



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

August 15

Sermon Notes

"Back to School Bash"

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

New Revised Standard Version

Rules for the New Life

25 So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. 26 Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and do not make room for the devil. 28 Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. 29 Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up,[a] as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. 31 Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, 32 and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.[b] 5 1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, 2 and live in love, as Christ loved us[c] and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

This passage is labeled as rules for the new life in the NRSV Translation. This is a great application for all of the students, teachers, parents, and the rest of us as we start a new school year. These are some tough challenges in this passage but if we apply them, what an amazing impact we will have in the community this year. As a community of faith let us strive to be imitators of God like this passage talks about.

We can't wait to see you Sunday as we pray over our students and teachers. We will also dig deeper into this passage from Ephesians.

See you Sunday!
Pastor, Andy

Worship Opportunities

- **Mosaic:** 6:30 pm, Tuesday, (in person and online)
- **Thursday Worship:** 5:30 pm, Sanctuary

Sunday Worship

Celebration Service 9:00 am
(In person in the Sanctuary and online)

Traditions Service 11:00 am
(In person in the Sanctuary and online)

www.fumcgadsden.org/media or
on facebook live: @fumcgadsden

Tech Team Schedule

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

August 15

Celebration: Davis Varner, Brad Barnes, Liz Barnes

Traditions: Carmen McKiven, Jacob McKiven, Sheila Freeman

August 22

Celebration: Mark Casey, Parker Casey, Brynn Crain

Traditions: Tammy Hayes, Sheila Freeman



Youth Ministry News
Wednesday Nights
Youth Group 6:00 pm
Room 211/Gym

ELC News

Open House
Thursday, August 19th
10:00 am to 11:30 am.

First day for Fall 2021 is
Monday, August 23rd.

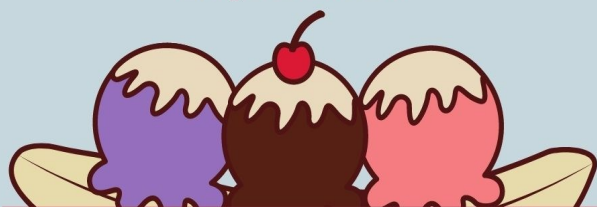
Save the Date: Sept 16-18
Friends of the ELC
Consignment Sale.

Helene Haller



Ice Cream Social

On the Portico
 6:30 pm • August 18, 2021
 All Ages Are Invited!



First United Methodist Church of Gadsden

Gadsden First United Methodist Church Acolytes Meeting



Sunday, August 15

Kid's Worship Room, 12:00pm

Lunch will be provided

All students 2nd-6th grade are eligible to acolyte.

The honor of an acolyte is to assist in worship by carrying a crucifer, lighting the candles, or holding the Bible.

"Celebrate Wonder"

Children's Church
In-Person,
Sundays
9 am and 11 am
during Worship

Children's
Worship Room
(Room 108)

August GFUMC Children's Calendar

- **Sunday, August 1** Parent Meeting 12:00pm. lunch provided
- **Wednesday, August 4** Water games! 6:00pm
- **Wednesday, August 11** no church
- **Sunday, August 15** Back to School BASH! 10:00am
- **Sunday, August 15** Acolyte Meeting 12:00pm. lunch provided
- **Wednesday, August 18** Wonderful Wednesday's Resume Ice Cream Social 6:00pm



August Missions

GFUMC is
"Roaring into Greatness"
 with Striplin Elementary!

Each year we have the opportunity to make a difference for our adopted school! We are kicking off the 2021-2022 school year by providing each teacher with a bag of supplies for their classroom. And once again this year, we will provide Teacher of the Month and Teacher of the Year Gift Cards and Certificates, A/B Honor Roll parties and the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. **Please help us support our GREAT teachers and students by giving to the Striplin Fund.** Thank you in advance for your Generosity.

#amindsetofexcellence

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

We appreciate our
Volunteers!

Ladle of Love

Fridays, 11:00am-

12:00pm, at the

Portico entrance

"Ladle of Love" Team Leader Needed

A volunteer is needed to serve as the **Ladle of Love Team Leader** for Team IV for the fourth Friday of each month. Duties include coordinating volunteers, menu planning and purchasing of the food, as well as overseeing the preparation and serving of the food. Currently, Ladle of Love is serving a "to go" bag lunch at the portico of the church.



