



WELCOME

Address:

Epworth by the Sea
P.O. Box 20407
100 Arthur J. Moore Drive
St. Simons Island, GA 31522

Phone: 912-638-8688

Email: epworth@epworthbythesea.org

Website: www.epworthbythesea.org

Computer and printer available in the lobby for guests use.

Find It. Love It. Epworth.

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Safety and Security

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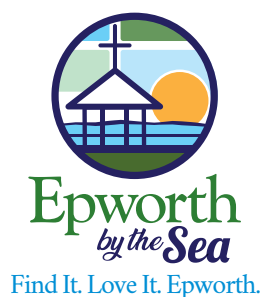
All sleeping rooms are equipped with hard wire smoke detection devices. If alarm is activated, please vacate your room immediately. Robertson Inn and Turner Lodge guests should acquaint themselves with evacuation plan in your room.

In case of emergency

Contact the front desk or call 911. Should you need assistance after the lobby closes at 10:00 p.m., please notify the security guard at the Security Booth located near the soda machines and 4-way stop sign, dial extension #1525 or call (912) 223-9499 after 10:00 p.m.

Please do not leave valuables in your room.





Mr. Carlos Cantú
President/CEO

Dear Valued Guest,

Welcome to Epworth by the Sea — we're so glad you're here!

Whether this is your first visit or a return to familiar grounds, we are honored to host you on the beautiful banks of the Frederica River. Since 1949, Epworth has welcomed individuals, families, and groups seeking rest, renewal, and reconnection. We hope your stay provides all three and more.

Our dedicated staff is here to ensure your experience is comfortable, safe, and meaningful. Should you need anything during your time with us, please don't hesitate to reach out to our front desk or any team member.

Epworth by the Sea is more than a destination — it's a ministry. For over 75 years, this sacred place has served as a Christ-centered retreat and conference center where lives are transformed through worship, study, and fellowship. If you would like to help carry this mission forward, we invite you to consider how your prayers, participation, and support can continue the journey for future generations. (Insert Giving QR code if you have one)

Thank you again for choosing to stay with us. May your time on St. Simons Island be peaceful, memorable, and Spirit-filled.

