

## PALM SUNDAY

*When Jesus Comes to Town*

Pastor Sam Hayes



Changing Lives by Sharing Christ, Making Disciples, Serving and Giving Hope

**4-10-22      Sermon Notes      “When Jesus Comes to Town”**

The Gospel of Mark gives us a really different, thought-provoking account of “Palm Sunday.” What do I mean by “different?” Well, in Matthew’s account (Matt. 21), the whole city of Jerusalem is in turmoil when Jesus enters, and Jesus goes right over to the temple and drives out the buyers and sellers, overturning tables and such. In Luke’s account (Luke 19), Jesus weeps over Jerusalem, and then once in the city, He enters the temple and drives out the buyers and sellers. In John’s Gospel (John 12), Jesus doesn’t even go to the temple on Palm Sunday. He had already cleansed it at the beginning of the Gospel. Instead, John has Him entering the city and beginning to teach.

But Mark? Mark says that Jesus entered the temple, looked around...and left. Doesn’t that make you wonder, “Why did Jesus leave Jerusalem and the temple backtrack to Bethany?” That seems sort of, well, anticlimactic. Mark 11: 11 tells us that Jesus went back “because it was already late.” What if Jesus was late getting somewhere He needed to go – late doing something He needed to do? Hmm... Let’s look at Mark’s Palm Sunday account:

*When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup> and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” <sup>4</sup> They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup> some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup> They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup> Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup> Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup> Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,*

*“Hosanna!*

*Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!*

*<sup>10</sup> Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”*

*<sup>11</sup> Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve. (Mark 11: 1-11 NRSV)*

Late for what? Curious minds want to know! Well, join us this Palm Sunday to find out! Also, we are going to have “Donkeys and Donuts!” How could you resist that? Don’t you want to know what happens when Jesus comes to town?

See you Sunday! Pastor Sam

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**Worship Opportunities**

Thursday Worship: 5:30 pm, Sanctuary  
 Mosaic, Thursdays, 6:00 pm, Back Forty

**Sunday Mornings:**

Celebration, 9 am\*

Traditions, 11 am\*

\*In Person (Sanctuary) and Online

[www.fumcgadsden.org/media](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/media) or  
 on Facebook Live: @FUMCGadsden

**Tech Team Schedule**

(Please arrive 45 minutes  
 prior to the start of the service.)

**April 10 (Palm Sunday)**

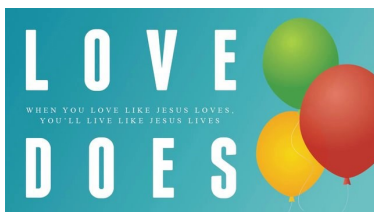
**Celebration:** Eric Wright, Bill Haller,  
 Brad Barnes, Elizabeth Barnes

**Traditions:** Sheila Freeman, Carmen McKiven  
 Jacob McKiven

**April 17 (Easter Sunday)**

**Celebration:** Will Brookshire, Bill Haller,  
 Brynn Crain

**Traditions:** Mark Condra, Tammy Hayes



**LOVE  
DOES**

By Bob Goff

Small Group Study on Sunday Mornings!  
In the Gathering Room @ 10 am  
All Ages are Welcome! Led by Pastor Andy  
(You will love the food!)

### Bible Study with Pastor Sam

40 Days of Prayer  
Wednesday Morning, 11 AM  
& Wednesday Evenings at 6 pm  
With Pastor Sam  
In the Gathering Room! Everyone Welcome!

### Small Group Study w/ Harriet Murray

40 Days of Prayer  
Wednesdays @ 6 pm  
Room 110

## Wednesday Activities & Fellowship Meal on Wednesday, April 13

**Chick-Fil-A, Chips, Fruit, Dessert**  
**\$7 per person, \$3 for age 11 and under (Max \$20 per family)**

### Thursdays, Men at the Well, 7:00 am via Zoom

You are invited to join the weekly ZOOM bible study with the Men at the Well small group. If you are interested please see the contact information below to join this discussion group. It meets each Thursday morning at 7 am.

