



The Flame

First United Methodist Church, Paragould, Arkansas

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BLUEGRASS MUSIC AT 9:00 WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY



We'll be pickin' & grinnin' at the 9:00 worship service this Sunday, May 9 (Mother's Day).

The ladies of the 9:00 Praise Team will sing a Cherry Holmes arrangement of "No One to Sing for Me" and the congregation will sing Mom's favorite songs (according to the ballots collected last Sunday).



And for those who enjoy Motown music — the Bodacious Bells (7th-12th grade ringers) will perform a theme & variation on Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" at the 11:00 worship service. (They will encore this piece at the senior banquet.)

Questions? Comments?

Contact Celeste at church 239-8541 or home 236-2555 or email cletchworth@fumcparagould.org

Don't forget to turn in your "Debt of Gratitude" commitment card this Sunday!

Angel Food Ministries

Next Sunday is Angel Food order Sunday at FUMC. Please consider buying a donation box that will go to someone in need. Almost 20 percent of the orders taken are donations. Grace Bible Mission, Agape House and Mission Outreach are some of our normal recipients for the donated food boxes.

I am a member of the Wesley Sunday School Class and our current study guide is Moments That Take Your Breath Away, and when you know some of the stories of the people and groups Angel Food are helping, it takes your breath away. We have people ordering for someone they know in need and sending the receipt to them. We are giving food boxes to a person that is cooking for the children in the neighborhood that aren't getting good meals. These are just a few of the wonderful things happening with this ministry right here in our community due to Angel Food.

Please prayerfully consider buying a box of food as a donation box. Challenge yourself or your Sunday School class to buy a box to donate next Sunday. Let's help to feed the needy and show our Church's love.

God is Good!! All the Time!!
Erik Eliason



A few weeks ago I announced that Rev. Angie Gage will be appointed as our associate effective June 29. Although this is weeks away, the time will pass quickly. Please welcome Angie by:

- Cards/letters to P O Box 219, Bay, AR 72411
- Email to pastor.angie@gmail.com
- Facebook—Angie Gage

As Angie and her daughter Bailey prepare for their move to Paragould we ask that you be in prayer for them.

Children's News

Tricia Weaver, Christian Education/Children's Director

Rotation Sunday School

The next Rotation is "Seven Helpers" and will run from May 9—June 6. Need teachers for: Games, Arts & Crafts, and Movie. Please contact Tricia if you would like to teach.

Rotation Sunday School Mission Project: The Arts & Crafts rotation workshops are making cards for needy children. They are collecting stuffed animals to go with these cards, Please help your child in rotation to remember to bring a stuff animal that they are willing to part with! The bin is in the Arts & Crafts room on the 3rd floor. If you have a child not in rotation but would like to donate, contact Mrs. Tricia.

Confirmation Class - Confirmation Sunday will be on Pentecost Sunday, May 23. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS. The confirmand may be confirmed at their choice of the 9:00 am or 11:00 am Worship Service. You will be receiving details in the mail from Mrs. Tricia. Also, after the 11:00 Worship Service, we will be celebrating confirmation at a fish fry hosted by the youth.

Children's Council There will be a Children's Council meeting on Monday, May 24, at 6:00 pm to discuss VBS. VBS this year is "Galactic Blast" and will run from July 26-29.

T-Shirts—If you would like a commemorative shirt from this year children's musical, contact Mrs. Tricia. We have several youth sizes for sale at only \$5 each.

Youth News

Jeff Weaver, Youth Minister

Fish Fry

Sunday, May 23 - 11:00 am—1:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

All proceeds will be used towards our summer trip.

Youth Summer Trip will be to "White Water Express" a Christian camp in Decatur, Georgia, June 27—July 2. Activities will include: Hayride & cookout, Ropes course, Rappelling, Group games, Horseback trail rides, Paintball games, Mountain bike rides and Rafting. We will also have designated worship and devotional times. **\$25 deposit is required by May 15.** Total cost of the trip is \$250 per youth. Contact Jeff if you have any questions at 239-1768.

No UMYF this Sunday because of Mother's Day.

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Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 9
 8:00 am Early Service
 *9:00 am Contemporary Service
 10:00 am Sunday School
 *11:00 am Traditional Service
 1:00 pm Hispanic Service

Monday, May 10
 6:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, May 11
 1:30 pm Glenna Rose UMW
 2:00 pm Jennie Knox UMW
 6:00 pm Scouts

Wednesday, May 12
 6:00 pm Men's Bible Study
 9:00 am Beth Moore
 6:30 pm Chancel Choir
 7:30 pm Praise Team

Thursday, May 13
 9:00 am Prayer Ministry
 7:00 pm Scout Roundtable
 7:00 pm Hispanic

Sunday, May 16
 8:00 am Early Service
 *9:00 am Contemporary Service
 10:00 am Sunday School
 *11:00 am Traditional Service
 1:00 pm Hispanic Service
 6:00 pm Senior Banquet

**Nursery Provided*

Memorials

In Memory of
Emmy Witt by David & Carol Moseley, Buster Miller
Monra Riggs by David & Carol Moseley
Jane Giguere by Bill & Pat Phillips, Homemaker's Sunday School Class
Lou Tripod on *Mother's Day* by her children
Ruth Blalock on *Mother's Day* by Debbie DaVault

In Honor of
Mary Esther Herget on *Mother's Day* by Nancy Wood
Sandra & Oliver Humphreys by Debbie DaVault

