



8-13-23

Sermon Notes

"Kingdom Math"

In honor of school starting back, we are going to be calculating with some Kingdom Math. Don't worry. This is the type of mathematics which applies to all: the math genius, and the math adverse. There is no spreadsheet or calculator needed. Kingdom math is a study where we give to God, and God does the multiplication. The numerical factor in kingdom math is Jesus and Jesus is the common denominator which makes all the difference. One Biblical example of Kingdom Math is *Matthew 14:13-21*, the feeding of the five thousand. Jesus takes a few loaves and fish and multiplies them to feed the masses. There is not only enough for the crowd to eat, but also leftovers. This is an incredible example of how Jesus can take our gifts and increase them for the good.

This week, I encourage you to do a little math. Give God your prayer, presence, gifts, service, and witness and allow him to provide for the increase. In doing this, you may find an unexpected abundance.

See you Sunday at the Abundance Place,
Rev. Sherri

All Ages Are Invited!

- 5:15 pm Fellowship Dinner (please make a reservation!)
- 6:00 pm Small Groups
- 6:15 pm Children's Sunday School Class (Rm 114) Dedication in honor of Ms. Beth
- 6:30 pm Ice Cream Social on the Portico



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Worship Opportunities

Thursday Worship: 5:30 pm, Sanctuary

Sunday Morning:

Celebration 9 am* Traditions 11 am*

*In Person (Sanctuary) and Online
www.fumcgadsden.org/media or
 on Facebook Live: @FUMCgadsden

ACOLYTES

August 13: Anna Kate Casey & Maddie Tow
 August 20: Marit Norris & Hadley Hedgspeth

Tech Team Schedule

(Please arrive 45 minutes before the service.)

August 13

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

Traditions: Mark Casey, Parker Casey Brad Barnes

August 20

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

Traditions: Neil Mullin, Mark Condra, Brad Barnes

**Wonderful Wednesday
Fellowship Meal will resume
August 16 @ 5:15 pm!**

Chick-fil-a is BACK!

\$7 per person, \$3 for ages 11 & Under

Dinner @ 5:15 pm

Small Groups for all ages @ 6 pm

Ice Cream Social on the Portico @ 6:30 pm

Small Group Study w/ Pastor Sherri begins August 16.

"The New Testament You Never Knew"

by N.T. Wright

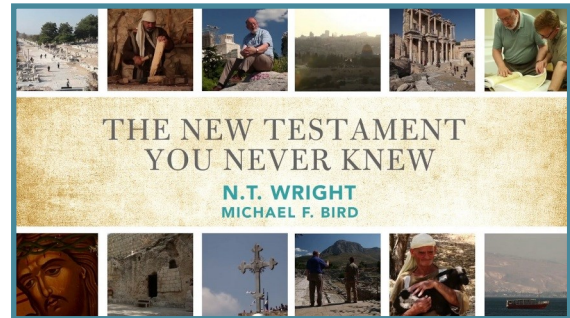
**Study Guides will be available in the
church office for \$11.00.**

**Out of Town on the
Weekend?**

Come to Thursday Worship!

5:30 to 6:00 pm each week

In the Sanctuary



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 at 7 am. Beginning July 13, the study will be focusing on leaders of the Bible. Each week the small group will discuss a key leader from the Old and New Testament. This study will conclude September 14.

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, with a study of "Proverbs", by Dominick S. Hernandez, **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, with Eric Wright and Harriet Murray, **Room 208**
- Pathfinders and Seekers Classes are currently meeting with the Multi-Age Sunday School Class, with a study of "The Walk" by Adam Hamilton. **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

ELC News

- ♦ The ELC faculty will begin preparations for the 2023-2024 school year starting Friday, August 11th.
- ♦ Open House is Thursday, August 17, from 10 am to 11 am.
- ♦ First day of school is Monday, August 21st.