Beginning March 3rd the study will be "40 Days of Prayer" by Rick Warren

Go to [www.fumcgadsden.org/menatthewell](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/menatthewell) for more details.

Contact Todd Rains, Mark Condra or Mark Casey or any of the Men at the Well for more information and the Zoom link.

### RECONNECT with the Sunday School Class of Your Choice!

- Living Water Sunday School Class, Chapel, In person and online. Meet in the Chapel or Contact a member of the class for the link to join online! "No Wonder They Crucified Him", Discover why Jesus was a dangerous man, by Daniel Myer
- Martin Fellowship Class, Room 116, International Bible Studies
- Pathfinders Class, "Love Does" by Bob Goff, *will not meet on April 10th. Please join us at "Donkeys and Donuts" on the West Lawn near the Portico.*
- Looking for a Sunday School Class? We can help. Contact one of the Pastor Sam Hayes, Pastor Andy Yarnell or Sheila Freeman, Director of Connectional Ministries for help! Email: [sheila@fumcgadsden.org](mailto:sheila@fumcgadsden.org)





## ELC News

On Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, the ELC will host Easter Egg Hunts and parties. All students are asked to donate 12 age appropriate stuffed eggs (no chocolate) by Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> in preparation of this special day. Donuts for Dads will be hosted on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:50-9:30 am in the portico entrance and classrooms. Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> will be our last lunchbox revolt for the 2021-2022 school year. Our vendor will be The Dog House and information sheets will come home soon. A teacher appreciation breakfast will be hosted by ELC parents on Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. If anyone would like to help with this event, please contact Haley Carn at 662/380-1197. *Helene Haller*

**Wednesday Night Dinner April 13:**  
Chick Fil A \$7 per person, \$3 under age 11  
(\$20 Max per Family)



## Youth Ministry News

**Sunday, April 10:** Palm Sunday, Between the services at 10 am—Donkeys and Donuts!

**Wednesday, April 13:** Youth re-creation and discussion about the Last Supper, John 13:1-17, 31-35

**Saturday, April 16:** Youth help with kid's Easter Egg Hunt. Come around 10 am to hide eggs. Event ends at noon.

**Sunday, April 17:** Easter Sunday! Join us at 9 am or 11 am!

**Wednesday, April 20:** Youth Gross and Weird Egg Hunt. Discussion about Luke 24:1-12

*Look for info on awesome May events coming soon!  
A Sunday hiking trip? A camp out? And lots of fun!*

*—Pastor Andy*

## GFUMC Children's Spring Calendar

February	9  Valentine's Party 6:00	13  Valentine's Sunday!	23  National Dog Biscuit Day Let's make dog biscuits!	
March	2  Ash Wednesday	23  Popcorn and Pajamas!	30  HAPPY spring break	
April	10  Palm Sunday 1st-5th play handbells	13  Nachos and Nerf War!	16  Easter Egg Hunt	17  EASTER
May	4  Glow for Jesus! Party @6:00	11  CHURCH PICNIC		

## GFUMC CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Wonderful Wednesday's Sunday Children's Church  
Wednesday's at 6:00 Sunday's during each service  
in the Kid's Worship Room 9:00 and 11:00  
Room 108 Room 108



CELEBRATE

Gadsden First United Methodist Church

## EASTER EGG HUNT

April 16 : 11a-12p

GFUMC

115 S. 5TH STREET  
GADSDEN, AL

EGG HUNT REFRESHMENTS ARTS + CRAFTS

GADSDEN FIRST UNITED METHODIST  
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



## April Mission Focus



Remote Area Medical: RAM Clinic  
April 22-24, 2022

Gadsden City High School  
1917 Black Creek Pkwy  
Gadsden, AL 35904

To find out more information on how you can volunteer go to [volunteer.ramusa.org](https://volunteer.ramusa.org) and select event: Gadsden, AL @ Gadsden City High School. **Volunteer registration closes on April 8th.**

