

The Flame

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First United Methodist Church
Paragould, Arkansas



Vacation Bible School

“Galactic Blast”

July 26—29

5:00—8:00 pm

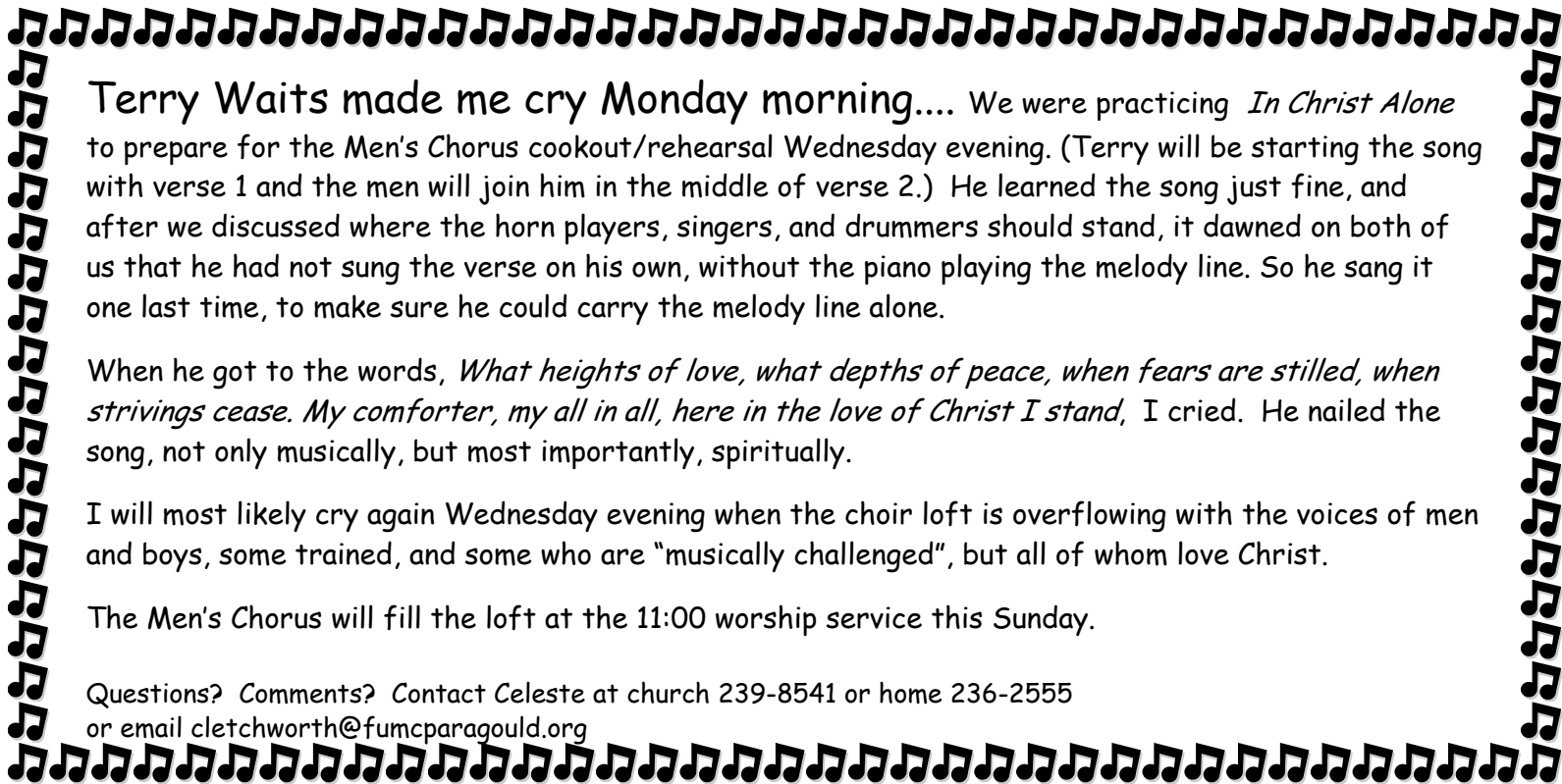
Ages 3—5th grade (last school year)



Register your child today. Forms are located in the nursery hallway or contact Mrs. Tricia. 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.



Terry Waites made me cry Monday morning.... We were practicing *In Christ Alone* to prepare for the Men's Chorus cookout/rehearsal Wednesday evening. (Terry will be starting the song with verse 1 and the men will join him in the middle of verse 2.) He learned the song just fine, and after we discussed where the horn players, singers, and drummers should stand, it dawned on both of us that he had not sung the verse on his own, without the piano playing the melody line. So he sang it one last time, to make sure he could carry the melody line alone.

When he got to the words, *What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand*, I cried. He nailed the song, not only musically, but most importantly, spiritually.

I will most likely cry again Wednesday evening when the choir loft is overflowing with the voices of men and boys, some trained, and some who are “musically challenged”, but all of whom love Christ.

The Men's Chorus will fill the loft at the 11:00 worship service this Sunday.

