

# MISSING OUT

Pastor Andy Yarnell

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

## Sermon Notes: 4.16.23 "Missing Out"

### John 20:19-31 Common English Bible

**Jesus appears to the disciples 19** It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." **20** After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. **21** Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." **22** Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. **23** If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you don't forgive them, they aren't forgiven."

**Jesus appears to Thomas and the disciples 24** Thomas, the one called Didymus,[a] one of the Twelve, wasn't with the disciples when Jesus came. **25** The other disciples told him, "We've seen the Lord!" But he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger in the wounds left by the nails, and put my hand into his side, I won't believe." **26** After eight days his disciples were again in a house and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus entered and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." **27** Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!" **28** Thomas responded to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!" **29** Jesus replied, "Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don't see and yet believe." **30** Then Jesus did many other miraculous signs in his disciples' presence, signs that aren't recorded in this scroll. **31** But these things are written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ, God's Son, and that believing, you will have life in his name.

### Missing Out

You do not want to miss this Sunday! We are celebrating a Baptism, the children are singing, and the Easter Celebration continues for the Second Sunday of Easter! Did you notice that Thomas missed out the first time Jesus appeared to the other disciples? Have you ever heard people talk about FOMO (fear of missing out)? Thomas is the best example of someone missing a huge event. We do not know where Thomas was, maybe he was running some errands, but he missed a life-changing event. We sometimes miss seeing God at work around us too. We can be distracted by our phones, being too busy, negative thoughts, etc. All types of things cause us to miss seeing God at work around us and we miss out. Let us pause this second Sunday of Easter. Where do we see Jesus at work?

In the first part of the passage, we see disciples who are tired and scared. The disciples are hiding in fear for their lives. Jesus comforts them and then sends them out the door into ministry.

This Sunday, we ask for God to help us to not miss noticing the places God is at work. We also ask for God to push us out of our safety and comfort zones and into ministry.

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## Worship Opportunities

Thursday Worship: 5:30 pm, Sanctuary

## Sunday Morning:

**ONE SERVICE at 10 am on April 16**

\*In Person (Sanctuary) and Online  
[www.fumcgadsden.org/media](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/media) or  
 on Facebook Live: @FUMCGadsden

## ACOLYTES

April 16: Jack & Sarah Kate Brookshire

April 23:

## Tech Team Schedule

(Please arrive 45 minutes before the service.)

April 16

**One Service:** Will Brookshire, Mark Condra, Sheila Freeman

April 23

**Celebration:** Eric Wright, Bill Haller, Carmen McKiven, Jacob McKiven

**Tradition:** Tammy Hayes, Brad Barnes

**We Want to See You @  
Wonderful Wednesday Fellowship Meal**

**April 19: Pizza**

**\$7 per person, \$3 under 11  
Family Max: \$20**

**Text: 256-490-5018 to make a reservation!**

**Out of Town on the  
Weekend?**

**Come to Thursday Worship!**

**5:30 to 6:00 pm each week**

**In the Sanctuary**

## **Wednesday Mornings**

### **Bible Study with Pastor Sam**

Room 208, In Person Bible Study, A Study of the Book of Romans  
Facebook Live @ 6 pm or on demand-via the FUMC APP or website

## **Small Groups @ Wonderful Wednesday, 6 pm**

♦ "I Love Lucy" w/Harriet Murray

## **Men at the Well Thursday Mornings 7:00 am**

You are invited to join the weekly Bible study with the Men at the Well small group. They are currently meeting at the Choice Restaurant.

*Something Happens Here* by Stephen P. West will be the topic for Lent.

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

## **There's a Place for you in Sunday School!**

- Living Waters Sunday School Class, **Room 112**, In person and online. Contact a member of the class for the link to join online!  
Luke-Jesus and The Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws by Adam Hamilton
- Martin Fellowship Class, International Bible Studies, **Room 116**
- Multi-Age Sunday School, with Eric Wright and Harriet Murray, **Room 208**
- Pathfinders and Seekers Classes are currently meeting with the Multi-Age Sunday School Class, **Room 208**



## **Sign Up to Receive Emails from the Church**

Sign up to receive emails from the church including the Weekly News, Devotionals, Ministry and Mission Notes, and Sermon Notes.