Thank you to Mandell and Judy Tillman for their years of service as the team leaders for Team IV. They have been faithful volunteers since the Ladle of Love began. Their service is very much appreciated!

UMW NEWS

Due to the increase of the Covid Virus, **UMW** will not have a Summertime dinner in August. Be safe and continue to prayer for an end to this pandemic. Stay tuned in and keep your fingers crossed and say a prayer that we will be able to have our **September UMW Luncheon.**

Watch this newsletter for new updates throughout the remainder of August and the beginning of September.

Eileen

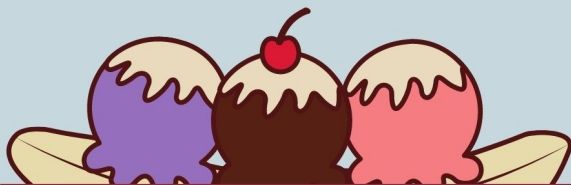


Find out more about mission
and service opportunities @
www.fumcgadsden.org/serve

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

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First United Methodist Church of Gadsden

Wednesday Night Supper

August 18, 5:15 pm

Chick-fil-a, Chips, Fruit, Drinks

Dinner: \$7 per person

Children 11 and under: \$3

Make a reservation by

Monday, August 16 by calling the church office @ 256.543.8200 or email: sheila@fumcgadsden.org

In-Person Bible Study on Wednesday Nights @ 6:00 pm begins on Wednesday, August 18.

In-person

Pastor Sam

Wednesday

Mornings @ 11 am

Gathering Room



Online

Pastor Sam

Wednesdays @ 6 pm,

online, FACEBOOK Live

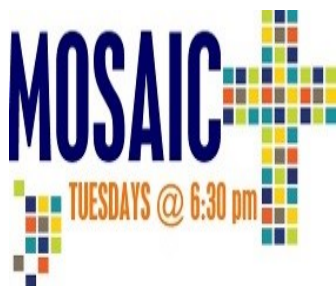
(Also, available on-demand on the GFUMC website or church app under the media tab.)

Thursdays, Men at the Well, 7:00 am via Zoom—New Study for Aug and Sep

You are invited to join the weekly ZOOM bible study with the Men at the Well small group. Everyone is invited to join this discussion group. It meets each Thursday morning at 7 am. During the months of August and September, a different member of the small group will lead a discussion. The discussion topics will be centered around different bible characters featured in the Acts of the Apostles. Each week, minor prophets and ordinary men and women will be featured. Not all of them were good people. Some are well known and some are scandalous.

Sunday Mornings @ 10:00 am in person

- Living Water Sunday School Class, "Mysteries of the Messiah" by Rabbi Jadon Sobel, Chapel, Room 118.
- Martin Fellowship Class, "International Sunday School Lessons", Room 116.
- Pathfinders Class, "Better Decisions, Fewer Regrets" by Andy Stanley, Room 208.
- Seekers, Discovery and The Middle Sunday School Classes are currently not meeting. *Members are welcome to meet with another classes return.*



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. Check out the Mosaic Facebook Page for weekly devotionals and for updates about in-person worship @ 6:30 pm on Tuesdays in the gym or portico/courtyard, depending on the weather.



Sunday, August 15

- Blessing for Students and Teachers in Worship Services
- Bible Presentation for Students entering 3rd or 4th Grade
- Highlights for our adopted school, Striplin Elementary.
- Back to School Bash for Children and Youth, 10 AM

Top 10 Things To Do on the Church APP

10. Meet the Pastors and Staff. (Home Tab-Meet the Pastors and Staff)
9. Fill out a Connect Card. (Home Tab-Connect)
8. Read the Church News. (Home Tab-News)
7. Check Out Upcoming Church Events (Events Tab)
6. Read the Bible in a Year (Bible Tab)
5. Look up Scripture. (Bible Tab)
4. Send a Prayer Request (Home Tab-Prayer Request)
3. Give (Home Tab-Give)
2. Watch the Pastor's Bible Study (Media Tab)
1. Watch or Listen to Worship Services and Sermons. (Media Tab)



Have you downloaded the Church App?

