



# THE FLAME

First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, GA

*“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”*

## PASTORAL CARE... DID YOU KNOW???

*“God the one who comforts us in all our trouble, so that we can comfort other people who are in every kind of trouble. We offer the same comfort that we ourselves received from God.” (2 Corinthians 1:4)*

One of the jobs of your pastoral staff (Blake and myself) is to provide meaningful and appropriate care to all in our church fellowship who have pastoral needs. This includes situations such as births, deaths, serious illnesses, hospitalizations, and other crises. To help meet these needs, you need to know that we as a church currently have the following practices and services in place:

- Blake and I make **Hospital Visits** each week to hospitalized members and friends. Generally, Blake visits on Mondays-Tuesdays, I visit on Wednesdays-Thursdays, and the “Pastor On Call” (see below) on Fridays-Sundays, but whoever visits shares information with the other so we are both always “in the loop” about major pastor issues. Both of us also make emergency pastoral crisis visits as needed. Please contact the church office or use the Emergency Pastoral Care number (below) to let us know about such needs. Do not assume we already know -- we would rather receive several messages about a pastoral need than to miss one altogether!
- Blake or I usually call to **pray with persons by phone** the night before scheduled surgeries if we have been made aware of those.
- On nights and weekends (whenever the office is closed), one of us is always available via our **NEW “Pastor On Call”/Emergency Pastoral Care System** (888-456-1203). Even though one of us is “on-call” one month and the other is “on-call” the next month, all information is shared between us confidentially.
- Both of us are available for **Basic Pastoral Counseling** to all who desire spiritual direction, mentoring, support, prayer, and general guidance. All discussions are kept strictly confidential. While we can at times accommodate “drop ins,” it is usually best to make an appointment with us through the church office ([churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org)). If it is determined after an initial session that either ongoing or specialized care is needed, be aware that we will usually refer persons to faith-based specialists who we trust and know, as pastors are not equipped to be long-term individual counselors.
- In addition, I am available to **serve Holy Communion** to our Homebound or other members when requested, and to **perform Weddings and Baptisms** after meeting for wedding or baptism counseling. Blake will also be available for these services after his commissioning in June. Again, contact the office or pastors directly for any of these. Please note: Our wedding policies state that the use of an outside pastor for a wedding in our church (i.e., besides the two of us) requires the approval of the Senior Pastor.
- Our **Community Care Fund** provides church members and others with short-term assistance and resources as available. Blake and I are able to access this fund in conversation with Rick Free and our Community Care Team leaders for emergency pastoral care needs.

As you can see, there are many services that we as your pastoral staff provide in the area of pastoral care. However, we need YOUR assistance: **If you have or learn about pastoral needs within our church fellowship (such as upcoming hospitalizations, births, deaths, or other crises), please inform the church office as soon as possible (706-884-4635) so that we may appropriately follow up.** After office hours or on weekends, please use the Emergency Pastoral Care system (see above). Your help and consideration is much appreciated!

Remember that God loves you and both Blake and I do, too!

Pastor Brian

**February 21, 2016**

**\*Early Worship Service  
9:00am in the Chapel**

Mr. Blake Trent, preaching

**\*Morning Glory**

**9:00am in the Fellowship Hall**

Dr. Brian Germano, preaching

**\*Traditional Service**

**11:00am in the Sanctuary**

Mr. Blake Trent, preaching

**\*Korean Worship Service**

**11:00am in the Chapel**

Rev. Daniel Kim

**February 28, 2016**

**\*Early Worship Service  
9:00am in the Chapel**

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*\*Child care is provided.*

**\*\* Story Hour** is for 2 & 3 yr. olds in Room 107 of the Children’s Building from 11am to 12 noon.

**Children’s Church** is for children ages 1st grade and younger in room 203. A leader will escort the children from the 11:00 worship service.

**Wednesday Evening Weekly**  
**Serving from 5pm to 6:30pm**

**WEW Meal on February 24, 2016**

Menu: Soup bar, grilled cheese, salad bar, dessert  
 Children: Same & PB & J sandwiches

**WEW Meal on March 2, 2016**

Menu: Chicken alfredo, veggie, salad bar, dessert  
 Children: Spaghetti & PB & J sandwiches

Call or email the church office at 884-4635 by NOON  
 on MONDAY to make your meal reservation.

