



# THE FLAME

First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, GA

*Christians . . . SERVING, CARING, & SHARING*

## Grow Through Worship. Starve Without It

*“Do not neglect to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encourage one another, and all the more as you see the Day [of the Lord] approaching.” (Hebrews 10:25)*

I’ve heard it said somewhere that an action repeated for at least 21 days can create a habit. Well, I want to challenge everyone reading this article to make a “habit” this new year of being in God’s House each week for corporate worship, fellowship, and learning. Perhaps your life has gotten busy and you’ve “gotten out of the habit” of being in worship. Maybe you’ve cherished a few extra minutes of sleep on Sunday morning, or have grown accustomed to tuning in to a favorite television ministry or church service in your pajamas, with coffee mug in hand. Or, you might have unwittingly developed into a “C&E Christian” (attending only at Christmas and Easter).

But as the scripture text above reminds us, there’s simply *no substitute* in our own personal, emotional, and spiritual life for participating *together* with sisters and brothers in the worship and praise of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. With it, we experience God’s presence in a powerful way, and lives are touched and changed through it. Without it, we starve our spirits. The same can be said of not only corporate worship but also small classes and groups for prayer, Bible learning, and fellowship. In other words, when we worship, fellowship, and learn together at church, we’re fulfilling our own church’s purpose of being “*Christians SERVING in love, CARING with compassion, and SHARING (Christ) with boldness.*”

So, I hope you won’t miss out on the blessing God has in store for YOU through regular participation in weekly worship and small group fellowship and learning! I plan on being here, and I look forward to seeing you, too, as we all make a “habit” of “meeting together” at church each week!

Remember that God loves you and I do, too!

Pastor Brian

**January 29, 2017**  
**\*Morning Glory**  
**8:45am in the Fellowship Hall**

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

**\*Traditional Service**  
**11:00am in the Sanctuary**

**\*Korean Worship Service**  
**11:00am in the Chapel**

**February 5, 2017**  
**\*Morning Glory**  
**8:45am in the Fellowship Hall**

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

**\*Traditional Service**  
**11:00am in the Sanctuary**

**\*Korean Worship Service**  
**11:00am in the Chapel**

*\*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 ages 3rd grade & younger. Children attending the early services will dismiss to the Small Dining Room in the MMC building; 11:00am service children will dismiss to Room 203 in the Children’s building.

You're Invited...  
**Disney Movie Nights**  
Each Wednesday  
In February  
6:30 pm  
Lagrangefumc.org

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

**WEW Meal on February 1, 2017**

Menu: Chicken fingers, mac & cheese, veggie, salad bar, dessert.

Children: Same & PB & J sandwiches

**WEW Meal on February 8, 2017**

Menu: Baked tilapia, rice pilaf, veggie, salad bar, dessert

Children: Pizza & 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.



**Soup for Sale Sunday, February 5th**

**\$6 per Quart**

**10:00am till sold out (No pre-orders)**

*Choices Available*

**Potato Vegetable Beef**

**White Chicken Chili**

**Mexican Chicken Corn Chowder**

**\*NEW Creamy Chicken and Rice**

**The S.O.U.L. Group**

*February meeting date change.*

**Monday, February 13th @ 7:30pm**

**LaGrange First United Methodist Church**

**401 Broad Street**

**Builders Sunday School Classroom**

For more information contact the church office  
([churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org) or 706-884-4635)

**REMEMBRANCES RECEIVED**

**Memorials**

**Mrs. Myrna Roberts** (Denise Wilson's Mother) - Carolyn & John Alise

**Mrs. Frances Scarborough** - Jackie Huckstep, Adult Fellowship Sunday School Class, Carol Freeman, Lonnie & Bobbie Ritchie, Mrs. Raymond Newman & Family, Jane & Gary Stephens, Martha Stanley, Margaret Camp

**Mrs. Fern Niedrach** - Hildred Cammon, Martha Stanley, Margaret Camp

**Mr. Clark Rich** - Margaret Camp

**Mr. Lamar Reese** - Margaret Camp

**Mr. James Martin** (Ron Martin's Brother) - Virginia Robertson

**Mrs. Evelyn Smith** - Margaret Camp

**Mr. Charles Maire** - Trish Smith

**Mr. Cliff Cammon** - Monday Volunteers

**Mr. Jeff Davis** - Ruth Circle, U.M.W.

**Mrs. Sammie Jones** - Ellis & Jean Smith, Bernie & Cathy Berntson, Martha Stanley, Margaret Camp, Charles Nored

**Honorariums**

**Rick Free** - Monday Volunteers

**Betty McManaway** - Adult Fellowship Sunday School Class



Each 10:00am session will feature a member of LaGrange College's distinguished faculty.