With warmest regards,

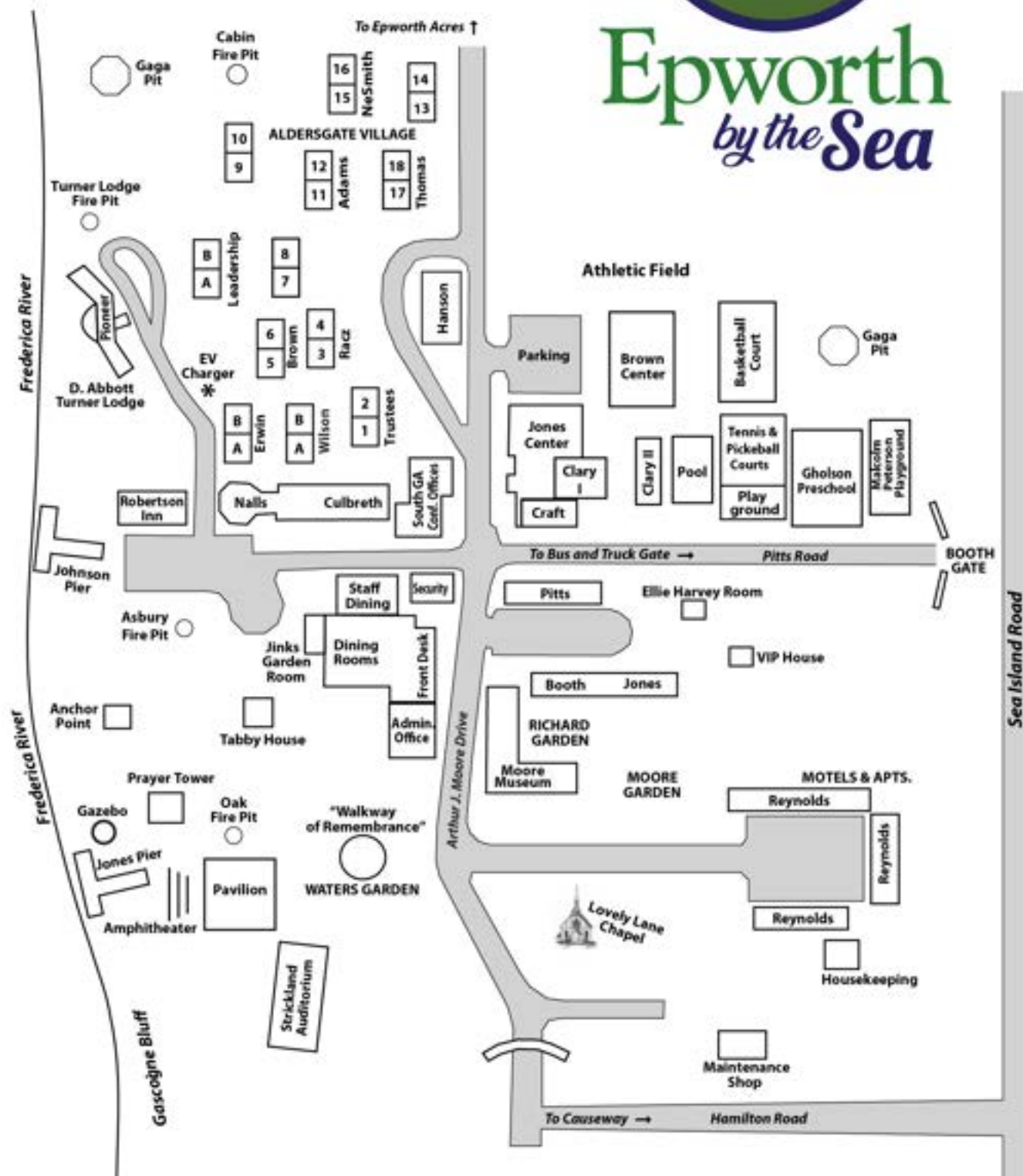
Carlos Cantu

Carlos Cantu, President/CEO
On behalf of the Epworth by the Sea Team

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS



Epworth
by the Sea



GENERAL INFORMATION AND POLICIES

Thank you! We hope you enjoy your stay!

WELCOME TO EPWORTH BY THE SEA!

We are glad you have chosen Epworth as your group's conference facility. Our staff looks forward to your arrival. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to assist you before arrival or during your stay.

CHECK-IN and CHECK-OUT:

Check-in for all facilities is 4:00 p.m.; check-out time is 11:30 a.m.

NIGHTTIME SECURITY CELL NUMBER:

(912) 223-9499 OR (912) 638-8688-Main Number

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, check or cash is accepted. Payment is due upon check-in or in advance.

OFFICE/GIFT SHOP HOURS:

Office and Gift Shop open from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

LOST AND FOUND:

All articles are held by the Housekeeping Department. Inquire at the Front Desk.

MAIL:

Mail will be held for you at the Front Desk. USPS mail drop on the front porch.

BUS PARKING:

Please park in the parking lot near the pier on the Frederica River or the rear of Turner Lodge parking lot.

MESSAGES:

Phone calls will be transferred to individual rooms where messages can be left on voicemail.

MEAL TIMES: Cafeteria style meals. Wrist band required.

Breakfast: 7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

Lunch: 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Dinner: 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

HOUSING FACILITIES:

- Phones in all rooms except cabins
- TV in all rooms except cabins.
- Commuters subject to a facility usage fee.
- Specially equipped ADA accessible rooms.
- Vaping and Smoking prohibited in rooms (\$200 fee)
- No alcohol, pets or intoxicants.
- Mini-fridge/microwave in all rooms. Cabins have mini-fridge.
- Amenities: Hair dryers, irons, soap/shampoo (Excluding cabins).
- Elevators located in all multi-level buildings.
- Ice machines located adjacent to the elevators in Pitts and Booth Motels, at the Reynolds Apartments, on the 1st floor of the Robertson Inn and on the 2nd floor of Turner Lodge.
- Coffee is available in the Front Desk Lobby, 1st floor of Turner Lodge, 1st floor of Robertson Inn and at the Pitts Motel elevator.

HOUSEKEEPING:

Housekeeping services are provided upon request. Contact front desk for exchange of towels or trash collection. If you need fresh towels, place them outside your door each morning. Coin-operated laundry facilities are on-site. Please notify the Front Desk if you have any issues with your room. Only toilet tissue provided in cabins.

CHAPEL SERVICES:

8:45-9:15 a.m. Sunday, in Lovely Lane Chapel.

Casual dress welcome.

Contact your reservationist to schedule the chapel for a private service for your group.

POOL HOURS:

Lifeguard on duty in June and July.

Contact Group Reservations for pool use in August.

Closes at 5 p.m. on Sunday's.

Private pool party available for additional charge (ask group coordinator)

9:00 am – 12 Noon (closed 12:00-1:00 pm for lunch)

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm (closed 5:00-6:00 pm for supper)

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

GUEST SERVICES:

- Guest computer in main lobby, copy service available.
- ATM in Front Desk Lobby
- Gift Shop in the Front Desk Lobby and Museum
- Wireless internet access available across the campus. (Excluding cabins & Lovely Lane Chapel) Password will be given upon check-in.
- Shirt & Shoes required when entering lobby and dining room.

