

**Ready?** Luke 12: 35-40 Aug 7**Set?** Hebrews 11: 29-12:2 Aug 14**Go!** Acts 1: 6-11 Aug 21AUGUST SERMONS
PASTOR SAM HAYES

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

8-21-22

Sermon Notes

“Go!”

The Book of Acts opens by telling us something that we could not learn by reading the gospels alone – that Jesus remained on earth for 40 days after the resurrection teaching his followers many things pertaining to the kingdom of God. Wouldn't you like to have been in that class?!

Jesus reminded his followers (because he had already previously promised) that the Holy Spirit would come, so they should wait in Jerusalem. Wait? Why wait? Simply put, without the power that the Holy Spirit would give, the followers of Jesus would never have been able to fulfill the mission Jesus gave them. The mission was worldwide! They were to “go global.”

(6) So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” (7) He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. (8) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (9) When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. (10) While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. (11) They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” (Acts 1: 6-11 NRSV)

Acts 1: 8 is really a preview of the entire Book of Acts. In Acts chapters 2-7, the church begins in Jerusalem. In Chapters 8-12, the church moves through Palestine and Syria, and then in the remainder of the Book of Acts, the church moves through Asia Minor to Greece and Rome. As I said before, the mission is to go global.

For the last two weeks, we have looked at “ready” and “set.” This Sunday we will get to “go!”

See you Sunday,

Pastor Sam

Please help us update the membership records in the church office with your current mailing address, phone number, email address and birthdays for all family members. Updates may be sent to susan@fumcgadsden.org or call Susan @ 256-543-8200.

Table of Contents:

Page 1—Sermon Notes, Tech Schedule
Page 2—Small Groups and Sunday School
Page 3—ELC News; Student Ministries; Children's Ministry, WW Dinner Menu
Page 4—GFUMC Missions News; Clothes Closet; Ladle of Love; UMW
Page 5—HeBrews Coffee Cafe; Brunch Club; Giving
Page 6—Pathways for Our Future
Page 7—Calendar; Prayer Concerns; Memorials; Birthdays; Weekly Financial & Attendance Report

Worship Opportunities

Thursday Worship: 5:30 pm, Sanctuary

Sunday Mornings:

Celebration, 9 am* Traditions, 11 am*

*In Person (Sanctuary) and Online

www.fumcgadsden.org/media or
 on Facebook Live: @FUMCGadsden

ACOLYTES

Aug 21: Luke Barnes & Sara Kate Thornberg
 Aug 28: Liam Humphries

Tech Team Schedule

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

August 21

Celebration: Will Brookshire, Brynn Crain, Sheila Freeman

Traditions: Davis Varner, Sheila Freeman

August 28

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

Traditions: Tammy Hayes, Brad Barnes

August 21 Wonderful Wednesday

Wonderful Wednesday Dinner, Bible Study and Activities

5:15 pm- Fellowship Dinner, \$7 per person, \$3 Children 11 and under

6:00 pm- Bible Study and Activities for Adults, Youth and Children

Please make a reservation by Tuesday @ Noon!

Call the church office @ 256-543-8200 or Text 256.490.5018

Menu 8/24: Barbecue

Unshakeable Hope

by Max Lucado

Small Group Study on Sunday Mornings!

Will meet in Room 208 @ 10 am

All Ages are Welcome!

with Eric Wright & Harriet Murray

Bible Study with Pastor Sam

Wednesday Mornings

11 am In Person Bible Study

Gathering Room, 201

The Book of Acts

Facebook Live @ 6 pm

6 pm, Learning Session with Pastor Sam

Based on United Methodists Divided

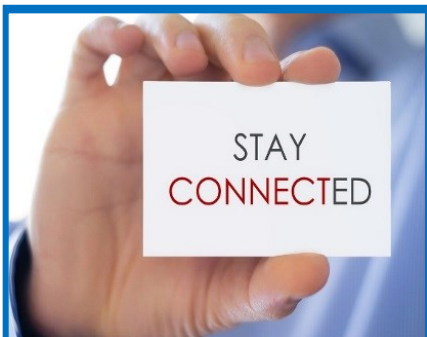
Men at the Well Thursday Mornings 7:00 am

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

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

RECONNECT with the Sunday School Class of Your Choice!

- Living Water Sunday School Class, "Everybody's Normal Till You Get to Know Them, by John Ortberg, **Room 112, In person and online.** Contact a member of the class for the link to join online!
- Martin Fellowship Class, International Bible Studies, **Room 116**
- Multi-Age Sunday School, Unshakeable Hope, by Max Lucado, with Andy Yarnell and Eric Wright, **Gathering Room 201 or 208**
- Pathfinders Class is currently meeting with the Multi-Age Sunday School Class, **Gathering Room, 201 or 208**



Sign Up to Receive Emails from the Church

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

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

Need Help: Contact Sheila Freeman @ 256-490-5018

ELC News

Aloha to the 2022-2023 school year. We had a fabulous open house this past Thursday. **Mahalo** to all our faculty for preparing for this new year and to all our families that made Open House. We are ready to Hula into the new year on Monday, August 22nd. Also a big **Mahalo Nui Loa** to the wonderful UMW ladies for providing a welcome brunch this past Wednesday. We enjoyed this bit of nourishment and fellowship as we participated in our annual safe sanctuary training.