### R.A.M. April 23 & 24, 2022, Gadsden City High School

Free dental, vision and medical services are provided on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 6 am. (Parking opens at 11:59 pm on Friday, April 22 and will remain open.) Due to time constraints, be prepared to choose between DENTAL and VISION services. Medical services are offered to every patient attending the clinic. <https://www.ramusa.org/event/gadsden-al-2022/>

Patients will be required to wear a face-covering and must undergo a COVID-19 screening before entering the clinic. All services are free and open to the public. No ID required. In some situations, such as inclement weather, volunteer cancellations, or other circumstances outside of RAM's control, the parking lot may open earlier or a smaller number of patients may be served. RAM encourages everyone who would like services, especially dental services, to arrive as early as possible.

\*Clinic closing time may vary based on each service area's daily capacity. Please check RAM's clinic FAQ page for more information.

\*\*The above details are subject to change. Please continue to check their website for the schedule and updates as your clinic dates near.

### What is R.A.M.

Remote Area Medical (RAM) is a major nonprofit provider of free pop-up clinics. Their mission is to prevent pain and alleviate suffering by providing free, quality healthcare to those in need. They do this by delivering free dental, vision, and medical services to underserved and uninsured individuals. RAM's Corps of more than 172,900 volunteers—licensed dental, vision, medical, and veterinary professionals—have treated more than 863,700 individuals delivering more than \$174 million worth of free care.

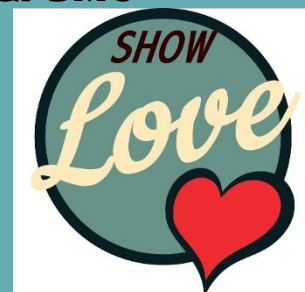
### UMW NEWS

The UMW luncheon is April 18th at 12:00 noon in the Gathering Room. The speaker is Shirley Du Pont, member-at-large and curriculum Chair of the University of Alabama OLLI Program (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute). She will discuss the OLLI curriculum. The executive board will meet in at 10:30 am in room 208. Please contact Delores Abney by phone 256-458-0376 or email [deloresdda53@gmail.com](mailto:deloresdda53@gmail.com) to make your reservation by noon on April 15th.

Barbara Bennett, President



## GFUMC



"By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:35

### Clothes Closet

#### Workdays

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

#### Open to Public

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

9:00 am to 11:00 am

516 Broad Street Gadsden

Thank you to all our volunteers for their time and service to these missions!

### Ladle of Love

Fridays, 11:00am-12:00pm,  
at the Portico entrance.

### Clients served in February 2022

Ladle of Love	345
Clothes Closet	205



Find out more about mission and service opportunities @ [www.fumcgadsden.org/serve](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/serve)

Church Phone 256-543-8200  
[fumc@fumcgadsden.org](mailto:fumc@fumcgadsden.org)

#gfumcreconnect2021



Palm Sunday, April 10

## Donkeys and Donuts In the GreenSpace 10 am to 11 am



# He Brews

...where your cup runneth over



FIRST UMC GADSDEN

**Inviting Ministries welcomes  
you to our new Coffee Café!**

We have your Sunday Cup of Coffee  
waiting for you  
between 10 am 11 am on Sunday  
mornings.