RECREATION SERVICES:

- Youth Center Pavilion with half-basketball court
- Lighted tennis and pickleball courts
- GAGA Pits
- Open field for baseball, football and soccer
- Volleyball nets
- Seasonal outdoor swimming pool
- Two fishing piers on Frederica River.
- Minutes away from ocean beaches, boating, offshore fishing and other island activities.

Additional Fee/charge for rental:

- Riverside Pavilion and Amphitheater
- Bicycles
- Bonfire pits

ARTHUR J. MOORE METHODIST MUSEUM & LIBRARY:

- Largest Methodist Museum.
- Local history available for research.
- Open Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday's, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Closed on Sunday's and major holidays.
- To schedule a group tour, contact the museum at 912-638-4050.

MEDICAL SERVICES:

For emergency, dial 911. For any minor medical needs, please check with Front Desk between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. or the security guard after 10:00 p.m. First aid supplies are available.

- Ergent Med:

106 Retreat Village, St. Simons Island, GA

Phone: 912-434-9316

Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Saturday (Closed Sunday)

- Southeast Georgia Health System (Brunswick Campus)

3100 Kemble Avenue, Brunswick, GA

Directions: Cross the causeway, turn right on Highway 17, turn left at first traffic light and hospital is at the next traffic light.



Food Service Options

Casual to Elegant Dining



Epworth food service is provided by ARAMARK, the largest food service provider in the world.

- Regular meals are served cafeteria style.
- Offering seated buffets, luncheons and brunches
- Riverbank barbecues, low-country shrimp boils, picnics and cookouts.
- Specializing in formal and informal receptions, special parties and refreshment breaks for conferences and retreats.
- Box lunches available.



Epworth's food service staff is eager to meet your special dietary needs. Epworth offers several options for receptions, dinners, luncheons and other special events. Please inquire about these facilities and our outstanding first-class catering service.



Meal Times

Breakfast is served 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Lunch is served 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Supper is served 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Dining room is open only when groups are in-house. Meals are not included for individuals not associated with a group.*

If you would like to purchase a meal, please see Front Desk.

**Please confirm special requests, such as box lunches, refreshments, etc., at least 2 weeks prior to arrival. All Food Functions must be catered through Epworth Food Services, ARAMARK. For more information concerning rates and private dining, please contact the Epworth Reservations Department.*

Smith Dining Room: Seats up to 250. Magnificent view of the Frederica River and the Marshes of Glynn.

Blasingame Dining Room: Seats up to 160. Ideal for luncheons and banquets.

Cannon Room: Seats up to 16. A magnificent private dining room, beautifully decorated and intimate for your gathering.

Ellie Room: Seats up to 72. Maximum of 120 people standing room (including patio-weather permitting).

Jinks Garden Room: Seats up to 56 and will accommodate up to 75 standing for receptions. A beautiful glass room overlooking Epworth's historic Tabby House, the Frederica River and Marshes of Glynn. Private entrance.

The Tabby House: Seats up to 42 people. 60 people standing room only.

Turner Lodge Pioneer Room: Seats up to 64 people. An elegant setting with balcony overlooking the historic Frederica River.

Lovely Lane Chapel

The historic charm and beauty of Lovely Lane Chapel has been preserved by South Georgia Methodists who purchased the property for Epworth by the Sea in 1949. Built in 1880, the Chapel is the oldest standing church building on St. Simons Island.

The chapel was repaired after a hurricane in 1897, deconsecrated in 1911 and used as a recreation center. The chapel was reconsecrated and restored under the leadership of Bishop Arthur J. Moore.

Lovely Lane Chapel, named after the site of the 1784 founding conference of American Methodism in Baltimore, is a favorite spot for worship, weddings, baptisms and meditation.

The magnificent stained glass windows are irreplaceable pieces of Old English Art Glass. Lovely Lane Chapel stands near the Frederica River which brought the founders of Methodism, John and Charles Wesley, to Georgia in 1736.

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no records of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." I Corinthians 13:4-7



You are cordially invited...
Casual dress welcome!

Sunday Worship Service:
A 30-minute worship experience
8:45 - 9:15 a.m.

Weddings in Lovely Lane Chapel

Decisions...Decisions...Decisions!
Planning Your Wedding at Epworth by the Sea



From the banks of the historic Frederica River to the breathtaking Atlantic Ocean, your wedding at Lovely Lane Chapel on the grounds of Epworth by the Sea will provide the environment you've been dreaming about all your life. Because of the historic charm and natural beauty of the chapel, very little decoration is required.

Lovely Lane Chapel, seating up to 120, is available to the public for weddings. A one-hour block of time for rehearsal the day or evening before the wedding and a three-hour block of time for the wedding is more than ample time for decorating the Chapel, the wedding ceremony and taking photographs.