The cost is: \$0 for those 2 years & under; \$3 for those  
 3 years-12th grade; and \$6 for adults.



**JOIN US for an 11-week study as we LEARN**  
**What it means to THINK like JESUS.**

Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:30 pm Builders Classroom  
 Begins February 24<sup>th</sup> Cost: \$20

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO SIGN UP! SPACE IS LIMITED!  
 706-884-4635 or churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org

**REMEMBRANCES RECEIVED**

*Memorials*

**Mr. Rip Darden** (Joyce Smith's Brother) - Virginia Robert-  
 son, Lea & J. M. Rawlinson

**Mrs. Libba Traylor** - Lea & J. M. Rawlinson

**Mrs. Ann Petry** - Orren & Pat Gilbert, Richard & Donna  
 Ennis, Martha Stanley, Cynthia & Ralph Murphy, Ruth  
 UMW Circle, Dusty & Carlene Mills, Lea & J. M. Rawlin-  
 son

**Mrs. Sherry Patterson** (Dodie Patterson's Sister-in-law) -  
 Cynthia & Ralph Murphy

**Mr. John Huckstep** - Cynthia & Ralph Murphy, Adult  
 Fellowship Sunday School Class, Lea & J. M. Rawlinson

**Mr. Bud Overall** - Jane Willey, Cliff & Faye Rainey

**Mr. Russell Everitt** - Orren & Pat Gilbert

**Mr. Bill Petry** - Richard & Donna Ennis, Martha Stanley

*Honorariums*

**The Huckstep Family** - Cynthia & Ralph Murphy

**Mrs. Louise Horvath** - Adult Fellowship Sunday School  
 Class

**MEMORIALS GIVEN TO  
 HENDERSON TRAYLOR MEMORIAL EAGLE  
 SCOUT SCHOLARSHIP**

**Mrs. Libba Traylor** - Molly & Bobby Carmichael, Sara  
 Hopson

**Special Offering for the Homeless Council**

All North Georgia Conference churches will be receiving a  
 special offering on Sunday, February 28th, to help homeless  
 shelters with various needs throughout the conference. We are  
 participating in this and hope you will join us by contributing.  
 Checks should be made out to our church, designated for the  
Homeless Offering.

*Special Invitation from the Kingdom Community*

Kingdom Community would like to invite you to a breakfast  
 at the Highland Country Club on Saturday, February 27, 2016  
 at 9:00 a.m. The cost of the meal is \$10 per person. Kingdom  
 Community is a committee of members from various churches in  
 Troup County seeking to bring unity and advance the Kingdom  
 of God. They want to share their vision and  
 future plans with you. They believe the unity of God's church in  
 LaGrange will transform our community to glorify God.

RSVP to Wanda Walker at [super121@hotmail.com](mailto:super121@hotmail.com) or call her at  
 706-402-5634.

**March Thursday Lunch Club**

**Welcomes nationally recognized  
 storyteller, Donald Davis, to the  
 March 3rd luncheon at 12 noon,  
 in the fellowship hall.  
 The cost is \$6 per person.**

*For reservations for the meal and program  
 call or email the church at 706-884-4635  
 or [churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org).*



**Easter Lilies**

If you would like to place an Easter Lily in honor or memory of someone on Easter Sunday, March 27th, please  
 complete this form, return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate along with your check for  
 \$12.00, payable to the church and marked "Easter Lily" on or before March 8th. Lilies will be delivered to  
 shut-ins unless you indicate otherwise below.

In Honor \_\_\_\_\_ or In Memory \_\_\_\_\_

OF: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Pick up after Easter Service \_\_\_\_\_ or Deliver to a shut-in \_\_\_\_\_



**Fat Tuesday 2016**

If you weren't here on Fat Tuesday you missed some delicious pancakes with bacon & sausage.

There were "colorful" people of all ages ready to celebrate.

Do you know who these people are behind the masks.



