

115 So. 5th Street  
Gadsden, AL 35901

August 23, 2020

# Gadsden First UMC

Changing Lives by Sharing Christ, Making Disciples, Serving and Giving Hope  
#GFUMCConnect2020

## RESET "Resetting Our Attitude"

### 8-23-20: Sermon Notes

I was in the grocery store one day, and I heard a mom talking to her young daughter who was having a hissy fit. The mom said, "Child, you better check yourself before you wreck yourself." I chuckled to myself. I know what it is like from the parent's side. And I know what it is like from the fussy child's side. Sometimes I need to check myself before I wreck myself. Sometimes I need an attitude reset. I feel like Lucy in the old "Peanuts" cartoon I saw. Lucy announces, "Boy, do I feel crabby." Linus tries to help her feel better. He fixes her a sandwich. As he gives her the sandwich, he asks, "Now, is there anything else I can get you? Is there anything I haven't thought of?" Lucy replies, "Yes, there's one thing you haven't thought of. I DON'T WANNA FEEL BETTER!"

I certainly have my days like that. What about you? So, as Christians, if we are going to adopt a different attitude, what would that look like? Here's what the Apostle Paul wrote about the attitude we should adopt:

5 Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus:

6 Though he was in the form of God,  
he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit.

7 But he emptied himself  
by taking the form of a slave  
and by becoming like human beings.

When he found himself in the form of a human,

8 he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,  
even death on a cross.

9 Therefore, God highly honored him  
and gave him a name above all names,

10 so that at the name of Jesus everyone  
in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow

11 and every tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Phil. 2: 5-11 CEB)

"Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus..." Wow. Nobody said this would be easy! It's easier to have what I call the "Lucifer Diva Attitude." The Lucifer Diva Attitude is defiant ("I'm always right!"). It is proud (I'm always exalted.) It is selfish (I'm always first"). We read in Isaiah 14: 12-15 how Lucifer possessed all three of these "diva" qualities, and wanted to make himself "like the Most High." His attitude was unchecked...and he was wrecked.

This week, we will talk about the opposite of the Lucifer Diva Attitude. We will talk about the reset that helps us have the attitude that was in Christ Jesus. Join us Thursday night at 5:30 pm for in-person worship in the sanctuary, or online at Facebook Live or YouTube at 9:00 or 11:00 am on Sunday.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Sam



### Sermon Series

August 23- "Resetting Our Attitude"  
August 30- "Resetting our Expectations"

### Worship Opportunities

- Mosaic: 6:30 pm, Tuesday, Church Courtyard (Social Distancing and masks required.)
- Thursday Worship: 5:30 pm Thursday, Sanctuary (Social Distancing and masks required.)
- Sunday Celebration Online Worship, 9:00 am
- Sunday Traditions, Online Worship, 11:00 am

### Generosity

- Give online:  
[www.fumcgadsden.org/give](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/give)
- Text to Give: 256-344-8464
- Mail your tithe or gift to the church:  
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**Sunday Morning** w/Ken Casey and George Varner, 10:00 am, GoToMeeting

**Renew Journey Group** w/Mark Condra and Eric Wright, 10:00 am, Sundays, GoToMeeting

**Thursday, Men at the Well**, 7:00 am, Zoom, Mark Condra, Todd Rains, Bob Blount or Mark Casey

**Life is a journey. The most important part of the journey is our relationship with God and with others.** A Journey Group is a small gathering of individuals who help you grow in your loving relationship with both. We invite all people into a relationship with God and seek to create an outwardly focused community of Christ-followers.

**Journey Groups are a great way to stay connected to God and with your church family. All Journey Groups are currently meeting virtually.**

**New opportunities will begin in August! It's easy to join via GoToMeeting or Zoom!** Contact one of the Journey Group leaders or the church office to find out more about how to get started!