Go to: <http://www.fumcgadsden.org/sign-up-to-receive-emails>



**Have you downloaded the Church APP?**

**Search: First UMC-Gadsden**

**Need Help? Contact Sheila Freeman @ 256-490-5018**

### ELC News

Please support our Roses Sale benefitting the Sara Rabun Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund. We have several families that have benefitted from this program. On Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, the ELC will honor our dads and special men in our lives with our annual Donuts for Dads. We think they are Dino-mite. Sunday, April 23rd from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm, the ELC Board will host a pre-retirement event honoring Jill Moran. We invite the congregation as well as ELC faculty and families to attend.

—Helene Haller



### Youth Ministry News

Wonderful Wednesdays are back!  
Dinner at 5:15, please make a reservation!

**Sunday School is back for Youth! Room 210**  
**10 am on Sunday mornings.**

**A Kayaking Trip coming soon!**

**Wonderful Wednesday Fellowship Dinner— April 19— Pizza**

**\$7 per person, \$3 for 11 & under, Family Max \$20**

**Text 256-490-5018 for a reservation.**

## Children's Ministry

**The Children will sing in worship on this Sunday, April 16.**

**Remember there is one worship service at 10 am.**

**Please meet in the Chapel at 9:30 am prior to the worship service!**

### GFUMC Kids Spring Calendar



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**GFUMC Vacation Bible School**  
**June 5-June 8**

**FAMILY!**

**FELLOWSHIP!**

**FUN!**



**Wonderful Wednesdays**

**Wednesday's**

**@ 6:00**

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

**Church  
Picnic  
May 10**

**Children's Church**

**Sunday's**

**@ 9:00 and 11:00**

**Proverbs 22:6**

## April Mission Focus

### Donations for the Charlsie House (formerly The Love Center)

In October of 2022, the Love Center was rebranded The Charlsie House and a new mission established to serve women only by providing financial support, shelter, food and other items until they can be an independent member of the community. Much has been done to freshen up and clean up the shelter with painting inside and out and the purchase of new furniture. Thank you to all who have donated and helped The Charlsie House to get this far!

*There are many items that need to be replenished on a continual basis and First UMC Gadsden's mission team will be collecting items during the month of April.* It is through community support for The Charlsie House that will help us to reach our mission of serving women who are in financial crisis!

**Red Buckets for donations are located @ the entrances of the church. Items needed:**

Hygiene Products: shampoo, conditioner, soap (bar& body wash) hair brushes, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes	Windex
Feminine Products-tampons, pads	White Twin Sheet Sets
Razors	White Twin Blankets
Liquid Detergent	Underwear of all Sizes-Female and Male
Clorox	Sports Bras
Hand Soap	Diapers
Sink Dishwashing Liquid	Food: milk, meat, eggs, bread, cereal, canned food, condiments
White towels & wash cloths	Over the Counter Medications:
White Dish towels	Ibuprofen, Naproxen, Tylenol, Aleve,
Clorox Cleaners	Band Aids, Tums, nausea medicine,
Floor Cleaners-Fabuloso/Pinesol	Melatonin, teeth glue-Fixodent

## GFUMC



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

### Ladle of Love

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

*There are five teams that serve at the Ladle of Love. Teams 1, 2, 3 & 4 serve one Friday per month, and team 5 serves on fifth Fridays. Subs are also needed to serve occasionally. If you are interested in finding out more or serving on a team, contact the church office.*

### Clothes Closet

#### Workdays

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

#### Open to Public

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

April dates are

4/5 and 4/19

9:00 am to 11:00 am

516 Broad Street Gadsden

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

### Clothes Closet News

We need clothes! It's time to clean out closets and bring your spring and summer clothes to the church. If you are unable to get them to the church, call the church office and leave a message. The "Men at the Well" will set up a time to pick them up for you.