**Youth Ministry**

Kali Grenus, Director  
kali@lagrangefumc.org or 706-884-4635 ext. 215



**Sr. High Mission Trip — Cairo, Illinois — July 17-23, 2016**

Join us as we head west to Cairo, Illinois, the southernmost city in Illinois; settled between the Mississippi and Ohio rivers. This city is rich in heritage and history. Students will have the chance to work sites, participate in Kids Club or Outrageous Sports camp.

Deposit: \$50 Due by March 1st



**Mid-High Summer Trip  
June 13-17 Cost: \$300  
Epworth by the Sea**

This year we are heading down to spend the week at Epworth by the Sea and their wonderful Mid-High Summer Camp! Kali will be transporting your students and hanging out with them during the week. To register your students, you will need to head to <https://sgaumc-reg.brtapp.com/MidHighMania2016> Once you have registered let Kali know for van purposes.

Scholarships are available!  
Have questions? Contact Kali!

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- Mr. Andy Rainey (ext 201).....Church Administrator
- Mr. Blake Trent (ext 206).....Preaching and Discipleship

To reach all other employees and/or volunteers,  
please call the church office.

*We always look forward to hearing from you.*



“To Know and To Make Christ Known”

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**FINANCIAL REPORT 2016**

<b>Needed Weekly</b>	<b>\$ 23,617.49</b>
<b>Received (2/7)</b>	<b>\$ 28,135.31</b>
<b>Received (2/14)</b>	<b>\$ 12,765.36</b>
<b>Needed YTD</b>	<b>\$ 165,322.43</b>
<b>Received YTD</b>	<b>\$ 175,608.80</b>

**ATTENDANCE , Sunday, February 7th**

Sunday School.....	270
Worship Service.....	405

**ATTENDANCE , Sunday, February 14th**

Sunday School.....	252
Worship Service.....	306

**Items Needed for March  
Tooth Brushes & Tooth Paste**

**Calendar for February 21 - February 27**

**Sunday** \* Nursery

\*Worship Services

\*10:00am.....Sunday School

5:00pm.....Mid & Sr. High Youth Activities

**Monday**

11:00-11:30am.....Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen

7:00pm.....Morning Glory Band Rehearsal

**Tuesday**

10:00am.....Dulcimers Beginning Class

7:00pm.....Boy Scouts

**Wednesday**

11:30am.....Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch

5:00pm.....Wednesday Evening Weekly

5:30pm.....Handbells

5:30pm.....Children’s M.E.R.G.E. Activities

5:45pm.....Financial Peace

6:00pm.....Young Parents Small Group

6:00pm.....BELIEVE Bible Study Group

6:00pm.....Youth Activities

6:30pm.....Church Council/ Chancel Choir

**Thursday**

9:45am.....Prayer Group

5:00pm.....Long Range Planning

**Friday**

7:00am.....Men’s Coffee & Prayer Group

**Saturday**

**Calendar for February 28 - March 5**

**Sunday** \* Nursery

\*Worship Services

\*9:30am.....Sunday School

5:00pm.....Mid & Sr. High Youth Activities

**Monday**

11:00-11:30am.....Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen

7:00pm.....Morning Glory Band Rehearsal

**Tuesday**

9:00am.....Community Care

10:00am.....Dulcimers Beginning Class

12:30pm.....Red Cross Blood Drive

7:00pm.....Boy Scouts

**Wednesday**

11:30am.....Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch

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6:30pm.....Chancel Choir

**Thursday**

9:00am.....Community Care

9:45am.....Prayer Group

11:00am.....N. Ga. Conference Board of Trustees

12:00.....Thursday Lunch Club Luncheon

**Friday**

7:00am.....Men’s Coffee & Prayer Group

**Saturday**

**OUR ROSEBUD**

Our rosebud on Sunday, February 21st is in honor of **Forrest Clark “Gunner” Johnson, V, born February 16, 2016**, the son of Forrest & Shannon Johnson, the grandson of Clark & Deborah Johnson.



To everyone who purchased SOUP through our Souper Bowl Fundraiser and to all who came and ate pancakes with us at the Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper. *You are appreciated!*