Contact a reservationist for complete details. Suggestions and assistance concerning local ministers, florists, photographers, musicians and bakeries are available.

Epworth offers a full range of facilities and prices for rehearsal dinners, bridesmaid luncheons and receptions. Catering and food service is provided exclusively through ARAMARK at Epworth by the Sea. Catering options range from casual to elegant.

Giving to Epworth

Epworth's ministry is supported through donations and gifts from the "Friends of Epworth," supportive foundations and the community of guests coming to Epworth for a time apart.

The vast, ongoing renovation and annual "Programming Needs and Property Improvements" projects occurring across our campus are accomplished by the gifts from our faithful friends. Epworth is striving to grow a \$15 million Endowment Trust Fund to ensure this special place is available for the generations to come.

If you would like to help Epworth's great ministry continue its dedication to making disciples for Jesus Christ, please consider becoming a partner in ministry. Every gift, whether large or small, is greatly appreciated and tax deductible. You will receive a tax letter at the end of the year.

Your gift will be applied as most needed for improvements, operations and related programs or to build up the endowment funds that support the operation of Epworth by the Sea. Any specific donor restrictions will be fully honored.



Your gifts may be designated for:

- Programming Needs
- Property Improvements
- Scholarship Fund for children, youth and adults
- Special Summer Offering (helps with utility costs in summer)
 - Lovely Lane Chapel
- Endowment Trust Fund
 - Operations Needs

For information about providing a Prayer Bench, planting an Oak Tree, a brick on the Walkway of Remembrance or a special memorial, please ask the Front Desk. Your gift may be made in honor or memory of a loved one or friend. You may be able to double your gift if your company has a matching gift program. All donations are gratefully accepted and you will receive an acknowledgment of your gift.



There are many convenient ways for you to contribute to Epworth by the Sea.

Epworth is a 501(C)3 exempt religious organization. All gifts are tax exempt.

Outright Gifts

Cash or Check made payable to Epworth by the Sea

Mail to:

Epworth by the Sea
P.O. Box 20407
St. Simons Island, GA 31522

Appreciated Assets and Retirement Distributions

- Appreciated Stock
- Real Property
- Qualified Charitable Distributions for donors age 70 ½ and above

Online Giving

- Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express)
 - Virtual Checks (Personal or Business)
- www.epworthbythesea.org/support.php

Life Income Gifts

- Charitable Trusts
- Charitable Gift Annuities

Testamentary Gifts

- Leave Epworth in your Will
- Revocable Living Trust
- Life Insurance Beneficiary

Epworth Memorials

Generations of faithful “Friends of Epworth” have provided Epworth by the Sea for our benefit. Many of their names appear on buildings, plaques, benches, bricks at the “Walkway of Remembrance” and on commemorative walls throughout campus.



Endowment Wall

Providing for Future Generations

Established in appreciation of contributors to Epworth’s Endowment Trust Fund. The purpose is to ensure the future of God’s ministry from future generations.

Tree of Life

Building for the Future Wall of Appreciation

Established in appreciation of contributors to the Margaret A. Pitts Office Building and other “Urgent Needs” projects. Three giving levels are represented: the 500 Club, Pioneers’ Club and Superintendents’ Club. Gifts have been in memory and in honor of friends, family, clergy and churches.

Employee Retirement Tree

Established by the “Friends of Epworth” in appreciation of the Epworth staff in order to provide for their future retirement.

“Walkway of Remembrance”

Epworth’s “Walkway of Remembrance” is paved with the names of Christians from many denominations. All are a part of an extended family in ministry to the world. You may inquire and pick up a form at the Front Desk. Cost per brick is \$200, including engraving and installation. The Epworth staff will be happy to assist you with the wording.

D. Abbott Turner Lodge Giving Tree

Located in the Walker Lobby, the tree seeks to honor and remember those who have contributed to the construction of the building. An engraved brass leaf is \$2,000.

Prayer Benches

Located along the banks of the Frederica River and across the campus, the Epworth prayer benches provide ideal places to stop for moments of prayer and meditation. Cost for a bench and marker is \$5,000.

Our Heritage, Our Ministry, Our Obligation

Epworth is rooted in tradition...Epworth has been built through the generosity of countless friends and supporters. Financial gifts enable Epworth to keep rates in reach of all people, especially young people!

If you are interested in providing a memorial, contributing to an Epworth project, or if you would like further information concerning gifts to Epworth’s ministry, please contact a member of the staff.



Your Experiences

Arthur J. Moore Methodist Museum welcomes visitors to explore the history of the Methodist movement and its founder John Wesley. Exhibits feature the development and leaders of Methodism in America, area history, international Nativities Room and much more. “O Holy Night”, a 40-piece, life-size paper mâché nativity greets visitors entering the Museum. The full-length documentary, St. Simons 360: Historical Video Tour, is shown twice daily and the John Wesley on St. Simons lecture is presented by Wesley historian the Reverend Dave Hanson on Thursdays at 11 a.m.



