

The Flame

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First United Methodist Church
Paragould, Arkansas

Bible Study

Monday nights during the month of August
7:00 pm—8:00 pm

Led by Rev. Angie Gage

Hope Lives - Hope lives and that hope is personified in Jesus Christ. We can offer that hope to our world but we are also to help relieve the pain and suffering in our world. Take a journey into the heart of Jesus that transforms your heart as we study together during the month of August. This is a multimedia study which will lead you in transformation with video clips, thought provoking questions, discussion and fellowship with others. Child care will be provided.

The study book will be \$14.00. If interested, please call the church office no later than July 22, or turn in the registration so we can order enough books.

Hope Lives Bible Study

Yes, I am interested and plan on taking this study during the month of August.

Please order a book for me at my cost of \$14.00.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Childcare needed: _____ Yes _____ No

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.

We are needing a few people to take orders one Sunday a month at our church. Sandra Humphreys was doing this but she has moved to get closer to her family. We take orders from 8:30 to 11:30 in the Welcome Center. Please contact me (Erik Eliason 870-268-0334) if you are interested.

Please prayerfully consider buying a box of food as a donation box or helping with order taking. 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



Children's News

Tricia Weaver, Christian Education/Children's Director



Preschool Movie Time

with Hermie runs every Monday until August 2. Join us for popcorn and drink on the third floor at 10 am.

Youth News

Jeff Weaver, Youth Minister

UMY is open to all youth 7th—12th grade. We meet each Sunday evening at 5:00 pm.

Summer Activities

Youth room is open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 am—3:00 pm. Come hang out if you want!

Thursday, July 22 we are going to "Bluff Falls" (water park) in Poplar Bluff, Mo. We will leave the church at 9:30 am. Contact Jeff if you want to come. You will need to bring \$12 and an appropriate suit.



Vacation Bible School

"Galactic Blast"

July 26—29
5:00—8:00 pm

Ages 3—5th grade (last school year)

A nursery will be available for VBS volunteers that have children under 3 years of age.

Decorating will be Sunday, July 25, at 3:00 pm. All are welcome to come! If you would like to volunteer, please fill out a form by the Fellowship Hall or the Church office, or contact Mrs. Tricia.

A "Galactic Blast" CD is on sale for \$5 each. This CD includes the VBS songs and games for the computer. Contact Mrs. Tricia.



Blankets for Babies

A new project has been started at FUMC. Blankets for Babies will provide a hand made knitted or crocheted blanket for each baby baptized in the church. If anyone is interested in helping make these blankets, please contact Jackie Barnett or Kay Bland.

An Evening with Beth Holloway

Saturday, October 2
Paragould Community Center - 6 pm

For one night only, The Women's Council at Arkansas Methodist presents Beth Holloway and her message "Victim to Victor." For just \$50, hear Beth's powerful story of never-ending faith, courage and hope that will truly inspire and strengthen your own life.

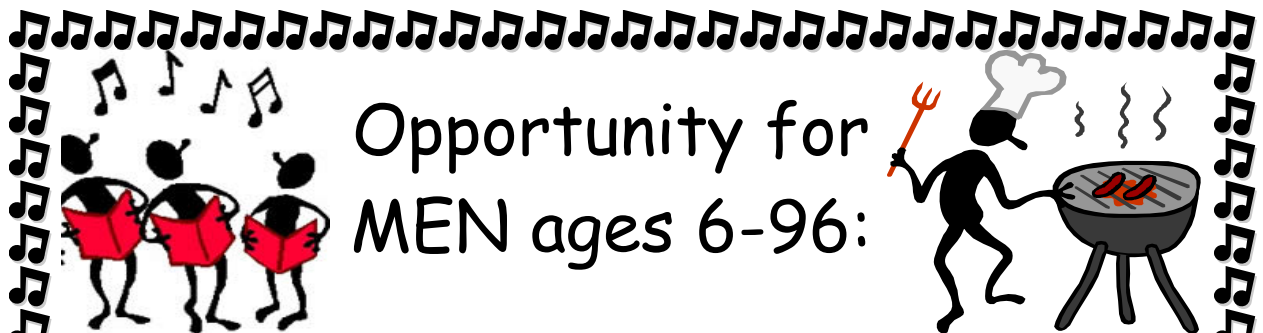


Also during this rare evening, Mary Esther Herget will be presented with the first ever Celebrating the Spirit of Women Award.

