 2.

Register on Realm or by contacting the church office. Books available on Amazon. Childcare is available.

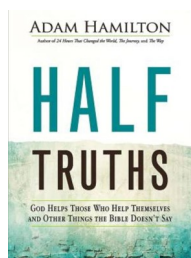
Fellowship & Food!

Take a mid-week break and enjoy friends, fellowship and a delicious meal together!

Join us for GRANDY's on **Wednesday, September 2 at 5:00 pm** in the Thorpe Building!



The menu is: Grandy's Chicken tenders, green beans, mac and cheese, rolls, and dessert! The cost is \$12.00 per person children 3 and under eat for free! Sign up on Realm, call the church, or scan the QR-code! We need your reservation by **Monday, August 31!**



Half Truths Bible Studies!

Pastor David will be leading a discussion based on Adam Hamilton's book *Half-Truths*. There will be **TWO** options for classes: **Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm and Thursday mornings at 10:00 am. Starting 9/2 & 9/3.** This is the same study just offered at two different times! Sign up on Realm or contact the church office to

register for either time slot. Books are available in the church office for \$11.00.

Support Our Teachers This School Year

As a new school year begins, our dedicated teachers are hard at work in their classrooms and purchasing items they need to be effective and creative! Often, they do this by reaching into their own pockets to purchase classroom supplies. You can make a meaningful difference by supporting our **Teacher Supply Drive** over the next few weeks. We will be sending our teachers an Amazon gift card. Simply write "Teacher's Supplies" on your check or offering envelope to designate your gift. Thank you for your generosity and for investing in the lives of students and teachers alike!

Telfair Museum Trip

The Telfair Museums are comprised of several distinct divisions, two of which we will tour with museum docents. Register to join us on **Thursday, September 10, 2026 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, the cost is \$25/person.** Space is limited! Register on Realm or by contacting the church office.

SSUMC CHILDREN'S MUSIC & SUNDAY MINISTRY

LAUNCHING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026!

8:30 AM
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
SANCTUARY

- NO NURSERY
- NO CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

9:45 AM
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
CHAPEL

- NURSERY AVAILABLE
- CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 AM
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
SANCTUARY

- CHILDREN WORSHIP WITH FAMILIES
- CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
- ~11:20 AM: DISMISSED TO CHILDREN'S MUSIC & WORSHIP

KIDS GROW FAITH & MUSIC!

CHILDREN'S MUSIC & WORSHIP INCLUDES:

- CHOIR
- WORSHIP MUSIC
- MUSIC FUNDAMENTALS
- BIBLE CONNECTION
- WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

PROGRAM CONCLUDES ~12:00 PM

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:

Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ, Transfer from another United Methodist congregation or Transfer from another denomination
If you are interested in more information about becoming a member contact Rev. David Blackwood at david@stsimonsumc.com | **912.638.3317**