Lighted Tennis and Pickleball Courts: Located between the swimming pool and the Gholson Preschool building, the courts are for Epworth guests. Popular with people of all ages. The well-lit courts allow for play even after the sun sets. Available on a first-come, first-served basis. Epworth does not provide rackets and balls.



Bicycles: Affordable rental bikes are available for guests to tour the grounds and St. Simons Island, which features over 30 miles of bike trails. Stop by the front desk to secure your rental and pick up a map. Rental Fee: \$8.00 per hour, per bike.

Seasonal Swimming Pool: Free to Epworth guests. Lifeguard on duty at all times. Dressing rooms and showers available. Entrance adjacent to the Brown Center. At a size of 70 x 40 feet with a maximum depth of 5 feet, the swimming pool can accommodate usage by groups large and small.



Covered Athletic Pavilion: Half basketball courts. Lights available. Limited sports equipment available at the Front Desk.

Fire Pits: Perfect for roasting s'mores or a communal evening bonfire, our fire pits encourage gathering and connecting outside of the traditional settings. Reserve a fire pit with your reservationist.



Fishing Piers: The Jones and Johnson Piers are open to guests for fishing or simply relaxing. Fishing equipment is not available on site; however, guests are welcome to bring their own. Bait shop located in SSI Pier Village.

Gaga Pits: This is the arena for a fast-paced, dodgeball-style game played with a single ball and two or more players. Like dodgeball, the object of the game is to knock out your opponents by hitting them with the ball. Talk about fun!



Walking Tour: Enjoy a self-guided stroll along the Rush River Walk and through the beautiful gardens of Epworth's campus. Request a Map of Grounds at the Front Desk.

Mission Volunteers: Many groups who stay at Epworth by the Sea are eager to help those in need. Group leaders know the enriching experience that individuals can have living out their faith by serving those who are less fortunate. Based on the needs and size of your group, we book and confirm your project, ensuring that the valuable mission volunteer work will benefit both your group and the community. We can even coordinate meals for your crew if needed. Quite often, all that is required of our groups and their leaders is to show up ready to serve.



Low Ropes Challenge Course: Epworth's Challenge Course features a variety of activities designed to meet every team's comfort level and goals. In 2026, our low rope elements, set just a few inches to a couple of feet off the ground, foster trust, communication, and teamwork through interactive problem-solving challenges. Whether you're looking to strengthen leadership, improve collaboration, or simply connect as a group, our course offers a dynamic and supportive environment for growth.



St. Simons Island Area Attractions



Our friends at the Golden Isles Convention & Visitors Bureau do an excellent job of compiling a community events calendar. From live music to antique markets and holiday celebrations to art and crafts fairs, there's always something happening in Georgia's Golden Isles.

For more information about restaurants, things to do and places to see in the Golden Isles, please visit: **www.goldenisles.com**

Beaches: At the end of the East Beach Causeway. Village pier area at the end of Mallery Street.

Christ Episcopal Church and Cemetery: 6329 Frederica Rd., St. Simons Island, GA (912) 638-8683

Fort Frederica National Monument: 6515 Frederica Rd., St. Simons Island, GA (912) 638-3630

Battle of Bloody Marsh Monument: Off Old Demere Road

The Wesley Memorial Gardens: Across from Fort Frederica's entrance

St. Simons Lighthouse Museum and Keeper's Cottage:

Near the pier village area.

121 Mallery St., Simons Island, GA (912) 638-8608



The A.W. Jones Heritage Center: Near the pier village area. Next to the St. Simons Lighthouse.

121 Mallery St., Simons Island, GA (912) 638-8608

Hours: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 1:30 -5 p.m. on Sunday

World War II Home Front Museum: Near Coast Guard Beach. 4201 1st Street St. Simons Island, GA 31522 (912) 634-7098. <https://www.coastal-georgiahistory.org/> The Museum is housed in the Historic St. Simons Coast Guard Station, built in 1936. Step back to April 8, 1942 when the crew from this station rescued survivors of two American ships torpedoed by a German U-boat 13 miles off St. Simons Island. Visitors of all ages will be inspired by the stories of ordinary Americans doing their part to win the war.



GTC Island Cinemas: Off Sea Island Rd, 44 Cinema Lane, St. Simons Island, GA (912) 634-5192

Neptune Park Fun Zone: Next to SSI Lighthouse. 550 Beachview Drive, St. Simons Island, GA (912) 279-2836 Something for the whole family. Miniature golf, seasonal pool and playground.