Helene Haller



Youth Ministry News

Wonderful Wednesdays are back!
Dinner at 5:15, please make a reservation!
UMYF @ 6pm

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

September 17-Youth Retreat to Camp Lee!
—**Pastor Andy**

Children's Ministry



Wonderful Wednesday Please Make a Reservation!

5:15 pm, Wednesday, August 17

Menu:

Barbecue

Sides

Desert

Tea

\$7 per person

\$3 for children under age 11

\$20 Family Max

f GFUMC
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

FALL 2022

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES
6:00PM ROOM 108

AUG 17	WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES RESUME W/ ICE CREAM SOCIAL
OCT 19	FALL FESTIVAL AT GFUMC 
NOV 16	FRIENDSGIVING! 
DEC 4	 LUNCH WITH SANTA AT 12:00 
DEC 11	CHRISTMAS PLAY 
DEC 14	 UGLY SWEATER PARTY 

KATHARINE BARNES • 256-543-8200 • WWW.FUMCGADSDEN.ORG/CHILDREN • PROVERBS 22:6

August Mission Focus



Our church continues striving to make a difference for all the sweet students at Striplin Elementary School. Principal Ash, the teachers, and the students' families appreciate our church for adopting their school many years ago. In order to continue providing the A/B Honor Roll parties, "Welcome Back" Teacher Breakfast, and Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, August has been designated for Striplin Elementary. *Please help us shine God's Love by giving to the Striplin Fund during the month of August.*

July Mission Update

Thank you for packing shoeboxes and filling stockings for children during Christmas in July!



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

Please hold your fall and winter donations of clothing until the first of September.
Thank you!

Ladle of Love

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

Clients served in
July 2022

Ladle of Love 465
Clothes Closet 303

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

UMW NEWS

UMW Luncheon is September 12 at 12 noon
Program: CommUnity Thanksgiving
Guest Speakers: Craig Scott and Darlene Harcrow

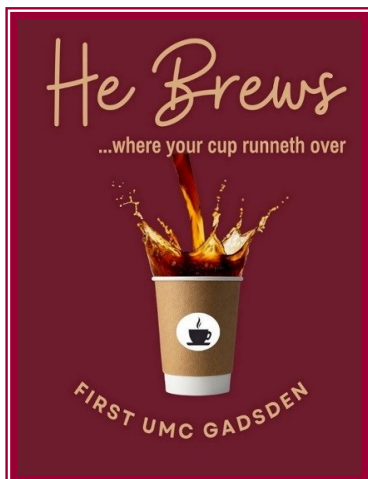


"Where is a woman's place?
Anywhere God wants her to be."

Barbara Bennett, President

Find out more about mission and service opportunities @
www.fumcgadsden.org/serve

Church Phone 256-543-8200
fumc@fumcgadsden.org



Inviting Ministries welcomes you to our 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! **There is nothing like being here!***
Everyone come on back!

G FUMC
Brunch
Club

MONTHLY LUNCH/BRUNCH
AT 12:30 FOLLOWING
TRADITIONAL SERVICE.

Sunday, August 21– Harp & Clover

All Young Adults and Families Welcome!



Generosity: Ways to Give

www.fumcgadsden.org/give

Text to Give:
256-344-8464

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



First UMC Gadsden

Pathways for Our Future

<h3 style="text-align: center;">Awareness</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">August 21, 6 pm Monica Harbarger, Directory of United Counseling</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p style="text-align: center;">August 28*</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Speakers: Rev. Dee Dowdy & Rev. Tammy Jackson</p> <p style="text-align: center;">September 11*</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Speakers- Rev. Belinda Rives & Rev. Eddie Gooch</p> <p style="text-align: center;">September 18*</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Speakers- Rev. Harvey Beck & Rev. Kevin Thomas</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*Sanctuary, 3-6 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">All sessions available via livestream and on demand @ www.fumcgadsden.org/media</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Assessment</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">August 17- September 11 Wednesday, @ 6 pm, Learning Session based on the book, <u>United Methodist Divided</u> with Pastor Sam</p> <p style="text-align: center;">August 31, 6 pm Bishop Wallace-Padgett, Christ Central UMC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">September 11 through October 6</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Daily Prayer & Weekly Fasting</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Listening Sessions</i></p>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Action</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">October 3, 6 pm Church Conference*</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>A Called Church Conference led by the D.S. Jeff Davis</i></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">*Only full members present at the time of the vote will be eligible to vote – no proxy votes or absentee ballots. If 2/3 of those present and voting vote to disaffiliate, then we will proceed in the disaffiliation process. If the 2/3 majority is not reached, we will remain UMC.</p>
---	--	---

