



# THE FLAME

First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, GA

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

## 2017-18 BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

*"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."  
(Psalm 119:105)*

As God's people, one of the tools we're given to discover, grow, and mature in Christian faith is the Bible. Unfortunately, many spiritual people have never unlocked the power of this God-given tool because they've never taken time to actually study it in-depth with others.

That's why each year our church offers various small-group experiences where you can spiritually learn and grow together with other Christians as you study God's word. Through daily readings and guided discussions once each week, participants not only come to understand the Bible better, but come to discover its relevance and power in and for their daily lives, while at the same time developing rich and long-lasting friendships with fellow participants. I've personally witnessed many lives changed and transformed in remarkable ways through the power of group Bible studies.

Granted... such studies are not for the casual Christian. They usually involve hard work, commitment, and diligence – but the rewards are literally “out of this world”! I've heard many spiritual people talk about their desire to grow in and learn more about faith; being part of a group Bible study is one of the best ways around to help each of us do just that!

Next year (2017-18), here are three signature small group Bible studies that our church will be offering:

- DISCIPLE I Fast Track will meet on Tuesdays from 5:30pm-7pm, beginning August 15th, for 12 sessions.
- DISCIPLE II Fast Track, composed of those from DISCIPLE I Fast Track last year, will meet on Sundays from 5:00pm-6:30pm, beginning August 13th, for 12 sessions.



*(DISCIPLE groups will be finished with their Old Testament studies by Thanksgiving to resume New Testament after the first of the year.)*

- A 6-week study on the minor prophets Hosea, Joel, Amos, Habakkuk, and Malachi, using Scripture and other material, will meet Wednesdays, 6:00–7:30pm, from September 6th to October 18th, but will not meet the week of October 11th.
- A 6-week study on David, using Scripture and other material, will meet on Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30 pm, from October 25th to December 6th, but will not meet the week of November 22nd.

So if you're serious about your faith growth and want to find out more, then I invite you to worship at any of our services on Sunday, June 23rd, for our annual “Discipleship Sunday” to hear how our group Bible studies from this past year have impacted the hearts and lives of some of your fellow church family, and how you can experience it for yourself beginning this Fall 2017. Your life will never be the same after you take a group Bible Study class! So what are you waiting for?

Remember that God loves you and I do, too!

Pastor Brian

**July 16, 2017**

**Church on the Hooch  
10:00am, West Point Lake**

**\*Morning Glory  
8:45am in the Fellowship Hall**

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*Mark Your Calendar*

**August 27th, Homecoming**  
Combined Service, 10:30am, Sanctuary  
Covered Dish Luncheon

\*\* **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 will dismiss to Room 203 in the Children's building.

## REMEMBRANCES RECEIVED

### Memorials

Mr. Cliff Cammon - Nancy Cammon

Mr. Wayne Hoven - Hildred Cammon

Mr. Jim Hamilton - Hildred Cammon

### Honorariums

Catherine Carmical, Carol Harlin, & Jean Edwards -  
The Adult Fellowship Sunday School Class

## Martha Evans, 2017 Grand Marshall Sweet Land of Liberty Parade

We join our community in celebrating with **Martha & Alec Evans** for the 40 plus years of work with children in Scouting and other organizations.

## The Church Newsletter

Starting in September, *The Flame* will transition into a monthly issue. You will see more details about activities and events so that you can plan your weeks sooner. Inspirational messages will be added to keep you going, and more information about all of the work that goes on in and around our church will keep you informed. If you have ideas of what you would like to have in *The Flame*, please email [dodie@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:dodie@lagrangefumc.org).

## Special Offering Murphy Harpst Children's Centers

On Sunday, July 16th, we will join other churches in the North Georgia Conference and take a special offering for the **Murphy Harpst Children's Centers**. The money collected through your donations is the main funding source for the therapy services that are so critical to the recovery of these young people. Your prayers are also needed to make a difference in the lives of the children to bring life and hope to Georgia's most severely abused children.

## THE CLOTHING CENTER

The Clothing Center resumes operation in August after a 2-month summer break. August is always busy, and it's our church's month to provide volunteers. We need volunteers to work at the Center on Tuesdays (10am-12) and Thursdays (1pm-3). Please contact the Church Office at 706-884-4635.