Trolley Tours:

- St. Simons Trolley Tours

(912) 638-8954

<https://www.stsimonstours.com/>

- Lighthouse Trolleys Land and Sea Tours

(912) 638-3333

<https://www.lhousetrolley.com/>



Golden Isles Area Attractions



- Beaches, restaurants, golf and shopping
- **Georgia Sea Turtle Center** - 214 Stable Rd. • 912-635-4444
- **Millionaires' Village & Historic District Trolley Tours** - <https://www.jekyllisland.com/history/tours/landmark-tour/>
- **Summer Waves Water Park** - Seasonal, 210 S. Riverview Drive • 912-635-2074
- **Miniature Golf** - 100 Great Dunes Ln. • 912-635-2648
- **Dolphin Boat Tours** - 366 Riverview Dr. • 912-635-3152



The Hofwyl-Broadfield Plantation was a plantation on the Altamaha River in Glynn County. Operated as a forced-labor farm using enslaved peoples until 1865, it produced rice from 1800 until 1915, when growing rice became unprofitable. Then it was primarily a dairy farm until 1942.

Address: 5556 US-17, Brunswick, GA 31525

Phone: (912) 264-7333

Website: <https://gastateparks.org/HofwylBroadfieldPlantation>



- **Fort King George State Historic Site** - Family fun in history in nature. Fully reconstructed fort, museum and film, gift shop, nature trail and picnic area. The fort was built in 1721 along what is now known as the Darien River and served as the southernmost outpost of the British Empire in the Americas until 1727.

Address: 302 McIntosh Rd, Darien, GA 31305

Phone: (912) 437-4770

- **Sapelo Island** - The island is accessible only by boat; the primary ferry comes from the Sapelo Island Visitors Center in McIntosh County, Georgia, a seven-mile, twenty-minute trip. It is the site of Hog Hammock, the last known Gullah community. The State offers guided-bus tours of the island. Public tour reservations can be made by calling 912-437-3224.

Website: <https://sapelonerr.org/visit-sapelo-island/>



- **Cumberland Island** - A barrier island off Georgia's southeast coast, with protected beaches and maritime forest. The Dungeness Ruins are the remains of a mansion built by Thomas Carnegie, brother and partner of steel tycoon Andrew Carnegie. Georgian Revival-style Plum Orchard is another Carnegie estate. The simple, 1-room First African Baptist Church lies north. Wildlife includes loggerhead turtles and feral horses. The National Park Service operates its ferry service from St. Mary's, GA.

Address: 113 W. St. Marys St., St. Marys GA 31558

Phone: (912) 882-4335

Website: <https://www.nps.gov/cuis>



- **Okefenokee Swamp Park & Adventures** - Book your adventure today at one of our two locations. Okefenokee Swamp Park offers Boat Tours, Train Rides, Interactive Exhibits & Animal Encounters. Okefenokee Adventures, located within the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge, offers Guided Boat Tours, Kayaking, Hiking Trails and Camping Excursions. Come visit us for an adventure of a lifetime!

Address: 5700 Okefenokee Swamp Park Rd, Waycross, GA 31503

Phone: (912) 283-0583

Website: <https://okeswamp.org/>



St. Simons Island is home to a wide variety of top-notch restaurants, offering something for every taste. While there are too many great spots to list, visitors will find plenty of fresh seafood, savory BBQ, delicious pizza, and classic Southern comfort food throughout the island. The dining scene is known for being casual and family-friendly, with laid-back atmospheres that welcome everyone—from beachgoers to foodies. Whether you're craving shrimp and grits, a slow-smoked brisket, or a wood-fired pie, you'll find it all in this charming coastal town.

...IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER...BECAUSE THEY'RE ALL DELICIOUS!

The Crab Trap

Address: 1209 Ocean Blvd, St Simons Island, GA 31522

Phone: (912) 638-3552

Website: thecrabtrapssi.com/

A casual seafood restaurant that has been a favorite of locals and tourists alike for more than 45 years. They offer your choice of the finest local seafood.

Crabdaddy's Seafood and Grill

Address: 1217 Ocean Blvd, St Simons Island, GA 31522

Phone: (912) 634-1120

Website: crabdaddysssi.com

Amazing local seafood grilled or blackened to perfection. Don't leave without getting their mouth watering bread pudding for dessert!

Iguanas Seafood

Address: 303 Mallery St, St Simons Island, GA 31522

Phone: (912) 642-9190

Website: <https://www.iguanasseafood.com/>

Casual Atmosphere serving up Wild Georgia Shrimp, fresh seafood, and a welcoming atmosphere. Don't forget the delicious soft serve ice cream machine for a yummy dessert the whole family will enjoy.