Additional information and answers to frequently asked questions are available at
www.fumcgadsden.org/pathways4future **password: Pathways2022**

Pathways for our Future Phase 1: Awareness (Prayer, Listening, and Learning)

The first speaker for Pathways for Our Future will be on this **Sunday, August 21, 2022 at 6 pm** in the Sanctuary. **Rev. Monica Harbarger, Director of United Counseling**, will speak to us about how to communicate with each other gracefully and respectfully despite differences. The presentation will be in our sanctuary and live-streamed to our church website. Go to www.fumcgadsden.org/media to watch online and the live stream will appear in the media player when the stream becomes active. You can also watch at your convenience on demand on the church website or app.

GFUMC Member Survey

We value your opinion!

The purpose of this survey is to determine what members want to know about the differences in our denomination and the vote that will take place in the fall of 2022 about whether we will stay UMC or disaffiliate from the denomination.



Printed survey forms are available in the church office or you can fill out the online survey form @ <https://forms.gle/itKvoHZAMsA5kV8S7>

Calendar for August 21-27, 2022

Aug 21, Sunday

10:00 am, Celebration Service, Sanctuary

10:00 am, Sunday School; HeBrews Coffee Ministry

11:00 am, Traditional Service, Sanctuary

6:00 pm, Pathways for Our Future, Monica Harbarger

Aug 22, Monday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Fall Schedule

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

5:00 pm, Trustees Meeting, via gotomeeting.com

Aug 23, Tuesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Fall Schedule

5:00 pm, Yoga, Gym

5:00 pm, Finance Team Meeting, Parlor

6:00 pm, Board of Stewards meeting, Gathering Room

Aug 24, Wednesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Fall Schedule

11:00am, Bible Study, Room 208 (Facebook Live @ 6pm)

5:15 pm, Wednesday Night Meal, Gathering Room

6:00 pm, Bible Study, Room 208

6:00 pm, Children activities, Room 108

Youth activities, Gym & Room 211

6:00 pm, Choir Practice, Choir Room

Aug 25, Thursday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Fall Schedule

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

5:30 pm, Thursday Worship, Sanctuary

Aug 26, Friday

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

In Memory of His Life
Darrell Kenneth Yarnell, Sr.
August 11, 2022



Mark Your Calendars!

Aug 21, Pathways for our Future @ 6 pm

Aug 22, Monday, Trustees Meeting @ 5 pm

Aug 23, Tuesday, Finance Meeting @ 5 pm

Board of Stewards @ 6 pm

Honorariums and Memorials

General Budget Fund

In memory of Darrell Yarnell, given by Evelyn & Glen Pierson.

In memory of Darrell Yarnell given by Mr. & Mrs. Blake New.

In memory of Darrell Yarnell, given by Juanita Hammons.

In memory of Winnie Mae Beasley, given by Juanita Hammons.

Benevolence Fund

In memory of Darrell Yarnell, given by Mark & Barbara Condra.

Immediate Prayer Concerns

Family of Darrell Yarnell.

Continued Prayer Concerns

Jerry Casey Asher Mae Collins

John Jones (Dottie Roger's son)

Dottie Rogers

Alice Hayes (mother of Sam Hayes)

Birthdays

Aug 21 Stephe Wood, Valerie Keelin

Aug 22 Maria Swinford, Donny Gray,

Mike Taff, Lisa Dobbins

Aug 23 Jud Dawson, Carey Malone

Aug 24 Sally Whitt, Reid Richey

Aug 25 Tracy Jones, Suzanne Phillips,

Daniel Sizemore, Jodie Hosey,

Hadley Freeman

Aug 26 Connor Moran



Please update your family's record in the church office to include all dates of birth.
Thank you! —Susan Swann

Week of August 14, 2022

In Person Total *134 Online 285

Worship Total 419 Thursday Worship *8

Celebration Service *47/126

Traditional Worship *79/159

Adult Sunday School *29/3 Children *3

Bible Study Groups *20/28

Children *11 Youth *13 Nursery *6

Total Attendance *92/31 *In Person

General Offering Budget \$13,175.00

General Offering Received \$5,068.00

YTD General Offering Budget \$434,775.00

YTD General Offering Rec'd \$445,641.00

2022 Pledges: 82 for \$420,924.85

Text to Give: 256.344.8464

Important Deadlines

Information for the weekly announcement sheet is due each **Wednesday by noon**. Events for the church calendar are needed one **month prior to the event**.

Subscribe to the Weekly Church News

You can submit your email to the church office to receive the weekly announcements on Friday.

Update Your Contact Information
Submit your current Address.
Phone #, and Email for the church records: susan@fumcgadsden.org
or call 256-543-8200