



THE FLAME

First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, GA

"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"

FOOTBALL FAITH

"Tell them to do good, to be rich in the good things they do, to be generous, and to share with others. ... That way they can take hold of the life that truly is life"

(1 Timothy 6:18-19, CEB)

In the game of football, the ultimate goal is to get the ball into the end zone. No team ever wins a game without moving the ball forward, and -- likewise -- no quarterback can advance the cause of the team without distributing the ball to others.

So it is with the Christian faith: growing and maturing as disciples of Jesus Christ requires us to share the "ball" that God has given to us. In the scripture above from 1 Timothy 6, the apostle Paul advises his young apprentice Timothy that sharing is necessary not only for ourselves, but also in order for God's "team" (the church), to move forward on the "playing field" of life.

During the month of October, through a spiritual journey called **Football Faith**, we as a church will be exploring the value of being part of God's "team" through the practice of generosity: the sharing of our resources and lives for the work of God's kingdom. We'll learn the difference between ownership and stewardship, the importance of being a "team player," the great benefits of at least one God-given tool for sharing, and the joy that results from generosity itself.

And by the time we celebrate "*Touchdown Sunday*" on October 25, our hope is that we will have been challenged to understand and claim how true life -- true "victory" -- is not found in what we have (i.e., in "keeping the ball") but in what we give away (i.e., in "passing the ball to others"). You won't want to miss a single Sunday in this unique and special spiritual journey!

In the meantime, however, I ask you to join me and your church leadership in praying that God will prepare our hearts to hear His message of transforming generosity, and to commit to being present in worship each week as we do so!

Remember, God loves you and so do I.

Pastor Brian

October 4, 2015 6th Sunday in Kingdomtide

*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

Dr. Brian Germano, preaching

*Korean Worship Service

11:00am in the Chapel

Rev. Daniel Kim

October 11, 2015 7th Sunday in Kingdomtide

*Early Worship Service

9:00am in the Chapel

Dr. Brian Germano, preaching

*Morning Glory

9:00am in the Fellowship Hall

Mr. Blake Trent, preaching

*Traditional Service

11:00am in the Sanctuary

Dr. Brian Germano, preaching

*Korean Worship Service

11:00am in the Chapel

Rev. Daniel Kim

*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.



Operation Christmas Child...

is a mission of Samaritan's Purse. This year our church has set a goal of 300 boxes to fill to send to children in need around the world! There will be boxes in each worship service this Sunday, October 4th, as well as in various places around the church. Our church can reach this goal with the help of our members, friends, and church families!

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

WEW Meal on October 7, 2015

Menu: Hamburger steak, baked potatoes, veggie, salad bar, dessert.
 Children: Mini burgers & PB & J sandwiches.

WEW Meal on October 14, 2015

Menu: Company chicken, rice, 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.

REMEMBRANCES RECEIVED

Memorials

Mr. Tim Huckstep - Dennis & Fay Riddle, Jim & Robyne Hunnicutt

Football Faith

Learning the value of being part of God's "team".

- October 4 - In the Pocket (Luke 16:1-13)
- October 11 - Practice Reps (2 Corinthians 9:1-2, 6-8)
- October 19 - First and Ten (Malachi 3:8-10)
- October 25 - Endzone Celebration (Numbers 10:10)

**Something Special...
 Mark Your Calendar!**

On Wednesday, **October 14th**, **Brain and Ellen Dubberly**, our missionaries on the ground in **El Salvador**, will be with us at Wednesday Evening Weekly and present an update on all that is taking place in El Salvador. Please join us in the **small dining room at 5:45 pm** to meet the Dubberly's, welcome them to our church, and thank them for the work they are doing on behalf of our larger Methodist family.



United Methodist Women

On Saturday, October 3rd, our church's United Methodist Women will host the annual meeting of the North Georgia Conference United Methodist Women.

We will host over 300 women from around the state as they worship together, learn from each other, and set their goals for 2016. We are looking forward to sharing our facility and our hospitality with these visitors.

OCTOBER USHERS

Jim Hardy, Captain	Philip Ivey	Jeff Baker
Lamar McKeen	Orren Gilbert	Andy Camp
Terri Bassett	Jay Allred	Skip Smith
Keenan Knight		

ALTAR GUILD

Joanna Selbie, Chair	Debbie Adams	Linda Daniel
T Fagan	Pat Gilbert	Jane Willey
Youth-Annie & Elizabeth Burch		

MORNING GLORY

Suzie Highland

COMMUNION COMMITTEE

Jane Willey	Betty Johnson, Lea Rawlinson
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OCTOBER UMW Circles

October 12th

Esther	10:00am	Church Library
Ruth	10:30am	Rochelle Davis 204 College St, Mountville, Ga.
Susanna	10:00am	Marty Young 211 E. Lane Circle
Lydia	10:00am	Betty Johnson 108 Windridge
Elizabeth	10:00am	T Fagan 258 S. Pine Cove Drive
Hannah	7:00pm	Genesis Class

October 13th

Mary	3:00pm	Parlor
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THANK YOU PAIGE!