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

Hope Lives - BIBLE STUDY - Led by Rev. Angie Gage

Monday nights during the month of August from 7 pm—8 pm 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. Contact the church office if you are interested. Deadline is August 1.

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.

Rotation Sunday School—next up: “Building the Tabernacle” August 1 thru August 15. We need teachers for: Games, Movie, Storytelling

Youth News

Jeff Weaver, Youth Minister

All Youth!!!!

Trip to Bluff Falls Water park—Thursday, July 22
Be at the church at 9:15 am.
We will leave the church at 9:30 am. Bring \$12, towel, and appropriate suit. If you are going to attend, please contact Jeff or Tricia.



Youth, this Sunday, July 25, will meet at 3:00 pm to help set up for VBS. Afterwards we will eat at Casa Brava. Bring money to eat

Prayers / Presence / Gifts

Weekly Budget Needs	13,460.56
Weekly Contributions	8,848.11
YTD Contributions	305,846.50
YTD Budget	385,743.79
2010 Budget	699,494.00

Debt of Gratitude:	
January 2010 Debt	674,315.76 (not including interest)
Paid to date (7/20)	112,541.00

Attendance

	July 18	Last Year
8:00	26	30
9:00	153	201
11:00	101	121
Total	280	352

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

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	Paul Hampton
Peyton Millard	Owen Church	Ary Collier
Rev. Ron Pickney	John Lynn	John Baldwin, Sr
Mary Stark	Vernie Findley	Dennis Estes
Devin Greene	William Findley	Todd Dudley
Andy Davis	Glen Coleman	Don Poston
Lucille Cox	Mary Yopp	Mary McDaniel
Anna Brass	Joe Schreit	Laverne Barnett
Gayle Eden	Nancy Gage	Canyon Moore
Thomas Cook	Debbie Bunting	Jackie Barnett
Jo Mueller		

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

Sympathy to

- * Tommy and Sharon Grooms and family on the death of Tommy's mother, Geraldine Grooms
- * Family and friends of Dick Brittingham



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.



Help Needed

We are in need of someone to draw an interior floor plan for all levels of our church. We want this to be visitor friendly as we would like to have it available to visitors. If you are able to do this, please contact Angie or the church office.

Memorials

In Memory of

Frank Ashby, Sr by Mary McDaniel, Frank Ashby, Jr and family, John & Gayle Eden, Bob Branch, Sally Martin, David & Beverly Crawford, Jim & Mary Beth Weidman,
Mrs. R E Martin by Mary K Martin
Ed Branch (brother of Bob Branch) by Jim & Mary Beth Weidman
Lawrence Miller (father of Denise Clifft) by Sally Martin
Jane Giguere by Sally Martin
Emmy Witt by John & Jane McKenzie, Theda Pillow
Euclid Green by John & Jane McKenzie
Robert Meriwether by Theda Pillow
Harold Morgan by Theda Pillow
Monra Riggs by Theda Pillow

NURSERY

July 25: Sam & Andrea Dickey (9-10)
 Jeff & Teresa Branch (10-12)
 Aug 1: Kay Luter (9-10)
 Jennifer Cook (9-10)
 Mary Ann Rand (10-12)
 Kelly Huffman (10-12)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

July 25: Tonya Hill & Linda Bartlett
 Aug 1: Kristie Ford & Kelly Colbert

BLUE JEAN USHERS

July 25: Shane & Liz May
 Tom & Jamie Carter
 Aug 1: Charlie & Crete Rhodes
 Jeff & Teresa Branch

July Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 25

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
 3:00 pm VBS Decorating
 3:00 pm UMYF (help VBS setup)

Monday, July 26

10:00 am Preschool Movie Time
 5:00 pm VBS

Tuesday, July 27

5:00 pm VBS

Wednesday, July 28

6:00 am Men's Bible Study
 9:00 am Beth Moore Study
 5:00 pm VBS
 7:30 pm Praise Team

Thursday, July 29

9:00 am Prayer Ministry
 5:00 pm VBS
 7:00 pm Hispanic Service

Sunday, August 1

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
 5:00 pm UMYF

Monday, August 2

10:00 am Preschool Movie Time
 3:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive
 7:00 pm Hope Lives Bible Study

Tuesday, August 3

6:00 pm Scouts

Wednesday, August 4

6:00 am Men's Bible Study
 9:00 am Beth Moore Study
 6:30 pm Praise Team

Thursday, August 5

9:00 am Prayer Ministry
 7:00 pm Hispanic Service
 *Nursery Provided

Debt Retirement Commitment Card

We are looking for a 100% response to this campaign. We know that the economy is tough right now. If you are still paying on your building pledge no problem. Just transfer that amount to the Debt Retirement. Since construction is finished we are applying everything towards the debt. Personal calls will begin to those who have not turned in a card on August 1

Thank You

The Debt Retirement Committee of FUMC

Thank You

First United Methodist Church,

Thank you for prayers during the final illness of my brother, Ed. Thanks also for food provided at his passing.

Bob Branch

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

Phone—(870) 239-8541

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www.fumcparagould.org

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

Red Cross Blood Drive



Monday, August 2
 3 pm - 7 pm
 Fellowship Hall

SHARE THE GIFT OF LIFE.