

*The Story of fire
forged & Refined*

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To our parents,
The heart and purpose of our children and student ministry at Hamlin is to partner with you. We have been hard at work designing and developing a birth-to-graduation curriculum that is based on biblical truth and ignites a fire in the hearts of our young people. In creating this booklet, our desire is for you to get a glimpse into the vision and purpose of our ministry while giving you the language and concepts to partner alongside us in raising faithful followers of Jesus Christ.



Our mission is to BUILD the FIRE in which the next generation can be FORGED in the love of God and REFINED by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Every fire has stages... progressions... a story. This one is yours. We will guide you through every stage and encourage you through each progression. You will find your story... your fire. It is unique and beautifully designed. No two stories are the same. You have opened an unread book. And now you have a choice. Close the book, or turn the page. If you keep reading, your life will never be the same.



SPARK

0-3 Years

Someone made you! He took two different elements called flint and steel and he made you... a SPARK... you are the purest and most fragile form of fire.

Faith

God loves me

Goodness

The Bible tells me of how Jesus helped others

Knowledge

God created everything

Self Control

God helps me obey

Endurance

God is always with me

Godliness

I can praise God by singing and praying

Brotherly Affection Love

Church is a place to see and make friends

God wants me to love others



GLOW

4 Years - Kindergarten

Your spark would have gone out if someone had not started loving you and giving you air to breathe... now you are starting to Glow...

Faith

I can trust and depend on God

Goodness

God wants me to help others like Jesus helped others

Knowledge

God is the one true God

Self Control

I honor God by obeying and making good choices

Endurance

God is with me when I make mistakes

Godliness

God hears my prayers anytime of day and anywhere I am

Brotherly Affection Love

Church is a place to meet with others who love God

God wants me to share the love of Jesus with others



FLAME

1st - 2nd Grade

The air you breathe has made you stronger. Someone wants your light to shine brighter, so they add some fuel to the air around you. It is light and easy for you to carry. Something amazing happens! The glow gets brighter and bursts into a tiny flame.

Faith

God wants me to love Him and give my life to Him

Goodness

The Bible shows me how to love the world the way Jesus loved the world

Knowledge

The Bible is God's word and is how He reveals Himself to us

Self Control

I can make good choices with Jesus by my side

Endurance

God has all power to help me

Godliness

God wants me to share my life with Him through prayer and reading my Bible

Brotherly Affection Love

Church is more than a building

God wants me to share love by praying for others when they are in trouble



BLAZE

3rd - 5th Grade

The flame cannot be left to itself. Nor can it be fed the same steady diet of light fuel. This moment is crucial as the heavier fuel is added. The light and heat are almost gone. Air is breathed again and you remember where you started and how far you have come. Suddenly the flame is gone and replaced by a blaze.

Faith

God sent Jesus to save me from my sins and the Holy Spirit to guide me through life.

Goodness

The Bible helps me begin to form and justify a Godly view of the world.

Knowledge

The Bible is God's truth and tells us what He wants us to know to live a joy filled life.

Self Control

God is all wise, but permits people to choose between Him and sin. He wants me to choose Him.

Endurance

God is with me through trials and temptations. He sent the Holy Spirit to help me through all things.

Godliness

I can build a deeper relationship with Jesus through daily Bible reading and personal prayers.

Brotherly Affection Love

I can be part of the Church by regularly attending service, serving others, and using my gifts.

God wants me to love those around the world through sharing the gospel as well as giving of my time, money, and talents.



WILDFIRE

6th - 12th Grade

Your fire is strong. The height of the flames depend only upon the quality and quantity of the fuel. Your light is clear and your heat warms those around you. A wind blows.

Some of your nearly consumed fuel burns and carries ash and sparks away from the comfortable space you have always known.

A new phase of your development emerges as the sparks spread to uncharted parts of your story. You learn that fire can spread.

You see the power and responsibility of influence, The Story of Fire consumes the ground all around you.

Welcome to Wildfire.

Faith

A Crutch
Or a Shield?

Goodness

Being Good
Or Doing Good?

Knowledge

Head Knowledge
Or Heart Knowledge?

Self Control

A Suggestion
Or a Command?

Endurance

A Sprint
Or a Marathon?

Godliness

Following the Rules
Or Following God?

Brotherly Affection Love

Relationships You
Want
Or Relationships
You Need?

A Feeling
Or a Choice?

Build the fire. Share the story. This is the Story of Fire.

A long time ago a man named Paul gave some advice to a young man named Timothy. He told him to: "Fan into a flame the gift of God, which is in you (II Timothy 1:6)." The fire inside young Timothy can be yours. But like a fire it has to be built. The Story of Fire is built upon a complex worldview that can be put into simple words.

Here are the words we use.

- *The Story of God: God is real (Exodus 3:14).*
- *The Story of You: God created me (Genesis 1:27)*
- *The Story of Faith: God loves me (John 3:16)*
- *The Story Worth Sharing: God loves everyone (II Corinthians 5:20)*

The Story of Fire will never grow unless it is built upon these truths! But it will also die out unless it is properly cared for and fueled. What good is a fire that goes out? Does it serve any purpose? Does it provide any light or warmth? In a letter to a bunch of church people, an ex-fisherman named Peter warned that even churches built on the right truth could find themselves "ineffective and unproductive"... almost like a dying fire.

Thankfully Peter gave a list of things that could properly fuel the fire to keep it from burning out.

"Make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self control; and to self control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ (II Peter 1:5-8)."

The Story of Fire is built on Biblical truth and fueled by authentically embracing truth in a life changing way. At every phase of its story, fire must be nurtured, encouraged, and protected. At Hamlin Baptist Church we are committed to loving and leading your child through every chapter of this story. We never want their fire to die out. We want to fan it into a flame. We want it to grow. If it doesn't we will never fulfill our Mission: BUILD the FIRE in which the next generation can be FORGED in the love of God and REFINED by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Build the Fire.

Share the Story. The Story of fire.