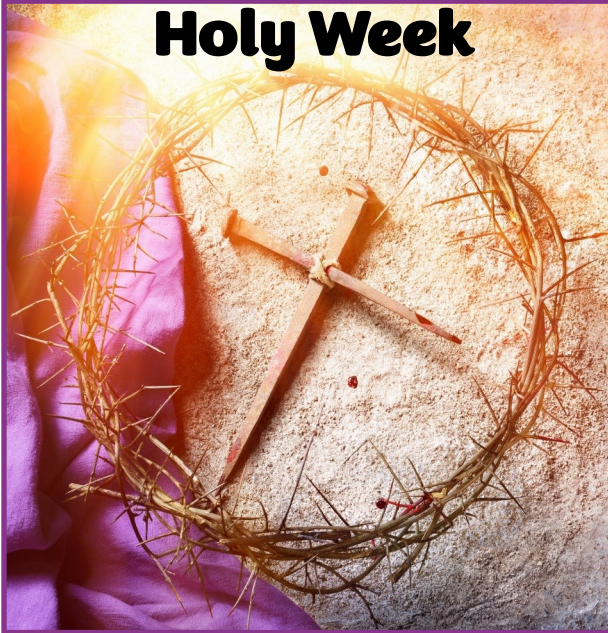
**Join us this Sunday!**

*Come visit with friends, old and new,  
in Christian Fellowship!*

*After Celebration and before  
Traditions and on your way in or out  
of Sunday school!*

***We can't wait to see everyone back!***

# Holy Week



Sunday, April 10 - Palm Sunday, Mark 11: 1-11,  
"When Jesus Comes to Town"

## Noon Holy Week Worship, 12:05 pm Each Day

Monday April 11 – Noon Worship Service & Lunch\*

Rev. Woody Woodin, Upper Sand Mountain Parrish

Tuesday, April 12 – Noon Worship Service & Lunch\*,

Rev. Tony Jones, Camp Sumatanga

Wednesday, April 13 – Noon Worship Service & Lunch\*

Rev. Terry Bentley, Mountain Lakes District Superintendent

Thursday, April 14 – Noon Worship Service & Lunch\*

Laura Satterfield, Children's Ministry Christ Central UMC

Friday, April 15 – Noon Worship Service & Lunch\*

Mitchell Johnson, Youth Minister, Christ Central UMC

*\*Noon Day Services are at 12:05 pm followed by lunch in the Gathering Room at 12:35 pm. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Everyone is invited! No reservation is needed.*



Thursday, 6:00 pm – Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion

John 13: 1-17, 31-35, "Wiping Mirrors and Washing Feet"

## TENEBRAE SERVICE

Friday, April 15, 6:00 pm

(Readings and extinguishing candles,  
hymns, prayers, stripping of the altar)

# HE IS RISEN

CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

Easter Sunday, April 17 Sermon: "E.A.S.T.E.R. People" Pastor Sam Hayes



**Gadsden First UMC has a tradition of receiving an Alleluia Offering each year at Easter.**

*It is different from our usual tithes and offerings. Please consider an additional gift for Holy Week, over and above your regular tithes and offerings. Over the years, the way our members have decided what to give as an Alleluia Offering was determined by each giver calculating how much money they made during the week of Holy Week and giving at least 10% (or more) of that as an Alleluia Offering.*

*Your gifts make growth for many new ministries and missions at Gadsden First UMC possible.*

*This year's Alleluia Offering will help fund special music and choir needs, as well as new outreach ministries for our online ministries and our inviting ministries team. Thank you for your gifts to the Alleluia Offering. —The Generosity Team*



**First UMC Gadsden**  
APRIL 10-APRIL 17

**Generosity: Ways to Give**

[www.fumcgadsden.org/give](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/give)

**Text to Give:**  
**256-344-8464**

**Mail your tithe or gift:**  
115 S. 5th Street  
Gadsden, AL 35901



**Order an Easter Lily by Monday, 4/11/22**

*Lilies will be placed on the altar, in honor or memory of a loved one, for Easter Sunday Worship in both services.*



**Cost: \$22.00**    ☐ **In Honor of**    ☐ **In Memory of**

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Calendar for April 10-April 16, 2022

### April 10, Sunday

9:00 am, Celebration Service, in Sanctuary & livestream

10:00 am, Adult Sunday School Classes

10:00 am-10:45 am, Donkeys and Donuts,  
Portico & Greenspace

10:00 am-11:00 am, "He Brews Coffee Ministry"