**Feb. 27** "La Bella Trinacria: Sicilian Cuisine, Culture and Tradition"

**March 27** "Vincenzo Bellini: Sicily's Son of Musical Drama"

**April 24** "Sicilian Art and Photography"

Lectures held in the Dickson Assembly Room of Turner Hall. Park in the lot located behind Sunny Gables Alumni House at 910 Broad Street; a shuttle beginning at 9:30 a.m. will take you to the door. A Dutch-treat lunch is available in the Pitts Dining Hall following each session.

**FEBRUARY SERMON SERIES**

Join pastors Brian and Blake February 5-26 for two unique, 4-week sermon series:

8:45am "Morning Glory" — **THE GOSPEL IN DISNEY**



Throughout his ministry, Jesus preached using parables -- stories people could relate to in order to teach truths about the kingdom of God. In today's culture, movies accomplish much of the same thing. Join Pastor Brian as he shares insights about the kingdom of God from four of the "parables" we today call the movies of Walt Disney. In addition to each week's sermon focus, we'll also have a full showing of each movie at 6:30pm on the Wednesday prior to each sermon during "Disney Movie Night." Our children's Wednesday night activities will change in February *only* to 5:30pm choir practice, and a 6:00pm special lesson in the fellowship hall about the upcoming movie.

9am & 11am "Traditional" — **JESUS: A STORYTELLER**



Every time Jesus was broached with a question about God or spirituality he responded, not with a detailed rebuttal, but with a story. Jesus understood that spiritual truths were not retained through pointed arguments or bulleted presentations. However, He knew that people, both pious and irreligious, were able to retain a short moral narrative. Jesus told stories about personal growth, influencing others, passing judgment, salvation, and so much more. Join Pastor Blake in February in both our 9:00am and 11:00am worship services as we rethink and rediscover some of Jesus' most moving parables.

**Thursday Lunch Club**  
**February 2nd, 12 Noon, Fellowship Hall**

*featuring*



**Randy & Debbie Ogle**

For reservations for the meal & program call or email the church at  
 706-884-4635 or [churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org).  
 Cost is \$6 per person. All are welcome!  
 First United Methodist Church, 401 Broad Street

**FEBRUARY USHER COMMITTEE**

- |                      |                  |               |
|----------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Jay Russell, Captain | Bobby Carmichael |               |
| Wayne Shelnutt       | James Spivey     | Mack Reese    |
| Richard Ennis        | Bowen Beall      | Bob Harris    |
| Quillian Baldwin     | Bill Young       | Danny Arp     |
| Dan McAlexander      | Charles McLeod   | Lenny Bateman |

**FEBRUARY ALTAR GUILD**

- |                    |                 |              |
|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Donna Ennis, Chair | Elizabeth Burch | Laura Holley |
| Patti Lybrand      | Dodie Patterson | Holly Reese  |
| Patsy Wynne        | Lea Rawlinson   |              |

**MORNING GLORY-** Heather Graham

**COMMUNION**

Jane Willey, Joyce Young, Louise Horvath  
 Carolyn Alise, Deb Johnson, Pat Gilbert, Tina Diskin

**Youth Ministry**

The Senior High will be going to Spring Road Christian Church in Lanett for "Engage 2017." The event will take place **February 24-26**. Registration is \$60 and is due by the 10th day of February.

This event will give our Senior High the opportunity to rub shoulders with people from other communities as well as have an opportunity to serve. There will be a sign up sheet posted outside of the Senior High lounge as well as an informational flyer.

Stop by and check it out!

**BLESSINGS IN A BOOKBAG NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!**

*Our Youth need your help. Please donate something from this list or make a monetary donations.*

- Pop-tarts or Nutri-grain Breakfast bars    Chef Boyardee or Mac & Cheese cups  
 Capri Suns or Lil' Hugs drinks                      Gummies or Peach cups



*Donation boxes are placed around the church. Thank you for supporting our mission work.*

**\*\*\*An Important Reminder\*\*\***

***This is a reminder of where you can find a First Aid Kit, a Defibrillator, or a Fire Extinguisher.***

If a situation ever arises, please inform a member of our Staff Team as soon as possible after the situation is under control. Please do not hesitate to call 911 in the event of an emergency.

**First Aid Kits**

1. One in the Church Office.
2. One in the Children's Director's office on the first floor of the Children's building.
3. One on every floor of the Children's building close to the water fountains.
4. One by the elevator on the first floor of the Methodist Ministries Center.
5. One in Scott Hill's Office in the MMC.
6. One in the Kitchen.

**Defibrillators**

1. One in the hallway outside the Church Offices.
2. One by the water fountains near the Kitchen in the MMC.

**Fire Extinguishers**

We have many fire extinguishers all over campus; at least one, if not two, per hallway.

Security Committee

**Children's Ministry**

*A change in our Wednesday night children's activities!*

**Everyone is invited to join us every Wednesday night in February to watch some very special movies.**

First, we will begin at **5:30pm for Choir practice**, and then a **special lesson at 6:00pm** in the fellowship hall about the Disney movie we will watch that evening at 6:30.