For the last two years, **Paige Schine** has provided excellent leadership for our church's adult handbell choir. Starting in October, she'll be taking a well-deserved retirement from that role so that she can spend more time with her family. When our bell choir resumes early in 2016, you'll still see her playing, but under a new leader. Please join me in offering a hearty "thank you!" to Paige for her service to Christ through the leadership of our bell choir!



**LaGrange - Troup County
 Council of Church Women
 Fall Luncheon**

Monday, October 26th, 12:00 noon
St. Peter's Catholic Church
200 Lafayette Parkway
\$10.00 Donation

*****Special Notice*****

The Trinity Street parking lot will be the site of the Trunk or Treat Family Event on October 25th. **The parking lot and Trinity Street will be closed to traffic after church that day, (12:30 to 8:00pm).**



Trunk or Treat is October 25th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The deadline to register a vehicle for our Second Annual Trunk or Treat is October 18 by 5:00 p.m. Registration forms are in the Church Office, or you can register online here: <http://goo.gl/forms/DaivabXtMa>.

We also need volunteers! We can't make this happen without the help of our parents and church members. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Grayson Bailey at childrens@lagrangefumc.org or 706-594-5794.



The Cake Walk and other Games will be back this year for children...of all ages!

We need bags of individually wrapped candy for the games and trunks **and** we need baked goodies **CAKES—CUPCAKES—PIES**, etc. for the cake walk.

Please bring your candy donations in as soon as you catch that really good deal on candy.

Baked Items will be needed the day of the Trunk or Treat Event.

Youth Ministry

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



We are looking for drivers to help get students to schools on our Chick-fil-a mornings! If you are free on the first and third Tuesdays in the morning, we have students at LaGrange Academy, Callaway, and Long Cane that would love to join us, but do not have rides to school after our devotional. Please contact Kali, if you can help.



Mid-High Madness

Join us for an afternoon movie October 17th @ Noon. Bring \$ for your ticket and snacks.

Sr. High Late Night

Join us for a late night Zombie adventure in Columbus.
October 11th after Sunday Night aLive
Cost: \$40 (This event supports the Springer Opera House and Community Arts,)
Sign up by October 7th!



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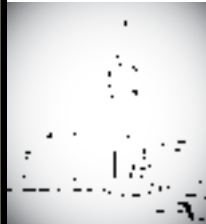
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We always look forward to hearing from you.



"To Know and To Make Christ Known"

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FINANCIAL REPORT 2015

Needed Weekly \$ 23,919.59
Given Last Week \$ 16,489.39
Needed YTD \$ 932,864.01
Received YTD \$ 894,440.51

ATTENDANCE, Sunday, September 20

Sunday School.....263
Worship Service.....343

ATTENDANCE, Sunday, September 27

Sunday School.....249
Worship Service.....330

Items Needed for October
Ramen Noodles &
Individual Juice Boxes

Calendar for October 4 - October 10

Sunday * Nursery
*Worship Services
*10:00am..... Sunday School
12:00pm..... Acolyte Training
5:00pm..... Mid & Sr. High Youth Activities
Monday
11:00-11:30am..... Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
7:00pm..... Morning Glory Band Rehearsal
Tuesday
12:30pm..... Red Cross Blood Drive
7:00pm..... Boy Scouts
Wednesday
11:30am..... Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
5:00pm..... Wednesday Evening Weekly
5:15pm..... College Discussion Group
5:30pm..... Children's M.E.R.G.E Activities
6:00pm..... Young Parents Small Group
6:00pm..... Youth Activities
6:30pm..... Chancel Choir
Thursday
9:45am..... Prayer Group
Friday
7:00am..... Men's Coffee & Prayer Group
Saturday
8:00am..... Men's Breakfast

Calendar for October 11 - October 17

Sunday * Nursery
*Worship Services
*10:00am..... Sunday School
4:00pm..... Nominations Committee
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
7:00pm..... Boy Scouts
Wednesday
11:30am..... Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
5:00pm..... Wednesday Evening Weekly
5:15pm..... College Discussion Group
5:30pm..... Children's M.E.R.G.E Activities
5:45pm..... El Salvador Mission Special Presentation
6:00pm..... Young Parents Small Group
6:00pm..... Youth Activities
6:30pm..... Chancel Choir
Thursday
9:00am..... Community Care
9:45am..... Prayer Group
Friday
7:00am..... Men's Coffee & Prayer Group
Saturday

CHURCH STAFF
email made easier

Your church staff may also be reached
via email by using their first name then
@lagrangefumc.org.

Examples:

brian@lagrangefumc.org
blake@lagrangefumc.org
andy@lagrangefumc.org

55th Annual BBQ sponsored
by and held at **Harmony United**
Methodist Church
6008 Roanoke Road
Sunday, October 25, 2015
Serving from 11:00am to
3:00pm
ALL YOU CAN EAT
Adults \$10.00
Children under 12 - \$8.00
Take-out plates are available.

OCTOBER MEN'S
BREAKFAST

The United Methodist Men will
meet for breakfast on Saturday,
October 10th at 8:00am in the small
dining room for a delicious home
cooked breakfast. The speaker for the
meeting will be **Charles Holland**,
retired Navy and current Training
Officer for 233rd SeaBee Battalion,
Sea Cadets. All men in the church are
invited. You don't want to miss this
opportunity for a great meal and terrific
fellowship.