Southern Soul

Address: 2020 Demere Rd, St Simons Island, GA 31522

Phone: (912) 638-7685

Website: southernsoulbbq.com

A Southeast Coastal Georgia Smoke Joint. Oak-Fired, Slow Smoked Pig, Rib, Turkey, Chicken, Sausage and Beef Brisket, Complimented by your choice of four distinct Homemade Barbecue Sauces and served up with some great Southern Soul Side Dishes.

TOP 10 MOUTH-WATERING RESTAURANTS CONTINUED....

Tramici Restaurant

Address: 75 Cinema Ln, St Simons Island, GA 31522

Phone: (912) 634-2202

Website: tramicirestaurant.com

Tramici means "among friends." Guests enjoy Italian-inspired cuisine in our energetic, warm, and inviting dining room, beneath the twinkly lights and shaded awnings of our deck and patio. Every bite will delight.

Cafe Frederica

Address: 110 Sylvan Blvd, St Simons Island, GA 31522

Phone: (912) 638-6777

Website: places.singleplatform.com

Long-running, colorful cafe with counter seating for breakfast favorites, sandwiches & salads.

Porch

Address: 549 Ocean Blvd, St Simons Island, GA 31522

Phone: (912) 634-5168

Website: porchssi.com

Spicy fried chicken, catfish & shrimp with Southern sides in a homey setting with an outdoor area.

Fiddlers

Address: 410 Arnold Rd, St Simons Island, GA 31522

Phone: (912) 771-8481

Website: fiddlersat410arnold.com

Seafood offerings and other comfort food dished up in casual surrounds with views of the marsh and a fire pit.

Mr. Shuck's Seafood

Address: 539 Ocean Blvd, St Simons Island, GA 31522

Website: mrshucksseafood.com

Whether you are looking for a fresh market, dine-in, or just a quick take-out, family-owned and operated, Mr. Shuck's Seafood is the destination for you! The creations served here are simple, yet mind-blowing in their flavor. Bring your friends and family and have a seafood feast.

Barbara Jean's

Address: 214 Mallery St, St Simons Island, GA 31522

Phone: (912) 634-6500

A family run restaurant specializing in both seafood and made-from-scratch, southern and home-style cooking. This homey diner featuring Southern favorites & seafood dishes is best known for their crab cakes.

“Epworth by the Sea has been built with the hope that through Christian atmosphere, friendly fellowship and spiritual dedication, this may be a place where many shall purpose to make Jesus Christ supreme.”

-Bishop Arthur J. Moore

Ministering to the World Since 1950

Epworth by the Sea is an unparalleled Christ-centered hospitality ministry impacting lives for Jesus Christ by providing a premier conference and retreat center for worship, study and fellowship. Epworth serves all whose goals are consistent with our mission.

It is named Epworth by the Sea in honor of the boyhood home of brothers **John and Charles Wesley**, founders of the Methodist revival movement from Epworth, England. Both John and Charles were Anglican priests who volunteered as missionaries to the colony of Georgia in its founding days. Over 200 years later, **Bishop Arthur J. Moore**, Methodist Episcopal leader of Georgia, and Methodist supporters stood on the bluff and agreed that St. Simons Island was indeed the perfect location for Epworth. Assisted by influential businessmen, **Alfred W. Jones, Sr.**, president of the Sea Island Company, the Methodists purchased 40 acres of the Hamilton Plantation in 1949. Additional acreage was added over the years to bring the total to approximately 100 acres. July 25, 1950, Bishop Arthur J. Moore led the opening dedication and shared a barbecue picnic (75¢ a plate) with 800+ Methodists from across Georgia.

Our now 100-acre Retreat Center can accommodate over 1,000 overnight guests. There are 6 motels and 12 family apartments totaling 235 rooms, plus 22 youth cabins on site. All rooms are climate controlled and every accommodation except for the youth cabins include a TV. Numerous rooms across campus are ADA accessible in accordance with ADA standards and wireless internet (Wi-Fi) is available for guests throughout Epworth's campus (except for Aldersgate Cabins and the Lovely Lane Chapel).



“Epworth was the most vivid and satisfying achievement of my service as a Bishop in Georgia.”

-Bishop Arthur J. Moore

History of Epworth by the Sea

"Young and old tarry amid these sacred surroundings and go forth to face the morning." —Bishop Arthur J. Moore

Epworth by the Sea is an unparalleled Christ-centered hospitality ministry impacting lives for Jesus Christ by providing a premier conference and retreat center for worship, study and fellowship.

In 1949, assisted by influential businessman Alfred W. Jones, Sr., president of the Sea Island Company, the methodists purchased part of the Hamilton Plantation. They named it Epworth by the Sea in honor of John and Charles Wesley's boyhood home in Epworth, England. After serving in Georgia, the brothers returned to England and established the Methodist Church.