—Helene Haller

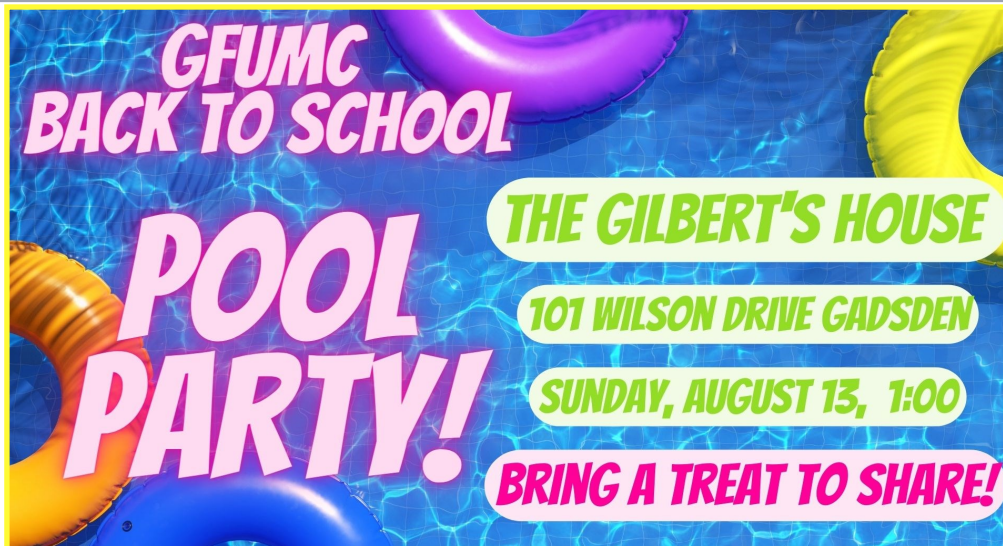


Youth Ministry News

Wonderful Wednesday Nights are back!
August 16– Supper at 5:15 pm; Youth meet at 6:00 pm in Senior High Room 211; Ice Cream Social @ 6:30 pm in the portico

Contact Carmen McKiven for details.
Youth Counselor

Wonderful Wednesday Fellowship Dinner will resume August 16!



Children's Ministry

Children's Church
Sundays @
9 am & 11



AUGUST 2 MEGA Nerf Games 5:00pm

AUGUST 6 Blessing of the Backpacks
9:00 am and 11:00 am

AUGUST 13 Back to School Pool PARTY! 1:00-3:00 pm

AUGUST 16 Wednesday Activities Begin 6:00pm
Ice Cream Social 6:30 pm

August Mission Focus

Our August Mission Focus is our adopted school, Striplin Elementary. Over the last years we have been a presence in the school to support the teachers and faculty, but most important to encourage the students to work hard and be successful.

These things are accomplished with your generous donations which enable us to thank the teachers with a "Welcome Back to School" breakfast, "Teacher Appreciation Luncheons, and giving Gift Cards to each "Teacher of the Month" and then the "Teacher of the Year."

The students are rewarded with a party each grading period, when they achieve the A/B Honor Roll Award for their hard work.

We would not be able to make this difference at Striplin without your kind generosity! Principal Anthony Ash will be visiting our church on Sunday, August 20th, in Traditions, to say "Thank You" along with our Mission Team. Hope you will be here!

"Welcome Back to School" Teacher Breakfast

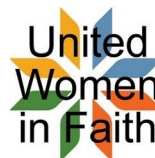


Thank you to all who have given to "Christmas in July"! The filled stockings and shoeboxes will bring joy to many boys and girls this Christmas! Please be sure to return your filled stocking or make your donation toward the shoebox ministry! Stockings and Shoeboxes will be blessed in both worship services on Aug 13!

United Women in Faith

All Ladies...Come one, Come all, to our last Summer Supper! Tuesday, August 15th, 5:30 pm at Gadsden Country Club in the Camellia Room. (Various price ranges available) We can thank Marian Ford for setting this up so we can have a very special evening together before returning to our monthly luncheons in September. We hope to see everyone there!

—Barbara Bennett, President



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.

Donations may be made to the Ladle of Love Fund in honor or in memory of a loved one.

Clothes Closet

Workdays

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Open to Public

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

August open dates are

8/2 and 8/16

9:00 am to 11:00 am

516 Broad Street Gadsden

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

Clients Served

June 2023

Ladle of Love 475

Clothes Closet 258

Thanks to our volunteers!

Phone: 256-543-8200

Email: fumc@fumcgadsden.org

#gfumcreconnect2023



*Please join us for the dedication of the
Kindergarten Sunday School Class Room
in honor of
Ms. Beth Kimball*



6:15 pm

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

Room 114 (1st Floor, Back Hallway), First UMC Gadsden

Followed by an Ice Cream Social on the Portico at 6:30 pm

Fellowship Dinner is at 5:15 pm in the Gathering Room (Room 201)

Please make a reservation by Monday at Noon

—It's Chick-fil-A Night!

Inviting Ministries



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He Brews

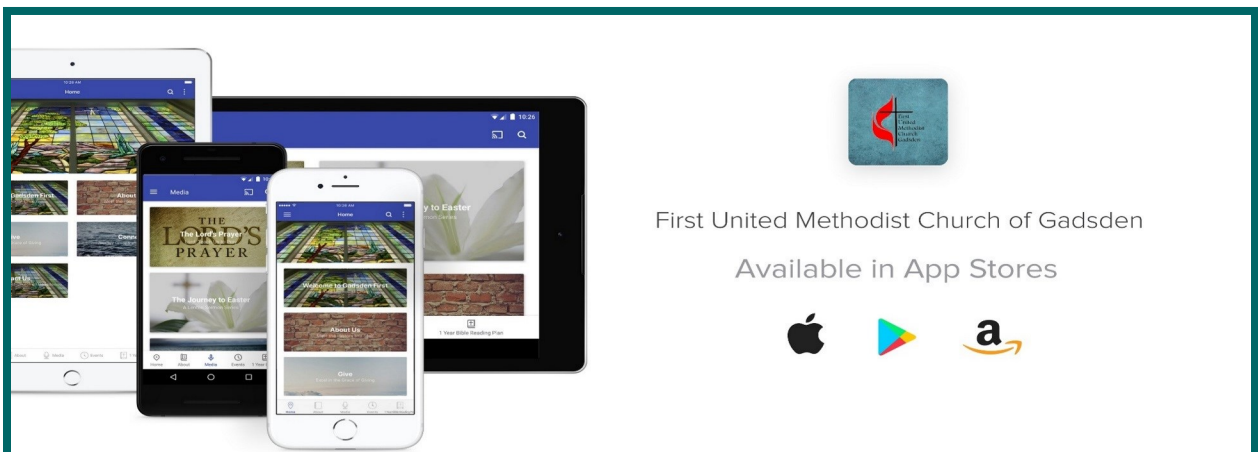
Sundays @ 10 am
between
the worship
services

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.

