



The Flame

First United Methodist Church, Paragould, Arkansas

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Dear Friends,

This Sunday evening at 6:00, our church will be honoring our graduating seniors with the annual Senior Banquet.

Graduation is one of those defining moments in a young person's life, a transition from childhood into adulthood. Our church takes pride in recognizing our seniors as they take this next step in their lives.

The banquet will include a meal, music provided by some of the graduating seniors themselves, the Youth Praise Band, the Bodacious Bells, as well as the granting of two scholarships, from the UMYF and the Music Department of our church.

You are cordially invited to join us on Sunday evening. The cost of the meal will be \$8.00; the memories you will take away from the experience: priceless.

Graduating seniors this year include:

Holly Blankenship	Julia Taylor	Anna Wilson
Collin Hunt	Madison Ward	Kathryn Keel
Mathew Shelton	Ciera MacDonald	Jacob Bushong
Bailey Colbert	Ryan Tripod	Tamara Girard
Tyler Bishop		

Please contact Jeff or Denise in the church office if you would like to buy tickets in advance. Last chance to purchase tickets from one of our youth will be Sunday at 12:00.

Join us in celebrating with our seniors this accomplishment in their lives.

In Christ,

Tom



Imagine Ministries

Imagine Ministry is a process whereby we can "re-think and re-do" the way we do church in the Arkansas Annual Conference. The question is posed: How will we move into the future God is calling us to embrace?

You are invited on Sunday, May 23, at 10:00 (during the Sunday School hour) to come to the sanctuary to watch a video presented by Bishop Crutchfield. We encourage all adult Sunday School classes to attend.

Children's News

Tricia Weaver, Christian Education/Children's Director

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 Kids—Don't forget you will be serving at the Sr. Banquet this coming Sunday, May 16. Please be in the kitchen at 4:30 pm. If you cannot make it, please 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.



Sr. Banquet
Sunday, May 16
6:00 pm
\$8.00
Fellowship Hall

MEET OUR GRADUATES

Please contact Bro. Jeff or Denise in the church office to purchase your tickets.

Fish Fry
Sunday, May 23
11:00 am—1:00 pm
\$8.00
Fellowship Hall
All proceeds will be used towards our summer trip.



Calendar of Events

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
Monday, May 17
 6:00 pm Scouts
Tuesday, May 18
 5:15 pm Trustees
 6:00 pm Scouts
Wednesday, May 19
 6:00 am Men's Bible Study
 9:00 am Beth Moore
 6:30 pm Chancel Choir
 7:30 pm Praise Team
Thursday, May 20
 9:00 am Prayer Ministry
 Noon—Silver & Gold Potluck
 7:00 pm Hispanic
Sunday, May 23
 8:00 am Early Service
 *9:00 am Contemporary Service
 10:00 am Sunday School
 *11:00 am Traditional Service
 11:00 am Youth Fish Fry
 1:00 pm Hispanic Service
 *Nursery Provided

Memorials

In Memory of
Jane Giguere by Betty Ross Hyde, David, Shirley & Kelsey Wilson, John & Gayle Eden, J & LaDonna Gilbert, Bob Branch, Carolyn Samuel, Alfred & Virginia Herget, Charles & Donna Brazil, Owen & Lacy Lusk, Mary McDaniel
Helen Goehring by Owen & Lacy Lusk
Jo Ann Branch by Jeff Branch
Ednas Collar by Shirley, David & Kelsey Wilson
Jean Wilson by David, Shirley, Kelsey Wilson
Emmy Witt by Chancel Choir
In Honor of
Eva Hopkins and Matilene Kirk for everything they do

Volunteers

NURSERY

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 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 16: Kara Guinn
 May 23: Youth Council
 May 30: Liz May & Dannelle Rogers

BLUE JEAN USHERS

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 16: Bob & Sharon Reynolds
 May 23: Carl & Sara Schexnaydre
 May 30: Nathan & Angela Newby

Sympathy to

- † Lisa Dachs and family on the death of her father, Jerry Yates
- † Bob & Bonida Poyner, Richard & Brooksie Hartness and families on the death of Bob's mother and Brooksie's grandmother, Pauline Poyner
- † Family and Friends of Bob Meriwether

Prayers / Presence / Gifts

Weekly Budget Needs	13,460.56
Weekly Contributions	10,848.50
YTD Contributions	202,633.43
YTD Budget	255,750.64
2010 Budget	699,494.00

Debt of Gratitude:
 January 2010 Debt 674,315.76 (not including interest)
 Paid to date (5/9) 72,666.00

“Debt of Gratitude” commitment cards are requested to be turned in now 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 9	Last Year
8:00	30	24
9:00	248	240
11:00	212	215
Total	490	479

Hospital

Prayer Requests

SPC Andrew Goodwin	875th	
Johnny Townsley	Bette Brewer	Randy Boyd
Sara MacDonald	Kristi Millard	Bill Burnett
Jackson Shepherd	Jorden Davidson	Berneice Howard
Don Hudson	Candi Crosno	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

Have you returned your 'Debt of Gratitude' Commitment Card?

Automatic Debit Authorization

What an easy way to contribute your tithes. Whether you forget your checkbook or miss a Sunday, your contributions can still be made to the church each month just by filling out a simple form. Each month (Tuesday after third Sunday) your requested amount will be taken from your account and deposited into the church's account. Easy enough? For more information just contact Denise in the church office, 239-8541. With summer fast approaching now is a great time to start.



AUTO-DEBIT



Please remember when paying on your 'Debt of Gratitude' commitment to please mark your check accordingly. If there is no notation on the check it automatically goes into the general budget account.

Thanks, Denise

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Ministers—Every Church Member

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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