Epworth is now a hospitality ministry annually serving over 100,000 people from around the world. Epworth is open to all denominations, state and local agencies, groups and individuals whose goals are consistent with Epworth's mission.

Lovely Lane Chapel, the oldest standing church building on St. Simons, hosts Sunday services and is available for weddings. Constructed in 1880, it is named after the site of the 1784 founding conference of American Methodism in Baltimore, Maryland.

Accommodating upwards of 1,000 persons, Epworth offers 223 motel rooms, 12 efficiency apartments and 22 youth cabins. Auditoriums seat from 250 to 825. Meeting rooms and 28 classrooms have audio-visual equipment. Food service offers two dining rooms serving up to 390 along with two private dining rooms.

An in-season swimming pool, athletic fields, covered and lighted basketball courts, lighted tennis and pickleball courts, Gaga pits, bicycle rentals and fishing piers provide sports activities for all ages. The Arthur J. Moore Methodist Museum is located on the Epworth campus.

Epworth's vision for the future is to meet the physical and spiritual needs of those coming for a time apart. The founders of Epworth desired to provide a Christian place where one might come and feel the same "reviving of the spirit" felt by the Wesleys so long ago.

"About 3:00 in the afternoon I first set foot on St. Simons Island and immediately my spirit revived."

-Rev. Charles Wesley



Arthur J. Moore Methodist Museum and Library



Hours:
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Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
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The Moore Methodist Museum is the owned by Epworth by the Sea. Built in 1960 and dedicated in 1966, the Moore Museum is a 6,000 square foot Museum, Research Library, Archives, Gift Shop and the Repository of the South Georgia United Methodist Churches archives and records. It tells the story of John and Charles Wesley, both in Great Britain and on St. Simons Island, Methodism in the Southeast and the amazing accomplishments achieved because "there is no limit to what God can do when the Methodists of South Georgia get united behind a worthy project..." (Quote of Rev. Dave Hanson) We look forward to seeing you soon.

History of St. Simons Island

Gascoigne Bluff



The one-mile riverbank tract from the causeway bridge to the bend in the Frederica River at the Robertson Inn is called Gascoigne Bluff. It was named for Captain James Gascoigne, commander of the sloop-of-war Hawk who escorted the first British settlers to Georgia to establish Fort Frederica in 1735. The bluff offered vessels the first landing place after entering the harbor. Gascoigne Bluff is rightfully called, “The Gateway to St. Simons Island.”

The Revs. John and Charles Wesley were on this voyage. John had charge of the religious affairs of the colony. Charles served as secretary to Oglethorpe and as minister for the Frederica settlement. After returning to England, they began the Methodist movement.

From Indian occupation, Oglethorpe’s military era, plantation days, the Civil War and lumber mill days to Epworth by the Sea, this small tract of land has played an important role in history of coastal Georgia.

After the Revolutionary War, live oak timbers were cut on St. Simons and loaded at Gascoigne Bluff for shipment to be used in building of the U.S. Frigate Constitution—better known as “Old Ironsides”—and other vessels.

The Plantation Days



Following the war, great plantations were developed on St. Simons, with Sea Island cotton as the major crop. The property was purchased by James Hamilton. He built a large tabby home near the riverbank. He died in 1829 as one of the few millionaires in the country. The plantation was managed by Captain John Fraser, an officer in the British Marines.

Though the home burned in about 1890, a slave cabin remains and is used for meetings at Epworth by the Sea. Near total collapse, the cabin, called the Tabby House, was completely restored by Epworth in 1995.

The Civil War



During the war, Gascoigne Bluff became headquarters for vessels of the United States Navy. When the war ended, the former way of life was over and a new day had begun. Residents grew crops for food. Life was hard. However, it was not long before the Hamilton Plantation brought a new industry—lumber mills—to the island.

The Lumber Mill Days



When the lumber mills came to Gascoigne Bluff, they offered an opportunity for every man to work regardless of race. In 1876 a mill was built at the upper end of Gascoigne Bluff by the Dodge-Meigs Company. Captain Francis A. Boyle built a mill on Gascoigne Bluff in 1890 to cut cypress timbers.

In 1880, Norman W. Dodge built St. James Union Chapel, renamed Lovely Lane Chapel by the Methodists when they purchased the property for a Christian Retreat Center in 1949. The mills cleared operations in 1903.

Moving Into the 1920’s



The causeway connecting the mainland and St. Simons Island opened on July 11, 1924. Automobiles brought visitors from around the world. In 1927, the Hamilton Plantation was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene W. Lewis of Detroit for a winter home. They established beautiful gardens and a thriving farm operation. Home movies of the family have been placed on video and may be viewed at the Arthur. J. Moore Methodist Museum by request.

During the war years, Brunswick drew plantation employees away for better wages. The Lewises closed the plantation and left the island.



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