All Meetings, Events and Activities must be scheduled in advance with the church secretary, Susan Swann by email or phone, susan@fumcgadsden.org or 256.543.8200. This will allow us to serve you better! We will reserve a specific room(s) for you, ensure that the air conditioning is on, and that there is access to the building.



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Available in App Stores



DID YOU KNOW...

That you can reduce your tax exposure by making a gift from your IRA to your church? An IRA Qualified Charitable Withdrawal (QCD) is a simple and easy way for you to use your IRA to help GFUMC fulfill its mission.



DOES AN IRA QCD MAKE SENSE THIS YEAR?

If you are age 70 ½ you can use pre-tax dollars in your IRA to donate to the church. This amount is capped at \$100,000.

If you are age 73 (for tax year 2023), this amount can be used to satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution.

Check with your tax professional to see how an IRA QCD could impact your taxes while helping the ministries and missions of the church.





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Generosity: Ways to Give

In-person, at the offering time during worship.

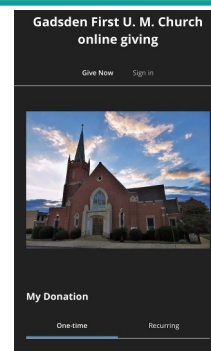
www.fumcgadsden.org/give

Text to Give: 256-344-8464

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



Look! The color scheme for our eGiving portal has changed!



Calendar for August 13-19, 2023

Aug 13 Sunday

9:00 am Celebration Service, Sanctuary
10:00 am Sunday School; HeBrews Coffee
11:00 am Traditions Service, Sanctuary

Aug 14 Monday

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

Aug 15 Tuesday

5:00 pm-6:00 pm Yoga, Gym
5:30 pm, Women's Summer Supper, Country Club

Aug 16 Wednesday

5:15 Wednesday Night Meal, Gathering Room
6:00 pm Children's Activities, Room 108
6:00 pm Youth Activities, Room 211
6:00 pm Bible Study with Pastor Sherri, Room 208
6:00 pm Choir Practice
6:30 pm Ice Cream Social, Portico

Aug 17 Thursday

9:00 am-10:00 am Exercise Group, Gym
10:00-11:00 am ELC Open House

5:30 pm Thursday worship

Aug 18 Friday

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

Wonderful Wednesday Begins 8/16

August 16 Wonderful Wednesdays resume!

5:15 pm Fellowship Dinner

6:00 pm Small Groups for Adults, Youth, and Children

6:15 pm Dedication of Children's Sunday School Room
in honor of Ms. Beth Kimball

6:30 pm Ice Cream Social

Honorariums & Memorials

General Budget Fund

In memory of Kenneth Davis, given by Michael Davis.

In Memory of His Life

Kenneth R. Davis

August 2, 2023



Immediate Prayer Concerns

Family of Ken Davis Rev. Jeff Davis
Lisa Dobbins Asher Mae Collins
Dawn Rains
Heather Lincoln (Phillip & Leslie Johnson's daughter)

Continued Prayer Concerns

Lewis Hill Rodney Thompson Bibb Holland
Chris Gunnells (Gail McNair's nephew)
John Jones (Dotty Rogers' Son)

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



Asher Brooks McFarland

Born: August 3, 2023

Parents: Rhys & Lindsey McFarland

Grandparents: Robin Wilson

Dr. Rex Wilson

Given by the Children's Ministry and the ELC

Birthdays

Aug 13 Quinn Darden
Aug 14 Kelly Roach
Aug 15 Kirk Mabeus, Trish Harrell,
Ashley Hornik, Madeline Mills,
Griffin Bone
Aug 16 David Cummins, Bitsy Dorsett,
Charles Trotter, Grady Leach
Aug 17 Chip Edwards,
Hayden Caldwell, Henry Darden,
Josie Darden
Aug 18 Georgia Eugenas
Aug 19 Briggs Megois

Week of August 6, 2023

In Person Total *138 Worship Total 503
Online 365 Thursday Worship *10
Traditions Service *76/182
Celebration Service *52/177
Adult Sunday School *36/1 UWF 0
Bible Study Groups *7 Children *31
Youth *4 Nursery *6 Misc. *1
Total Small Groups *87 *In Person

General Offering Budget \$12,777.00
General Offering Received \$12,620.00
YTD General Offering Budget \$408,864.00
YTD General Offering Rec'd \$382,551.00



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