*Look for the special meals and snacks that will accompany the movies!*

**SENIOR HIGH "ENGAGE 2017"**

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- Miss Grayson Bailey (ext 209).....Director of Children’s Ministry
- Mr. Rick Free (ext 210).....Director of Food Services
- Dr. Brian Germano (ext 205).....Senior Pastor
- Mr. Eddie Giddens.....Custodian
- Ms. Lisa Highland (ext 207).....Business Manager
- Mr. Scott Hill (ext 213).....Landscape Maintenance
- Mr. Darian Krimm (ext 202).....Minister of Music & Worship
- Mr. C.J. Lord (ext 215).....Director of Mid High Youth
- Ms. Dodie Patterson (ext 204).....Executive Secretary
- Mr. Harrison Pollard (ext 215).....Director of Senior High Youth
- Mr. Andy Rainey (ext 201).....Church Administrator
- Rev. Blake Trent (ext 206).....Associate Pastor

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

*We always look forward to hearing from you.*



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**Tacos & Trivia . . . Coming Soon**

**February Men’s Breakfast**

**The February Men’s Valentine’s Breakfast will be held Saturday, Feb. 11th, at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall.**

Please call the church office and make your reservation. For this special Valentine’s breakfast, you are invited to bring your special lady with you.

*\*Ladies, remember that you are invited to join us even though your husband may no longer be here.*



**ATTENDANCE, Sunday, January 15**

Sunday School.....213  
 Worship Service.....315

**ATTENDANCE, Sunday, January 22**

Sunday School.....209  
 Worship Service.....304

	December	Year-to-Date
Budgeted Receipts	\$95,470	\$1,187,443
Actual Receipts	\$184,193	\$1,246,658
Budgeted Expenses	\$97,553	\$1,228,109
Actual Expenses	\$94,235	\$1,187,892

**Our Rosebud**  
 Our rosebud on Sunday, January 22nd, was in honor of **Reagan Allison Clement**, born **January 16, 2017**, the great-granddaughter of Jerry & Kay Clement.

**Calendar for January 29 - February 4**

<b>Sunday</b>	* Nursery
*Worship Services	
*10:00am.....	Sunday School
5:00pm.....	Disciple Bible Study
<b>Monday</b>	
11:30am-12:00.....	Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
5:30pm.....	Music Committee
<b>Tuesday</b>	
9:00am.....	Community Care
5:30pm.....	Worship Committee
7:00pm.....	Boy Scouts
<b>Wednesday</b>	
11:30am.....	Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
5:00pm.....	Wednesday Evening Weekly Meal
5:00pm.....	Altar Guild Summary Mtg
5:30pm.....	Handbells Rehearsal
5:45pm.....	M.E.R.G.E & Children’s Choir
6:00pm.....	Believe Bible Study
6:30pm.....	Chancel Choir
6:30pm.....	Disney Movie Night
<b>Thursday</b>	
9:00am.....	Community Care
9:45am.....	Prayer Ministry
10:00am.....	Dulcimers Class
12:00.....	Thursday Lunch Club
<b>Friday</b>	
7:00am.....	Men’s Coffee & Prayer Group
<b>Saturday</b>	
9:30am.....	Stephen Ministry Training

**Calendar for February 5 - February 11**

<b>Sunday</b>	* Nursery
*Worship Services	
*10:00am.....	Sunday School
5:00pm.....	Disciple Bible Study
<b>Monday</b>	
11:30am-12:00am.....	Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
5:00pm.....	UMW Executive Board
<b>Tuesday</b>	
9:00am.....	Community Care
12:30pm.....	Red Cross Blood Drive
7:00pm.....	Boy Scouts
<b>Wednesday</b>	
11:30am.....	Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
5:00pm.....	Wednesday Evening Weekly Meal
5:30pm.....	Handbells Rehearsal
5:45pm.....	M.E.R.G.E & Children’s Choir
6:00pm.....	Believe Bible Study
6:30pm.....	Chancel Choir
6:30pm.....	Disney Movie Night
<b>Thursday</b>	
9:00am.....	Community Care
9:45am.....	Prayer Ministry
10:00am.....	Dulcimers Class
6:00pm.....	Long Range Planning
<b>Friday</b>	
7:00am.....	Men’s Coffee & Prayer Group
<b>Saturday</b>	
8:30am.....	Men’s Valentine Brestfast
9:30am.....	Stephen Ministry Training

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**Frances Scarborough**  
**January 13, 2017**

**OUR SYMPATHY**

We extend our sympathy to the following families.

Rhonda Mitchell & Family in the death of her grandfather, **Ernest Heinje, January 6th**

The family of **Ray Deyo**, January 14th

Denise Wilson & Family in the death of her mother, **Myrna Roberts, January 15th**

Suzanne Adams & Family in the death of her sister, **Jeannie Harris, January 20th**

# TACOS and TRIVIA

Save  
the  
Date



## March 5, 2017

Sponsored by the Youth at LaGrange First United Methodist Church