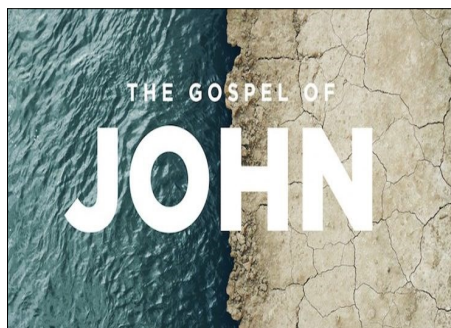
**Contact:** [sheila@fumcgadsden.org](mailto:sheila@fumcgadsden.org) or 256-543-8200

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***Interested in leading or teaching a journey group? Contact one of the pastors or Sheila Freeman at 256-490-5018 or [Sheila@fumcgadsden.org](mailto:Sheila@fumcgadsden.org)***

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## **Bible Study w/Pastor Sam**



### **A Study of the Gospel of John**

Join Pastor Sam each Wednesday night at 6:00 pm for a study of the *Gospel of John*.

Facebook Live

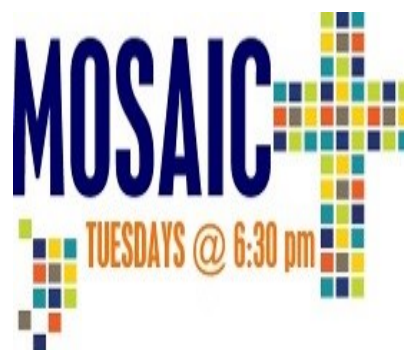
Wednesdays @ 6 pm

(You can watch the weekly episodes "on-demand" via the church app or website. Each lesson is uploaded to the church app and website following the live broadcast.)

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## **Join Pastor Andy for Mosaic**

—A unique worship experience that includes a homily, discussion, and prayer. This service is open to everyone, but is particularly designed for those who have felt hurt or rejected. Come meet with us outside the church in the Courtyard facing 5th Street near the sanctuary on Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm! Social distancing is required. (In case of rain, Mosaic will meet in the gym.)



## AUGUST MISSION SUPPORTING OUR ADOPTED SCHOOL STRIPLIN ELEMENTARY



It is time for school to begin, although extremely different this year! Our students will be starting with Virtual School but there are still many needs that we can help the teachers meet. The three biggest requests from teachers are: HAND SANITIZER REFILL BOTTLES, PUMP HAND SOAP, AND DISINFECTANT WIPES. *Please help us collect these items!*

**We will continue to collect the items for Striplin through the end of August! A BIG THANK YOU to all of you who have already dropped off items! The church office will remain closed but these three items can be dropped off in the lobby by ringing the doorbell.** The Mission Team THANKS you for your generous support of this Mission Project!!!

Along with the Beginning of School comes our FUNDRAISER to support our teachers at Striplin through the year. These funds will provide **The Teacher of The Month Program** (50.00 / month), **Teacher of the Year** (100.00) and the **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon** in May. Our teachers work so hard, especially now with Covid 19, so your support will enable us to say, **"THANK YOU!"** Please add a donation to your pledge, mail a check to the Church Office, or use e-giving to make sure we are able to provide a much needed **"JOB WELL DONE!"**



***Rise and Shine! Gadsden First UMC partnered with Jack's on Rainbow Dr. to bring the teachers and staff breakfast on the first day back to school!***

### **Clothes Closet Workday**

**1st & 3rd Tuesdays  
Open  
1st & 3rd Wednesdays  
9:00 am to 11:00 am**

### **Ladle of Love**

**Fridays, 11:00 am to  
12:00 pm**

### **Donations for Striplin Elementary School**

Hand Sanitizer (large  
refill size)

Pump Hand Soap

Disinfectant Wipes

### **Stocking Stuffer Ideas**

Toothbrush

Toothpaste

Hair items

Small Bible

School supplies

Small toys

Gloves

Hats

Socks

Cards

Books

Candy

## **Christmas in**



***Fill a Stocking for a Child for  
It's Christmas in our hearts!***

- **Already picked up a stocking?** You may also return stockings at Striplin Donation drop-off times or by calling the church office.
- **Would you like a stocking delivered to you so that you can fill and return?** Contact Charlotte @ 256-504-9718
- **Would you like for Santa's helpers to do your shopping for you?** You can sponsor a stocking with your donation of \$15.00 and one of the remaining stockings will be filled!

