



# THE FLAME

First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, Georgia

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**August 2018**

## “TERMS AND CONDITIONS”

Terms and Conditions are the words in small print or the words rapidly spoken at the end of an advertisement. Yet they are important. Why? Terms and Conditions define a relationship. Having a clear understanding of Terms and Conditions clarifies and strengthens that relationship. Terms and Conditions define the New Testament Church and the relationship between the Church and the Lord of the Church, our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Terms and Conditions matter!

I have spent my early days as the Senior Minister of this great church asking questions and listening for responses. Among the questions I have asked are

- What is the defining **mission** of LaGrange First United Methodist Church?
- What is the compelling **vision** of LaGrange First United Methodist Church?

I have received a wide variety of *differing* responses to these questions. I believe that discerning and implementing a concise and compelling vision based on a central mission is vital for establishing a church-wide glossary of Biblical terms, vital for uniting our congregation around a clear purpose, and vital for empowering our great church to live out evermore fruitful ministry for the greater glory of God and for the greater good of His people.

## WHAT IS JESUS CHRIST'S CENTRAL MISSION FOR HIS CHURCH?

<sup>16</sup>Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup>When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted [hesitated]. <sup>18</sup>Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Therefore go and **make disciples** of all nations, **baptizing them** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and **teaching them** to obey everything I have commanded you. And **surely I am with you** always, to the very end of the age.'" – Matthew 28:16-20

### Jesus' Mission For His Church Is Our Mission

**To MAKE and GROW Disciples of Jesus Christ for the TRANSFORMATION of the World!**

### What does it mean to MAKE and GROW Disciples?

<sup>8</sup>**For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith** — and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — <sup>9</sup>not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are God's handiwork, **created in Christ Jesus to do good works**, which God prepared in advance for us to do." – Ephesians 2:4-10

- **save** – (sode'-zo) – restore to health; the peace of a soul reconciled to God marked by restored dignity and worth; free from living beneath one's dignity
- **faith** – (pis'-tis) – the response of trust by which a person "holds on" to something or someone
- **grace** – (khar'-ece) – God's unearned and unmerited good-will, loving-kindness, and divine favor which, when received by faith in Jesus Christ, transforms a person awakening in him/her joy and gratitude and enabling him/her to love God, to love others, and to seek to live out the righteousness of God.

Faith in [holding on to] Jesus Christ, **imputes** (confers) to a believer the dignity, worth, and character of the One who made him/her on purpose and with purpose, regardless of past or present circumstances.

Grace **imparts** (actually conveys) to a believer the dignity, worth, and character of the One who made him/her on purpose and with purpose, and enables him/her to live God's purpose for his/her life.

**What if Jesus' Mission for His Church really became our Mission at First Methodist?** Just imagine the transforming possibilities for LaGrange!

Would you help me create an environment and a culture that intentionally invites the power of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to restore the dignity and worth of our friends, our relatives, our associates, and our neighbors? If/when we do, we will experience the fullness of Jesus' promise, **"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."**

It's an honor to be your Senior Minister!

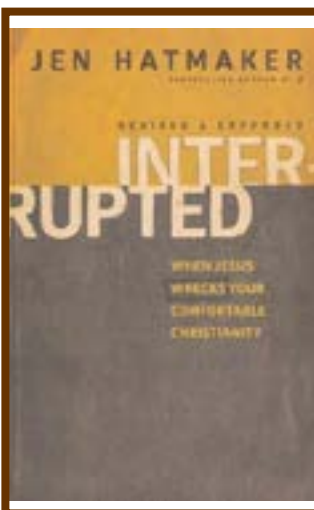
  
Dr. John

## Disciple III Bible Study

DISCIPLE Bible Study is one of the best things the Methodist Church ever did! This challenges us to read Scripture, listen to scholars, share with others, and develop for oneself a consistent understanding of Holy Scriptures, as well as a closeness to the other members. The second year of DISCIPLE is titled "Into the Word: Into the World," which summarizes what we are to be about. DISCIPLE III is "Remember Who You Are."

Our group meets on Sundays from 5pm to 6:30pm, in the Maranatha Classroom (Sanctuary basement). This third year of Fast-Track will begin on August 12th, and finish by Thanksgiving. We then resume the first of the year to finish the second half by Easter.

If you have completed DISCIPLE I and II and wish to join us for Fast-Track III, please contact Janice Ingram at (706) 333-2202. You are welcome to come experience the blessings that come from this study.



**Interrupted** encourages believers to ask if their lives bring integrity to the gospel. Follow the faith journey that begins with one dangerous prayer, "Raise up in me a holy passion," and concludes with a life of service to the last, the least, the forgotten, and the forsaken.