The Center is always in need of **girls and boys new underwear and socks** for the start of school. Please make a donation of those items —you can bring them to the Church Office. **Thank you.**



## What Can YOU Do?

You play an important role in our Stephen Ministry. Here's what YOU can do:

- + **Pray** for God to bring hope and healing to hurting people through our Stephen Ministry.
- + **Accept care** from a Stephen Minister during your time of need. God doesn't expect you to bear your burdens alone.
- + **Tell a friend**, neighbor, coworker, or relative who is hurting about our Stephen Ministry.
- + If you are a good listener and a compassionate person, prayerfully **consider becoming** a Stephen Minister.

Six new Stephen Ministers were commissioned at our Church in March 2017. They are there to care. For more information about this important ministry, you can confidentially contact one of our Pastors, Stephen Leader Miriam Kelly or email [stephenministry@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:stephenministry@lagrangefumc.org).



## Sunday Lineup

July 6 – Russell Davis, Director of UMC Camping & Retreat Ministries

23 – Rev. Susan Landry, LaGrange District Superintendent  
30 – Rev. Dr. Brian Germano, LaGrange FUMC

## The El Salvador Team Has Returned

While the Team has returned to LaGrange, there are ways you can join them in mission work in ways listed here.



—To sponsor a child in the El Salvador Methodist School costs \$480 for the year. Your check should be made out LaGrange FUMC and in the Memo line write **ES/School Tuition**.

—To donate funds for land, school construction, or church construction please write your check to La Grange FUMC and in the Memo line write **ES and the project** where you want it used.

*Please send all checks attention Lisa Highland.*

For more information about the El Salvador Trip, contact Laura or Blair Harlin at 706-812-9837 or [blairharlin@gmail.com](mailto:blairharlin@gmail.com).



**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).

July has been slam-packed with youth ministry! We took the rising 9th graders on a mystery trip to Savannah, Ga. We took over 30 students to a Braves game. We will host the Exit 18 Olympics and officially welcome the rising 6th graders into the student ministries here at LaGrange FUMC.

With school starting back, so does our regular Wednesday evening programming. But first, one last minute summer fun! On **August 6th**, we will take our annual Six Flags Trip. Invite your friends and follow the link on the Student ministries webpage to sign up. There is also a Back-to-School Lock-in with other churches in the district on **August 10th**. We will meet at the church in the evening before joining other churches in worship, and then head to Malibu Grand Prix for an epic lock-in. Sign up for the lock-in is also on the webpage.



Student Spotlight: This August, the Student Ministries would like to recognize **Will Holmes, Sophie Myers, and Ben Ivey** for being our 2017-2018 Blessings in a Bookbag Coordinators. Be on the lookout for how you can help support Blessings.

On July 23rd, we had a **Volunteer Summit** for those interested in serving the student ministries at LaGrange FUMC. If you were not able to come but would like information on how you can serve, please contact C.J. On **August 9th**, we will commission our volunteers who have filled out a volunteer covenant form. This will be a holy time to acknowledge that, in whatever way our volunteers serve our students, they are also serving God.

## Children's Ministry

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



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL July 24th - 28th

**Hero Central** will be live from **9 a.m. - Noon each day** where rising K-6th grade students will discover **"Strength in God."**

Adults and teens are needed to make this possible.

Register and volunteer at [lagrangefumc.org](http://lagrangefumc.org).

For questions, contact Jeanne Jones, [jeanne@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:jeanne@lagrangefumc.org).



### LaGrange First UMC School Shepherds

There are a lot of churches, businesses, and organizations that help children in need get ready for the new school year.

What happens when the children run out of supplies or when the teacher requires a different type of notebook or a special calculator that they can't afford?

***That's where our church steps in.***

1. Our School Shepherds are contacted by the child's School Counselor who has identified the need.
2. Our Shepherds get the item(s) needed, which often requires purchasing a special item.
3. The Shepherd takes the item(s) to the School Counselor, who then gives the needed item to the student.