*Thank you for remembering your Clothes Closet.*

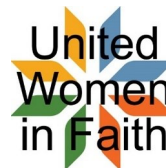
*Clothes Closet Team*

### United Women in Faith

Don't miss our Luncheon **Monday, April 17**. The speaker will be Christy Richards, Director of the Charlsie House (formerly The Love Center) Lunch menu is: Grilled chicken, Green Beans, Baked Potato Salad, Squash Casserole, and a slice of fried green tomato. Peach cobbler for dessert. Make your reservation for lunch by noon on **Friday, April 14**. Executive Board meeting will be 10:30 am in Room 208.

LuVerna Waid Circle will meet Tuesday, April 18 at 6:00 pm in the parlor.

*—Barbara Bennett, President*



### Clients Served

	Mar
Ladle of Love	467
Clothes Closet	213

**Thanks to our volunteers!**

Phone: 256-543-8200

Email: [fumc@fumcgadsden.org](mailto:fumc@fumcgadsden.org)

**#gfumcreconnect2023**



Join us for a live performance!

## ▲ CAPPELLA CHOIR HOMECOMING CONCERT



**3 p.m. Sunday, April 16, 2023**

Gadsden First United Methodist Church (115 S. 5th St.)

SARA RABUN JOHNSON  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

## Mother's Day Roses Sale

With your donation of \$20 or more, a rose will be placed on the altar on Mother's Day, in honor or in memory of your loved one. All donations provide direct support for ELC families whose children would not otherwise be able to afford the program.

MAKE YOUR DONATION PAYABLE TO GFUMC AND MARK IT  
"SRJ SCHOLARSHIP FUND". ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SUNDAY, MAY 7.

ADDITIONAL DONATIONS TO THE FUND MAY BE GIVEN THROUGHTOUT THE  
YEAR.



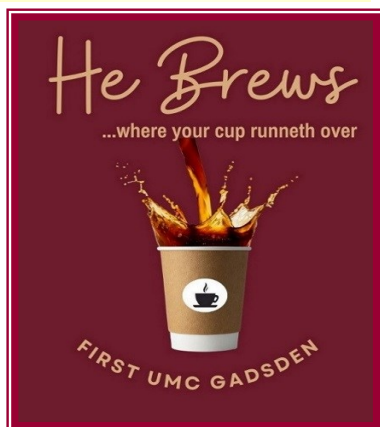


**Wednesday, May 10**  
**5 pm to 7 pm**

**FIRST UMC  
CHURCH  
PICNIC**

***Kiwanis Pavilion***  
***Noccalula Falls Park***  
***Everyone Welcome!***

***You'll Have a "Super" Time!***



**Please join us for HeBrews Coffee Café  
This Sunday, April 16,  
before the worship service.  
We can't wait to see you there!!!**



In Psalm 135, we read these powerful words:

*Hallelujah! Praise the name of God, praise the works of God. All you priests on duty in God's temple, serving in the sacred halls of our God, shout "Hallelujah!" because God's so good, sing anthems to his beautiful name... (Ps. 135:1-3 MSG)*

Shout, "Hallelujah!" Why? Because God is so good. The works of God are awesome. God is so good that we sing anthems to God's beautiful name.

This is what I think about when I think of Gadsden First United Methodist Church. I think about singing praise to God for God's awesome works that are done through this church. I think about singing anthems to God's beautiful name. Easter draws a

hallelujah from my heart like no other time of the year!

Each year GFUMC has received an "Alleluia Offering" at Easter time because of hearts overflowing with praise and thanksgiving. An Alleluia Offering is over and above our regular giving and is always used for something special. For instance, a couple of years ago, our Alleluia Offering was used to create our new Children's Worship Space in memory of Joanne Hightower. Last year, we used 60% of the offering for our worship music, and 40% for Inviting Ministries and to enhance our online outreach. The goal was to grow our church family, and to make the worship experience something to remember.

This year, we plan to use 50% of our Alleluia Offering for our worship music again, and the other 50% for enhanced security and capital improvements. I don't need to explain about the music - you all know how awesome our music is, and we want it to remain that way. But let me say a word about security and capital improvements. We need to update our security cameras, and to be able to hire security for special events. We want our members and guests to feel safe and secure when they come to an event at GFUMC! Capital improvements would include things like replacing and updating the thermostats for our twenty-four HVAC Units. as well as starting the process of replacing our lighting with more efficient LED bulbs. (All of this will provide savings in the long run!)