(description of original edition, from [jenhatmaker.com](http://jenhatmaker.com))

Join Dr. Greg McClanahan for this 5-week study on Wednesday nights, September 5, 12, 19, and 26, and October 3, 6:00 – 7:30 in the Small Dining Room.



## Journeying Through Grief Ministry

Losing a loved one is a trying time and your Church wants to be there to give love and support. Congregational Care offers a Journeying Through Grief Book ministry to help. It includes a set of four short books which we deliver to Church members who have lost a spouse or child.

**Book 1, A Time to Grieve, is delivered by one of our Ministers within 3 weeks after the loss. The additional books are delivered by Lay Volunteers.**

**Book 2, Experiencing Grief, 3 months after the loss**

**Book 3, Finding Hope and Healing, 6 months after the loss**

**Book 4, Rebuilding and Remembering, 11 months after the loss**

Each book focuses on what the person is likely to be experiencing at that point in grief – offering understanding, empathy, compassion and hope. The books are written by Kenneth Haugk, a pastor, clinical psychologist and founder of Stephen Ministry, who lost his wife after a long battle with cancer. He walks alongside the reader through the grief journey, sharing helpful insights about grief, biblical truths and stories that provide comfort and reassurance.

**We care as you go through your grief journey.**

## Children's Ministry



**Girl's Night Out** was a great event! Thanks to everyone who attended and to **Molly Carmichael** for our beautiful table arrangements, **Sherri Brown** for an inspirational message, and **Jennifer Emery** for sharing her artistic gifts with our group.

### Upcoming Events

July 29th - Family Worship (no Children's Church)

August 3rd - Last Day of Summer Camp

August 15th - Wednesday Night Kids

August 26th - Homecoming - Family Worship

Jeanne Jones, Director,  
[jeanne@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:jeanne@lagrangefumc.org)





## **'School Shepherd' Supplies** *All New Items Needed*

Crayons 8pk, 16pk and 24pk

#2 Pencils

Pink Erasers

Pencil Pouches (3-ring)

Pencil Sharpeners (Handheld) Composition Notebooks (Not Spiral)

12 Inch Rulers

Tab Dividers

Notebook Paper: Wide and College Ruled

Glue Sticks

Colored Pencils

Pencil Top Erasers

Yellow Highlighters

Composition Notebooks (Not Spiral)

Dry Erase Black Markers, Thin & Thick Point

1-Subject Spiral Notebooks

Glue Bottles

Safety Scissors

Pencil Boxes

3x5 Index Cards

Binders with Clear Plastic Covers: 1/2 inch, 1 inch, and 2 inch

Binder Dividers

Folders: Plastic with Pockets & Prongs

2-Pocket Folders in: Red, Blue, Yellow, Green, Purple, & Orange

Book Bags — Girls and Boys

*Monetary Donations needed for special supplies and clothing items  
as determined by School Counselors.*

*\* Please bring all items to the Church Office.*

*\*\*All checks written to FUMC, marked School Shepherd Ministry.*



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*Thank you for your patience as we replaced the old HVAC system with the new one.*

**Out with the OLD...and**



**...In with the NEW**



## FUMC STUDENT MINISTRIES



This summer was one for the books with the FUMC Student Ministries. In late June, we took a mission trip to New Orleans, Louisiana. Instead of a trip where we were constantly building or pouring concrete, we tried to just be with the local people. Following the example of Jesus, who did not come to do for us but rather to be with us, we decided to go to New Orleans to be with the students at APEX Youth Development Center. While there, we painted, pulled weeds, and cleaned areas for them. However, the most transformational part of the entire trip was the relationships that were formed between them and us. Not relationships of one being better than the other, but as equal partners doing the work of the Kingdom of Heaven. This trip taught us that we have so much to learn from people of all backgrounds. It was an amazing time, and we look forward to next year's mission trip.

We took the rising 9th graders on a mystery trip as they make the transition from middle school to high school. We hiked to a 90ft waterfall and then surprised the students with a one night stay at the new Great Wolf Lodge. The best parts were the conversations that we had about our own lives. Our devotionals during the trip centered around the idea of wilderness, as transitions are definitely a time of wilderness for some people. These students know that if they take time to sit at the feet of Jesus like Mary (see Luke 10:38-42), then they will be able to find peace in the middle of the wilderness. We took a trip to Six Flags and to a Braves game, then wrapped things up at summer camp at Lake Junaluska.

On August 15th, our regular Wednesday night programming resumes. We hope to see you there as we work through the stories of the Bible. If your student does not have a copy of the Bible, or if they are still using their Bible from the 3rd grade, please let me know...we have a version and edition made especially for students. This fall we will explore how the stories from the Bible are our stories today.

Grace and Peace,  
C.J. Lord

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***We always look forward to hearing from you.***



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you can also donate to First United Methodist Church via  
Text-to-Give (Text LGFUMC to 73256)  
or online at [lagrangefumc.org/online-giving](http://lagrangefumc.org/online-giving).