The greatest need for this Mission Project is funding. Your donations ensure that when a child runs out of notebook paper, pencils, etc., or if a child is in need of some clothing, someone in this world is there to help him. That's YOU! Please prayerfully consider financially supporting this church mission.



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*We always look forward to hearing from you.*



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**Thank You from Circles of Troup County**  
 Many thanks to the FUMC Summer Day Camp for collecting  
 toys and donating them to Circles Kids.

Circles of Troup County exists to identify and eliminate the causes of poverty and support those wishing to lift themselves out of poverty. We use a relational strategy to support both parents and children moving out of poverty while inspiring and equipping the community to reduce its poverty rate.



The Circles Kids' curriculum teaches themes that include building relationships, respect, financial literacy, compassion, learning habits, nutrition, and fitness. Each theme has been thoughtfully designed to address a specific skill, topic, or characteristic that all of us need to be successful in life.

Donations of books, puzzles and board games in good condition are always welcome.

*Many thanks for a trunkful of blessings!*

**ATTENDANCE, Sunday, July 2**  
 Worship Service.....227

**ATTENDANCE, Sunday, July 9**  
 Sunday School.....183  
 Worship Service.....281

**Supporting Our Ministries**

In addition to traditional giving methods (cash & check), 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).

Calendar for July 16 - July 22	
<p><b>Sunday</b>                      *Worship Services                      *10:00am..... Sunday School</p> <p><b>Monday</b>                      11:30am-12:00..... Meals On Wheels &amp; Soup Kitchen                      5:45pm..... Stewardship Committee</p> <p><b>Tuesday</b>                      9:00am..... Community Care                      10:00am..... Dulcimers Class                      6:30pm..... SPR Committee                      7:00pm..... Boy Scouts                      7:00pm..... Morning Glory Band Rehearsal</p> <p><b>Wednesday</b>                      10:00am..... TLC Planning Committee                      11:30am..... Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch                      5:30pm..... Morning Glory Task Force</p> <p><b>Thursday</b>                      9:00am..... Community Care                      9:45am..... Prayer Ministry                      10:00am..... Dulcimers Rehearsal                      5:45pm..... Missions Committee                      6:00pm..... Talent Showcase Sub-Committee</p> <p><b>Friday</b>                      7:00am..... Men's Coffee &amp; Prayer Group</p> <p><b>Saturday</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">* Nursery</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Summer Camp — Monday through Friday</b></p>

Calendar for July 23 - July 29	
<p><b>Sunday</b>                      *Worship Services                      *10:00am..... Sunday School</p> <p><b>Monday</b>                      9:00am..... Vacation Bible School                      10:00am..... Altar Guild Meeting                      11:30am-12:00am..... Meals On Wheels &amp; Soup Kitchen                      12:00..... Memorial Foundation Luncheon                      5:30pm..... Music Committee</p> <p><b>Tuesday</b>                      9:00am..... Vacation Bible School                      9:00am..... Community Care                      10:00am..... Dulcimers Class                      5:30pm..... The Bridge Task Force                      7:00pm..... Boy Scouts                      7:00pm..... Morning Glory Band Rehearsal</p> <p><b>Wednesday</b>                      9:00am..... Vacation Bible School                      10:00am..... TLC Planning Committee                      11:30am..... Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch                      5:00pm..... Altar Guild Summary Meeting</p> <p><b>Thursday</b>                      9:00am..... Vacation Bible School                      9:00am..... Community Care                      9:45am..... Prayer Ministry                      10:00am..... Dulcimers Rehearsal                      5:30pm..... Board of Trustees</p> <p><b>Friday</b>                      9:00am..... Vacation Bible School                      7:00am..... Men's Coffee &amp; Prayer Group</p> <p><b>Saturday</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">* Nursery</p>

**Meals on Wheels - Urgent Need**

One of our Meals on Wheels drivers has retired after 15 years delivering meals to those in need, and we need someone to fill this role. It's one Monday every other week. For questions or more details, call Dorothy Cammon at 706-884-2078.

Remember to turn in your bids by July 14th for the yard equipment and tools that are up for sale to the highest bidder.

Any questions or for more information, call or email Andy at 706-884-4635 or [andy@lagrangefumc.org](mailto:andy@lagrangefumc.org).