***(Remember the church office is closed,  
so please use the pick-up and drop-off times above.)***



## ELC News

We are excited to get our Fall 2020 term started.

*Last week's Open House was wonderful! We had a great first week here at the ELC. Next week we start Music for 2k, 3k and 4k and Spanish will begin for 3K and 4K.*

—Helene Haller

## Youth News

*The Youth bought biscuits for the ELC Teachers on the first day of Fall 2020 term.*

### Virtual Sunday School

Will begin Sunday, August 23, at 10:00 am

**Former Youth-** check out our college and career Instagram page to stay up to date with future social distancing gatherings.

**Join Andy on Facebook Live or Instagram Sunday & Wednesdays, 6pm**



**Social  
Distancing  
Olympics**



**With  
Christ Central  
Youth Group**



# Youth & Children's Ministry

*Despite the social distancing implemented, the children and youth loved the visit in the GFUMC gym from 6th Day Creatures!*



## Children's Ministry News

*Look Up*

*Join Pastor Carrie on Facebook*



**Sundays at 10:00am  
+  
Wednesdays at 6:00pm**

**AUG 23+26 Jesus is Our North Star Guiding Us Home**

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge God, and He will direct your path. PROVERBS 3:5-6*



## UMW News

September is the month when we begin our UMW luncheons after being off for the summer break. Due to COVID-19 we were not able to meet for dinner during the summer. The first luncheon back is September 14<sup>th</sup>. We will try to meet in the Gathering Room or Gym according to the CDC guidelines and social distancing. Our hope is we will be able to meet and have a safe luncheon. Keep looking for updated information in the newsletter on how we can get together as United Methodist Women. Thank you for your part in UMW and may God continue to bless each one of us.

*Eileen Graham and the UMW Board*

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*Dear friends, if God loved us this way, we also ought to love each other. 1 John 4:11*

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## #GFUMCConnect2020

### Worship with GFUMC on Sunday mornings online Live:

9:00 am Celebration and 11:00 am Traditions

### Where to connect:

Church Website: [www.fumcgadsden.org/media](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/media)

Facebook Live: @FUMCGadsden

Church YouTube Channel: Gadsden First UMC

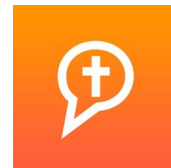
Sermon.net:

First United Methodist Church of Gadsden (search ministries)

### Watch on demand:

Church App: [FUMCGadsden](#)

Church Website: [www.fumcgadsden.org/media](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/media)



### **Week of August 16, 2020**

Online Viewer Total 355

\*In Person Total \*70 Total overall 425

Celebration 138 Traditions 154

Mosaic \*27 Thursday \*28

Youth \*15 Bible Study Groups 48

Children's online Bible Study 15

General Offering Budget \$15,440.00

General Offering Received \$36,840.00

YTD General Offering Budget \$509,520.00

YTD General Offering Received \$504,793.79

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

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





## Calendar for week of August 23-August 29, 2020

### Aug 23, Sunday

9:00 am, Celebration Worship; Online  
 10:00 am, Sunday School, Ken Casey, GoToMeeting; Renew Journey Group, Mark Condra & Eric Wright, GoToMeeting  
 10:00 am, Children's Bible Study, Facebook  
 10:00 am, Youth Sunday School, Virtual  
 11:00 am, Traditional Worship; Online  
 6:00 pm, Youth; via Zoom or Instagram

### Aug 24, Monday

9:00 am– 1:00 pm, ELC Fall Schedule

### Aug 25, Tuesday

9:00 am– 1:00 pm, ELC Fall Schedule  
 4:00 pm, Trustees\*; 5:00 pm, Finance\*;  
 6:00 pm, Board of Stewards\*; \*GoToMeeting  
 6:30 pm, Mosaic, Courtyard