Last year, we had the biggest Alleluia Offering our church has seen in a long time! Thank you so much! With your generosity, we hope that gifts to our Alleluia Offering will exceed \$35,000 again this year. You can help us reach that goal by giving at least 10% (or more) of your weekly income as a special offering. Pray about it, and then present your offering any Sunday during the month of April. We will announce the total each week, and then celebrate the grand total for our 2023 Alleluia Offering on Mothers' Day.

Shout, "Hallelujah!" because God is so good.

Grace and peace,

*Pastor Sam*

Pastor Sam  
Senior Pastor

*Pastor Andy*

Pastor Andy  
Associate Pastor

*Jay*

Jay Hedgspeth  
Generosity Team Chair



## Calendar for April 16-April 22, 2023

### April 16 Sunday

**10:00 am One Service, Sanctuary**

**3:00 pm-5:00 pm GSCC Acapella Choir Concert**

### April 17 Monday

9:00 am-1:00 pm ELC Spring Semester

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

10:30 am UWF Executive Board Meeting, Rm. 208

12:00 pm UWF Luncheon, Gathering Room

### April 18 Tuesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm ELC Spring Semester

9:00 am Clothes Closet Workday

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

6:00 pm LuVerna Waid Circle, parlor

### April 19 Wednesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm ELC Spring Semester

9:00 am to 11:00 am Clothes Closet Open

11:00 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Room 208

5:15 pm Wednesday Night meal

6:00 pm Children and Youth Activities & Bible Study

6:00 pm Choir practice

### April 20 Thursday

9:00 am-1:00 pm ELC Spring Semester

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

**5:30 pm Thursday worship, Sanctuary**

**April 21 Friday** 11:00 am-12:00 pm Ladle of Love

*The Flowers on the altar today are in honor of Xander Maxwell Calcote,  
given by Dr. & Terry Calcote, Grandparents.*

*The rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of*



**Eloise Elizabeth Crain**

**Born: March 31, 2023**

**Parents: Brynn & Mary Catherine**

**Big Brother: Beau**

*Given by the Children's Ministry and the ELC*

*The rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of*



**John Bradley Langston**

**Born: March 24, 2023**

**Parents: Brad & Davis Ann**

**Big Sisters: Madeline & Lucy**

*Given by the Children's Ministry and the ELC*

*The rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of*



**George Walden Shadix**

**Born: April 3, 2023**

**Parents: David & Mary Lynn**

**Siblings: Ann Caroline & Thomas**

*Given by the Children's Ministry and the ELC*

*The rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of*



**Benjamin Elliott Clokey**

**Born: April 4, 2023**

**Parents: David & Allison**

**Siblings: Danley & David**

*Given by the Children's Ministry and the ELC*

### **Birthdays**

**Apr 16** Jeanne Cospier, Gary Atkins,  
Kathie Ferguson, David Hopper,  
Harry Hightower

**Apr 17** George Haney, Denise Floyd

**Apr 18** Lance Watkins, Dave Handy,  
Alyssa McNair

**Apr 19** Dorothy Robinson,  
Jared Gladden

**Apr 20** Lauren Brechin Cain

**Apr 21** Brooke Vallejo, Marit Norris,  
Savannah Beth Phillips

**Apr 22** Shep Midgley, Tom Dawson II



### **Week of April 9, 2023**

In Person Total \*585 Online 1,429

Worship Total 2,014 Celebration \*162/196

Traditions \*166/250

Maundy Thursday \*43/174

Holy Week Noon Day \*214/809

Bible Study Groups \*26 Adult SS \*19

Children \*54 Youth \*25 Nursery \*9

Easter Egg Hunt \*110

Total Small Groups \*243 \*In Person

General Offering Budget \$12,777.00

General Offering Received \$21,164.00

YTD General Offering Budget \$191,655.00

YTD General Offering Rec'd \$184,023.00

### **Immediate Prayer Concerns**

Dawn Rains Jane Herb

Nancy Smith Janie Gray

Donnie Gray

### **Continued Prayer Concerns**

Rodney Thompson

Chris Gunnells

(Gail McNair's nephew)