**The Men's Breakfast will not meet in August.** Please  
mark your calendars for the next breakfast date of September  
8th. All men in the church are invited.

 **Need to Talk?** Refer yourself or a friend in need to  
one of our church's confidential Stephen Ministers  
who can help walk one-to-one with you or them  
through crisis. For more information or for a referral,  
speak to one of our Pastors or email  
[stephenministry@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:stephenministry@lagrangefumc.org).



**IN MEMORIAM**  
  
**Jane Williams**  
**July 22, 2018**

**URGENT PLEA—Community Clothing Center**  
Our church leads the Clothing Center in the month of  
August which is an extra busy month due to the start of  
school. Every Tuesday from 10am to 12 noon and every  
Thursday from 1pm to 3pm, we need volunteers to help.  
Please call the church office at 706-884-4635 or email  
[churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org) and let us know when  
you can help.

**Church Family Covered Dish Meals...2 Opportunities in August**  
  
**\*Wednesday, August 8th, 5:00pm - (Welcome back to Wednesday programming)**  
  
**\*Sunday, August 26th, 12 noon - (Homecoming, One Combined Worship Service at 11:00am, No Sunday School that day)**  
  
**\*Please bring side dishes and desserts to share.**



# August 2018

## Weekly

<b>SUNDAY</b>	
9:00a	Chapel Worship
10:00a	Sunday School
11:00a	Traditional Worship Service
<b>MONDAY</b>	
10:30a	Meals on Wheels
11:30a	Soup Kitchen
<b>TUESDAY</b>	
9:00a	Community Care
1:30p	Staff Meeting
7:00p	Boy Scouts
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
11:30a	Soup Kitchen Sack Lunch
5:00p	Wednesday Evening Meal
5:30p	Handbell Rehearsal
5:45p	Children's Program
6:00p	Mid & Sr. Hi Youth
6:30p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>THURSDAY</b>	
9:00a	Community Care
9:45a	Prayer Ministry
10:30a	Dulcimers
<b>FRIDAY</b>	
7:00a	Men's Coffee & Prayer

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 12:00 TLC Luncheon	3 <i>Last Day for Summer Camp</i>	4
5	6 5:00p U.M.W. Board Meeting	7 12:30 Red Cross Blood Drive	8 5:00p Church Family Covered Dish Meal	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 WEW Resumes  Children's & Youth Programs Resume  5:45p Missions Committee	16	17	18
19 12:00p Stephen Ministry Luncheon	20	21 5:30p Worship Committee	22	23 5:30p Board of Trustees	24	25
26 HOMECOMING No Sunday School 11:00a Combined Worship Service, Sanctuary—Covered Dish Luncheon, Fellowship Hall	27	28 5:30p Finance Committee  6:30p Church Council	29	30	31	1

## Remembrances Received, July 2018

### *In Memory of*

**Ben Crockett**—Susan & Calvin Willis

**Cliff Cammon**—Hildred Cammon

**John Alise**—His Family

### *Our Sympathy to*

Carolyn Alise in the death of her brother-in-law, **Jack Hopper, June 2, 2018.**

### *Welcome to*

**Martin Lawson** who joined our church family on Sunday, July 22nd.

## **HOMECOMING Sunday**

### **August 26th**

**No Sunday School**

**Worship Service 11:00am, Sanctuary**

Church Family Covered Dish Luncheon  
in the Fellowship Hall, bring sides dishes and  
desserts.

### **August's Worship Team Volunteers**

**Ushers:** Jay Russell, Quillian Baldwin, Bobby Carmichael, Richard Ennis, Danny Arp, Mack Reese, Bill Young, Wayne Shelnett, Dan McAlexander, Bowen Beall, Lenny Bateman

**Altar Guild:** Nancy Stevens, Jennie Gordy, Susan Hinson, Deborah Johnson, Ida Russell, Julie Smith

**Hospitality Team:** Susan & Bill Black, Mike & Denise Wilson, Jane Willey, Dusty & Carlene Mills, Sharon Jones, Dean & Nancy Larson, Laura Jennings, Oleeta Aspinwall, Jackie Huckstep, Carole & Kelly Linch, Linda Frano, Richard & Donna Ennis, Steve & Caryn Cole, Bill & Susan Black, John & Cindy Jackson, Philip & Becky Ivey, Ric & Joanna Selbie

### **ATTENDANCE**

**Sunday, July 1**                      Worship Service....318

**Sunday, July 8**  
Sunday School....215      Worship Service.....354

**Sunday, July 15**  
Sunday School....124      Worship Service.....268

**Sunday, July 22**  
Sunday School....163      Worship Service.....326