### Aug 26, Wednesday

9:00 am– 1:00 pm, ELC Fall Schedule  
 6:00 pm, Children's Ministry  
 6:00 pm, Bible Study with Pastor Sam; Online  
 6:00 pm, Youth; via Zoom or Instagram

### Aug 27, Thursday

9:00 am– 1:00 pm, ELC Fall Schedule  
 11:00 am-1:00 pm Drop Off Items for Striplin School, Chestnut Street Entrance  
 5:30 pm, Thursday Worship, Sanctuary  
 7:00 pm, College Group, via Zoom or Instagram

### Aug 28, Friday, 11:00-12:00, Ladle of Love, Portico

*The church office is still closed. You may call if you have a need that we can help with between 8:00am-4:00pm, Monday thru Friday. If no answer, please leave a message and a staff member will return your call as soon as possible.*

**A MASK is required if you are attending any service or activity at the church.** If you do not have one, we have them available for you to use. **Stay Well. Stay Safe.**

### Immediate Prayer Concerns

Family of Sidney Gardner  
 Family of Jim Bennett  
 Hanky MacFadyen  
 (Nan MacFadyen's mother)  
 John Hatfield



### Continuing Prayer Concerns

Nancy Smith Butch Herb  
 John Floyd Doug Martin  
 Joanne Hightower Jane Jones  
 Ronald Garry  
 Herman Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's father)

### Birthdays.....

**Aug 23** Jud Dawson, Carey Malone  
**Aug 24** Sally Whitt, Reid Richey  
**Aug 25** Tracy Jones, Jane Gardner, Suzanne Phillips, Daniel Sizemore, Hadley Freeman  
**Aug 26** Connor Moran  
**Aug 27** Ellis Rosser  
**Aug 29** Janet Edwards, Erin Rutland DeLucca, Afton Yarnell, Taylor Means



## Honorariums and Memorials

### General Budget Fund:

In honor and in memory of DeLeath Rives, given by Gloria Rives.  
 In memory of Jim Bennett and Sid Gardner, given by Julia Nolen Knox.  
 In memory of Jim Bennett and Sid Gardner, given by Ruth Chandler.  
 In memory of Jim Bennett, given by Neita Taylor.  
 In memory of Jim Bennett, given by Gwen Axtell.  
 In memory of Jim Bennett, given by Carma Rayburn.  
 In memory of Jim Bennett, given by David & Margaret Copeland.  
 In memory of Jim Bennett, given by Jeff Mount at Wright's Gourmet House.  
 In memory of Sid Gardner, given by Janet Hails.  
 In memory of Sid Gardner, given by Gigi Hammond.  
 In memory of Sid Gardner, given by Southern Company Hydro Services.  
 In memory of Sid Gardner, given by Alabama 811.  
 In memory of Dr. Larry Grimes, given by Gloria Cantrell.

### Ladle of Love Fund:

In memory of Jim Bennett, given by Joyce Sington

### Howell Erwin Fund:

In memory of Sid Gardner, given by Bill & Donna Campbell.  
 In memory of Sid Gardner, Dr. Adrian Chandler, and Jim Bennett, given by Don & Debbie Hiltz.

### Music Fund:

In memory of DeLeath Rives and Jim Bennett, given by Robin Wilson.  
 In memory of Sid Gardner and Jim Bennett, given by Alex Holtsford.  
 In memory of Carolyn Humphrey, given by Nancy Hall.  
 In memory of DeLeath Rives, given by Amelia Fletcher.  
 In memory of DeLeath Rives, given by Don & Debbie Hiltz.

### Altar Flowers Fund:

In memory of Jim Bennett, given by Bill & Donna Campbell.  
 In memory of Jim Bennett, given by Dotty Ivey.

**UMCOR:** In memory of Sid Gardner, given by Dotty Ivey.