11:00 am, Traditional Service, in Sanctuary & livestream

### April 11, Monday

9:00-1:00 am, ELC Spring Schedule

9:00 am-10:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym

12:05-12:35 pm, Noon Day Service, Sanctuary

12:35-1:00 pm, Lunch, Gathering Room

### April 12, Tuesday

9:00-1:00 am, ELC Spring Schedule

12:05-12:35 pm, Noon Day Service, Sanctuary

12:35-1:00 pm, Lunch, Gathering Room

5:00-6:00 pm, Yoga, Gym

### April 13, Wednesday

9:00-1:00 am, ELC Spring Schedule

11:00 am, Wednesday Bible Study, Gathering Room

12:05-12:35 pm, Noon Day Service, Sanctuary

12:35-1:00 pm, Lunch, Gathering Room

### April 13, Wednesday, cont'd

5:15 pm, Wednesday night meal, Gathering Room

6:00 pm, Bible Study, Gathering Room & online

6:00 pm, Childrens' activities, Room 108 and Gym  
Youth activities, Gym and Room 211

6:00 pm, Choir Practice

### April 14, Thursday

9:00-1:00 am, ELC Spring Schedule

9:00 am-10:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym

12:05-12:35 pm, Noon Day Service, Sanctuary

12:35-1:00 pm, Lunch, Gathering Room

6:00-7:00 pm, Maundy Thursday Service,  
Communion, Sanctuary

6:00 pm, Mosaic Service, Back Forty Warehouse

### April 15, Friday

11:00 am-12:00 pm, Ladle of Love, Portico

12:05-12:35 pm, Noon Day Service, Sanctuary

12:35-1:00 pm, Lunch, Gathering Room

6:00-7:00 pm, Tenebrae Service, Sanctuary

### April 16, Saturday

11:00 am-12:00 pm, Easter Egg Hunt, Gym &  
Green Space

### Honorariums and Memorials

#### General Budget Fund

In memory of Joyce Sington, given by the Echols Family.

In memory of Mark Swann, given by the Echols Family.

In memory of Joyce Sington, given by Pat Walker.

### Holy Week Schedule

April 11th-15th, Monday through Friday

**Noon Day Service**, 12:05-12:35 pm

Lunch 12:35- 1:00 pm

**Maundy Thursday Service** 6:00 pm

Holy Communion

**Tenebrae Service**

6:00 pm, Friday



### Birthdays

**Apr 10** Kim Abel, Amy Gladden,

Brooke Day, Katie Peavy,

Charlie Cox, Leyton Hudak

**Apr 11** Sherri DeJong, B.J. Crow,

Pat McLeod, Sherry Hall, B.J. Miller

**Apr 14** Jan Humphrey, Blake New,

Alexander Long

**Apr 15** Evans Sizemore,

James Kelley

**Apr 16** Kathie Ferguson,

Jeannie Cosper, Gary Atkins,

David Hopper, Harry Hightower



### Week of April 3, 2022

\*In Person Total \*220 Overall Total 519

Online Viewer Total 299 Mosaic \*6

Thursday \*7 Children \*12 Youth \*0

Celebration \*52/109 Traditions \*75/158

Bible Study Groups \*18/31 UMW \*0

Adult Sunday School \*43/1

Children's Sunday School \*7

General Offering Budget \$13,175.00

General Offering Received \$17,200.00

YTD General Offering Budget \$184,450.00

YTD General Offering Rec'd \$209,423.00

**Estimate of Giving Cards Returned:**

2022 82 for \$420,924.85

2021 72 for \$300,076.00

**Text to Give: 256.344.8464**

### Immediate Prayer Concerns

#### **People of Ukraine**

#### Continued Prayer Concerns

Lisa Dobbins

Alice Hayes

(mother of Sam Hayes)

Anne Elizabeth Casey

(great-granddaughter of Dotty Ivey)

#### **Prayer Concerns**

Are for our members and their families. Please notify the pastors or church office with any updates on Prayer Concerns...

Ongoing or New.