A limited number of tickets are available. To purchase, call 870-239-7077.

Silver & Gold Potluck

Tired of eating by yourself. Fix your favorite dish and bring it this Thursday to the Silver and Gold Potluck at noon in Fellowship Hall. Join us for good food and wonderful fellowship!



Opportunity for MEN ages 6-96:

FOOD, FUN, FELLOWSHIP, and an opportunity to BE A BLESSING

- **Time commitment:** Wed., July 21 — 6:00-6:30 Cookout
6:30-7:30 Choir Loft
Sun., July 25 — 10:45 Warmup
11:00 Sing the anthem
- **Purpose:** An intergenerational experience of "guy" fellowship
- **Dress:** Casual (no choir robes)
- **Music Details:** We'll sing *In Christ Alone* (guaranteed very easy to learn)
- **Selection Process:** No talent or experience necessary. Lip syncing allowed.
- **Opportunity:** There is something about seeing/hearing a bunch of men singing praises to God — plus it's beneficial for young men to participate with their mentors. (Think of the choir loft as a large duck blind...)

PLEASE CONTACT ME SO I CAN GIVE A HEAD COUNT TO THE COOKS

DESSERT We need desserts donated for our men's cookout/singing Wednesday, July 21. Can you bake/buy and deliver? Let me know. Thanks!

So far, July has been awesome... The Chancel Choir got the month started off with a bang (pun intended) on July 4 with an **amazing** performance of *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*. When they sang the last page, it sounded like a Hollywood film! Then July 11 we brought back the drums, Drums, DRUMS with *Prepare Ye the Way* to go with Angie's Old Testament sermon. What a great way for her to begin her time with us. What a blessing for us to have her in the pulpit that day! And Greig Lynn helped the Holy Spirit feel at home here at FUMC (*chasing after You, I'm so hungry for Your presence, my life is in Your hands...*) Such an anointing from God that we do not deserve. Looking forward to seeing God work in the remaining part of this month.

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

Prayers / Presence / Gifts

Weekly Budget Needs	13,460.56
Weekly Contributions	12,651.26
YTD Contributions	296,998.39
YTD Budget	376,895.68
2010 Budget	699,494.00

Debt of Gratitude:	
January 2010 Debt	674,315.76 (not including interest)
Paid to date (7/14)	97,546.00

Attendance

	July 11	Last Year
8:00	37	26
9:00	200	171
11:00	137	149
Total	374	346

NOTE: Due to privacy laws, our pastors are unable to access hospital admission records as they have in the past. For our pastors to know you are in the hospital, please inform the Church Office. It is our goal to do everything in our power to minister to your spiritual needs and care for you in times of crisis.

Hospital Brian Griffith Craig Nanke Nancy Gage

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
Joyce Vallentine	Keith Willis	Ronnie Reeves
Lori Thompson	Jane McKenzie	Claude Martin
Noah Crowe	Keith Griffith	Ryan Hobson
Kenyon Huggins	James Rashke	Maleta Scudder
Marti Refkin	Joan Rattton	Joey Barr
Roella Williams	Robin Williams	Velma Clifford
Will & Tasha Tarry	Dalton Lane	Joann Allison
Parker Kocsis	Yuba Williams	Carol Elmore
Julie Wilkins	Mike Holsten	Helen Havens
Ashlyn Walker	Shirley Mcord	Mary Stark
Paul Hampton	Peyton Millard	Donna Wells
Owen Church	Ary Collier	Rev. Ron Pickney
Carolyn Samuel	John Lynn	John Baldwin, Sr
Mary Stark	Alice Lee	Vernie Findley
Dennis Estes	Devin Greene	Mary Rhodes
William Findley	Todd Dudley	Andy Davis
Glen Coleman	Don Poston	Lucille Cox
Mary Yopp	Mary McDaniel	Anna Brass
Joe Schreit	Laverne Barnett	Gayle Eden

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

Sympathy to

- * Tommy & Wendy McDaniel and family on the death of Wendy's grandmother Genevieve Bates
- * Irene Ashby, Carol & Winford Moreland, Libby Taylor and families on the death of husband, father, grandfather, Frank Ashby
- * Bob Branch and family on the death of his brother, Thomas Edwin Branch

Words of Thanks

To the whole congregation of FUMC:

Words can not express the gratitude and love I feel for our home church and all the prayers and thoughtfulness that you have shown Brian and me during this time. Please keep up the prayers—we can definitely feel them. In case you hadn't heard, after church Sunday (7/4) Brian started moving his arms which he had not done yet. I know if was from all the prayers going up in church down there.