Search: FUMCGadsden
(Available in the App Stores for Android or iPhone/)

Any questions about offerings, gifts or financial issues for the church should be directed to Sheila Witherspoon, Financial Secretary. **You can reach Sheila Witherspoon at the church office at 256-543-8200 or email at giving@fumcgadsden.org.**



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
- Offering Plates are located at the entrances the sanctuary.

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Calendar for August 15-21, 2021

August 15, Sunday

9:00 am, **Celebration Service, in Sanctuary & live stream**
 10:00 am, **Celebrate Sunday School, Children's Ministry room;**
 2nd & 3rd Grade Bibles given during both services.
 10:00 am, Martin Fellowship, Pathfinders, & Living Water
 Sunday School classes, in person
 11:00 am, **Traditions Service, in Sanctuary & live stream**
 12:00 pm, Acolyte Meeting, Room 108

August 16, Monday

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

August 17, Tuesday

5:00-6:00 pm, **Yoga, Gym**
 6:30 pm, **Mosaic, In person/Live stream**
 9:00-11:00 am, Clothes Closet Workday

August 18, Wednesday

9:00-11:00 am, Clothes Closet open
 10:00 am, Bible Study w/Pastor Sam, Room 208
 5:15 pm, **Wednesday Night meal**
 6:00 pm, **Children's Activities, Room 108**
 Youth Activities, Room 211
 6:00 pm, **Choir Practice, Choir Room**
 6:30 pm, **Ice Cream Social, Portico**

August 19, Thursday

9:00 am-10:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym
 7:00 am, **Men at the Well Journey Group, Zoom**
 5:30 pm, **Thursday Worship, Sanctuary**

August 21, Friday

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

The flowers in the sanctuary today are
 in memory of Marj Ross and
 in memory of Hazel Oliver on her birthday, August 11,
 given by Jack Pierce.

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.

Honorariums and Memorials

Music Fund:

In memory of Marjorie Ross and Virginia Yocum,
 given by Dr. Sam & Leone Norris.

*The ministers and congregation of First United
 Methodist Church of Gadsden*



extend Christian sympathy to

Winnie Mae Beasley

in the death of her daughter,

Patsy Powers

August 10, 2021

Immediate Prayer Concerns

Family of Jamie Gould
 Family of Patsy Powers
 Bryant Grizzell Jack Floyd
 Neita Taylor



Continued Prayer Concerns

William (Skip) Edwards (Jennifer Jackson's father)
 Mikey Tonagel (Collins & Belinda Tackaberrys' son-in-law)
 Ruby Christine Poland (granddaughter of Jeff & Cathea Poland)
 Ann Elizabeth Casey (great-granddaughter of Dotty Ivey)
 Yvonne Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's step-mother)
 Mary Nichols (Patsy Blankenship's mother)

Birthdays.....

Aug 15 Tom Quinn, Trish Harrell,
 Ashley Hornik, Madeline Mills, Griffin Bone
Aug 16 Dave Cummins, Bitsy Dorsett,
 Charles Trotter, Grady Leach
Aug 17 Hayden Caldwell, Henry Darden,
 Josie Darden
Aug 18 Georgia Eugenas
Aug 19 Briggs Megois
Aug 20 Brad Norris, Joyce Noojin
Aug 21 Stephe Wood, Valerie Keelin



Week of August 8, 2021

*In Person Total *216 Overall Total 474
 Online Viewer Total 258 Mosaic *8
 Thursday *9 Sunday School *37
 Celebration Service *46/112 Children * 21
 Traditional *55/127 Youth *28
 Bible Study Groups *12/19
 General Offering Budget \$15,200.00
 General Offering Received \$20,448.00
 YTD General Offering Budget \$486,400.00
 YTD General Offering Rec'd \$430,476.00

Text to Give: 256.344.8464

Covid - Update

*We have masks and
 hand sanitizer
 available at the
 entrances and every
 other pew has been
 marked off. Please
 wear a mask if you
 have not been fully
 vaccinated or as
 needed.*