Volunteers

NURSERY

May 9: Kay Luter (9-10)
 Jennifer Cook (9-10)
 Mary Ann Rand (10-12)
 Kelly Huffman (10-12)

May 16: Janice Wilcox (9-10)
 Pat Fulkerson (9-10)
 Crete Rhodes (10-12)
 Frankie Arant (10-12)

May 23: Debbie Brown (9-10)
 Louise Woods (9-10)
 Donna Jones (11-12)
 Mary Ann Allen (10-12)

May 30: Julie Rowe (9-10)
 Janie Harris (9-10)
 Tori Thompson (10-12)
 Christie Dollar (10-12)

ACOLYTES

May 9: Kirby Weaver, John Brengard, Jenna Rawls
 May 16: Hannah Risker, Walt Reynolds, Lily McDaniel
 May 23: Alyssa Reece, Anna Clara May, Sara Giguere
 May 30: Kyleigh Horner, Abby Rogers, Kirby Weaver

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

May 9: Luke & Jame' Cook
 May 16: Kara Guinn
 May 23: Youth Council
 May 30: Liz May & Dannelle Rogers

BLUE JEAN USHERS

May 9: Susan Nanke, Jeff Phillips, Nancy & Michael Bruce
 May 16: Mike, Tracy, Travis & Payton Finch
 May 23: Dale & Caroline Schenk, Rusty McAllister, Susie Cook
 May 30: Jeremy Willis, Shay Nanke, Tim Roswell, Sally Martin

Mugging Ministry

May 9: Jim & Mary Beth Weidman
 May 16: Bob & Sharon Reynolds
 May 23: Carl & Sara Schexnaydre
 May 30: Nathan & Angela Newby

Sympathy to

Andy & Sara Giguere and Mary Justice and families on the death of Andy's mother, Sara's grandmother, and Mary's sister, Jane Giguere.

Prayers / Presence / Gifts

Weekly Budget Needs	13,460.56
Weekly Contributions	10,134.75
YTD Contributions	191,784.93
YTD Budget	242,290.08
2010 Budget	699,494.00

Debt of Gratitude:
 January 2010 Debt 674,315.76 (not including interest)
 Paid to date (5/5) 66,526.00

"Debt of Gratitude" commitment cards are requested to be turned in by May 9 so we can celebrate the commitments on May 23. Remember to prayerfully consider what you can give over and above your current financial commitment.

Attendance

	May 25	Last Year
8:00	35	50
9:00	211	215
11:00	182	150
Total	428	415

Hospital

Prayer Requests

SPC Andrew Goodwin	875th	
Johnny Townsley	Bette Brewer	Randy Boyd
Jerry Yates	Sara MacDonald	Kristi Millard
Bill Burnett	Jackson Shepherd	Jorden Davidson
Berneice Howard	Don Hudson	Candi Crosno
Nichole Babcock	Keith Bean	Keith Willis
Ronnie Reeves	Joyce Vallentine	Gayle Eden
Mary Stark	Lori Thompson	Jane McKenzie
Brian Noland	Claude Martin	Noah Crowe
Keith Griffith	Ryan Hobson	Kenyon Huggins
Melissa Becton	James Rashke	Alice Jones
Maleta Scudder	Marti Refkin	Roella Williams
Robin Williams	Jeanie Mockewich	Joan Ratton
Joey Barr	Velma Clifford	Will & Tasha Tarry
Dalton Lane	Joann Allison	Parker Kocsis
Aaron Schenk	Yuba Williams	Carol Elmore
Julie Wilkins	Chuck Roming	Dana Self
Mike Holsten	Helen Havens	Jerry West
Ashlyn Walker	Dr. Brannon Treece	

Please inform the church office if a name can be removed from this list. Thank you



Life Line Screening

As many of you may not know, stroke is a leading cause of death today, affecting over 750,000 people each year. Every 45 seconds in America, someone suffers a stroke and every 3 minutes, someone dies from one.

According to the National Stroke Association, approximately 97% of Americans cannot recognize the signs of stroke and that is why we have decided to bring Life Line Screening, a leading mobile health screening service, into our church to offer life-saving ultrasound screenings.

These tests are important and necessary. Most people don't realize that these tests are not typically offered during a regular physical, as they are not usually covered by insurance, so for most of you and the people you love, stroke prevention lies in your hands.

Stroke can change your life, but it can also take your life. Please consider taking part in these life-saving screenings. If you would like to take the next step in saving your life or the life of someone you know, please contact 800-679-5192 to schedule an appointment on Thursday, June 3 for these screening tests at First United Methodist Church.

For only \$139, you will have the following: Stroke/Carotid Artery Screening; Heart Rhythm Screening; Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening; and Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening. For an additional \$10 you can receive the Osteoporosis Screening.

At the present time, Medicare does not cover the cost of these screening services and Life Line does not file insurance claims. Major credit cards are accepted.

Appointments are limited so please call 800-679-5192 today to schedule yours.



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Bishop—Charles N Crutchfield
 District Superintendent—Kurt Boggan
 Pastor—Tom Letchworth
 Director of Fine Arts Ministries—Celeste Letchworth
 Minister of Music—Danny Davis
 Children's Music Director—Leigh Jackson
 Pastor to Youth and their families—Jeff Weaver
 Children/Christian Education Director—Tricia Weaver
 Church Administrator—Denise Chipman
 Custodian—Iona Stone
 Custodian—Jerry & Carla Young
 Organist—Bernard Raley

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