Love,

Brian and Jan

Memorials

In Memory of

Frank Ashby by Fellowship Class,
Pete Black by Betty Fletcher
Genevieve Bates (grandmother of Wendy McDaniel) by Fellowship Class,
Lawrence Miller (father of Denise Clift) by Brad, David & Debbie DaVault,
 Charles & Donna Brazil, Betty Fletcher
Leon & Gerrie Sprouse by Jeff & Teresa Branch

NURSERY

July 18: Elizabeth Sheldon (9-10)
 Jamie McIlvoy (9-10)
 Susan Blossom (11-12)
 Natalie Bland (10-12)
 July 25: Sam & Andrea Dickey (9-10)
 Jeff & Teresa Branch (10-12)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

July 18: Angela Newby
 July 25: Tonya Hill & Linda Bartlett

BLUE JEAN USHERS

July 18: Erik, Kerry & Jakob Eliason,
 Trey Dortch
 July 25: Shane & Liz May
 Tom & Jamie Carter

July Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 18	6:00 am Men's Bible Study	Monday, July 26
8:00 am Early Service	9:00 am Beth Moore Study	5:00 pm VBS
*9:00 am Contemporary Service	7:30 pm Praise Team	Tuesday, July 27
10:00 am Sunday School	Saturday, July 24	5:00 pm VBS
*11:00 am Traditional Service	Baby Shower—Audra Arant	Wednesday, July 28
1:00 pm Hispanic Service	Choate	6:00 am Men's Bible Study
4:00 pm Lay Pastoral Care	Sunday, July 25	9:00 am Beth Moore Study
5:00 pm UMYF	8:00 am Early Service	5:00 pm VBS
5:30 pm Finance Committee	*9:00 am Contemporary Service	7:30 pm Praise Team
Monday, July 19	10:00 am Sunday School	Thursday, July 29
10:00 am Preschool Movie Time	*11:00 am Traditional Service	9:00 am Prayer Ministry
Tuesday, July 20	1:00 pm Hispanic Service	5:00 pm VBS
5:15 pm Trustees	3:00 pm VBS Decorating	7:00 pm Hispanic Service
Wednesday, July 21	5:00 pm UMYF	*Nursery Provided



As most of you know, a letter has been sent to each family in our church asking for a commitment to retire the church debt. If you have not made a commitment yet, keep in mind that your commitment could be a one time gift or a pledge over a period of time. We hope to have a 100% response from each member by next Sunday, July 18. Commitment cards are available in the church office.

Prayerfully consider how you can help us meet our goal and remember that **"God loves a cheerful give."** (2 Cor. 9:7).

Thank You

The Debit Retirement Committee of FUMC

Congratulations

- Scott and Meredith Holden on the birth of their twin sons, Mathew Blake and Michael Drew. Proud grandparents are Bob and Debbie Bratton.
- Chaney and Maggie Block on the birth of their daughter, Emily Martin. Proud grandparents are Jeff and Carolyn Block, and great-grandparents are Bill and Kat Block
- Cody and Jessica Noel on the birth of their twins, Dracy Grace and Drake Wayne. Proud grandparents are Kim and Gerald Varvil and great-grandparents are Harold and Mozelle Dortch

The Greene County Fine Arts Council

presents *Li'l Abner* at the Collins Theater on July 15, 16, & 17 at 7:30 pm and July 18 at 2:00 pm. Admission is \$10.50 for adults, \$8.50 for seniors, and children 12 and under \$6.50. Many FUMC members are in the cast.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday

August 2

3 pm - 7 pm

Fellowship Hall

SHARE THE GIFT OF LIFE.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

404 West Main Street

Ministers—Every Church Member

Bishop—Charles N Crutchfield
 District Superintendent—Kurt Boggan
 Pastors— Tom Letchworth, Angie Gage
 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

Office Hours—8:00 am—4:30 pm

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www.arumc.org (Arkansas Conference)

Worship Services:

Sundays at: 8:00 am—Early worship
 9:00 am—Contemporary worship
 10:00 am—Sunday School (all ages)
 11:00 am—Traditional worship