

# Jesus Is...

## EMMANUEL

PASTOR SAM HAYES

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

12/4/22

### Sermon Notes

### "Jesus is...Emmanuel"

During this Season of Advent, we will be looking at just a few of the many names that are used to describe Jesus in Scripture. Jesus is...*Emmanuel, Son of Man, Lord*, and then on Christmas Day we will look at Jesus as *Savior*.

This Sunday, the focus is on Jesus as "Emmanuel." Isaiah 7: 10-14 reads:

<sup>10</sup> Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, <sup>11</sup> Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. <sup>12</sup> But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. <sup>13</sup> Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

"Great," you say, "but how do we know that Jesus was the fulfillment of that Old Testament prophecy?" (I'm glad you asked.) We know it because Matthew's Gospel makes that connection for us in Matthew 1: 22-23...

<sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

<sup>23</sup> "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

Emmanuel means, "God is with us." Emmanuel isn't just another *name* for Jesus. It points to deep truths. That Jesus is Emmanuel shows us something about God...with us (not against us)...with us (accessible in human skin). Jesus told his followers that whoever had seen him had seen the Father (John 14: 7-9). Jesus (Emmanuel) was a human and did everything humans do. He ate, slept, got tired, had friends, family and a job. He experienced temptations in life, but didn't sin. (Heb. 4: 15). Jesus shows us that God is with us (not some distant, far-off deity). Emmanuel also shows us that God will *continue* to be with us. For how long? "Until the end of the age." (Matt. 28: 18-20) Can you see how "Emmanuel" is a practical truth that can really change our lives?

See you Sunday,  
Pastor Sam



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### 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](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/media) or  
on Facebook Live: @FUMCGadsden

### ACOLYTES

December 4: Silas Holsey & Luke Barnes  
December 11: Anna Kate Casey & Clementine Hilburn

### Tech Team Schedule

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

#### December 4

**Celebration:** Joe Pritchard, Brad Barnes, Sheila Freeman

**Traditions:** Mark Condra, Sheila Freeman  
**December 11**

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

**Traditions:** Will Brookshire, Brad Barnes, Sheila Freeman

# Jesus Is...

"Get Ready"	Sun. 11/27	9 am & 11 am
"Jesus is...Emmanuel"	Sun. 12/4	9 am & 11 am
Choir Christmas Music	Sun. 12/11	11 am-One Service
"Jesus is...Son of Man"	Sun. 12/18	9 am & 11 am
"Jesus is...Lord"	Sat. 12/24	4 pm & 6 pm
"Jesus is...Savior"	Sun. 12/25	10 am-One Service

**P A S T O R   S A M   H A Y E S**

**SERMON SERIES FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS**

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## Christmas in Gadsden

Dec. 4- Children's Christmas Musical, 3:00 pm, "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Dec. 11- One Worship Service, 11 am, Chancel Choir Christmas Music  
10 am Dedication of the Children's Worship Room  
in memory of Joanne Hightower

Dec. 22- "Christmas in Gadsden- Cookies and Carols", 5:30 pm  
In the Chestnut, Street Lobby and the Sanctuary

Dec. 24- Christmas Eve  
4 pm, Candlelight Worship and Holy Communion  
5 pm, Live Nativity presented by UMYF  
6 pm, Candlelight Worship and Holy Communion

December 25-Christmas Day Worship, One Service, 10 am  
January 1- New Year's Day Worship, One Service, 10 am

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## Wonderful Wednesday Fellowship Meal

**December 7, 2022 Barbecue**  
RSVP by Tuesday at noon.

**\$7 per person, \$3 for 11 & Under**  
**\$20 Max per family**

## Out of Town on the Weekend?

**Come to Thursday Worship!**

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

**In the Sanctuary**

## Bible Study with Pastor Sam

**Wednesday Mornings**

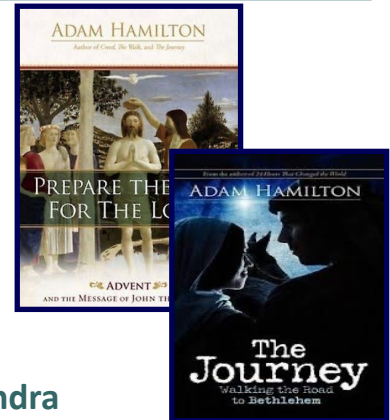
**11 am In Person Bible Study**

**Room 208, Prepare the Way for the Lord**

**Facebook Live @ 6 pm or on demand-via**  
**the FUMC APP or website**

**Small Groups at Wonderful Wednesday, 6 pm**

**Room 110 –Harriet Murray Room 208-Mark Condra**



## 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.

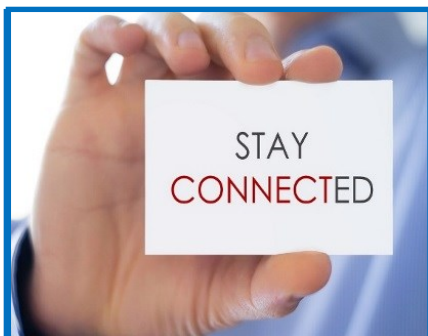
**Study for Advent:**

**The Journey by Adam Hamilton.**

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

## RECONNECT with the Sunday School Class of Your Choice!

- Living Waters Sunday School Class, The “Angels of Christmas-Hearing God’s Voice in Advent” by Susan Robb, **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, Why Christmas Matters **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>

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



### ELC News

Our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas PJ Day will be Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. We cannot wait to see everyone's cute Christmas PJ's. Our annual Christmas program and parties will be hosted on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in the sanctuary. We invite the congregation to come and listen to the sound of the season.

*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.**

**December 24** The youth will participate in the "Live Nativity" at 5:00 pm between the Candlelight services.

**December 31st-New Year's Eve-** Lock-in at the church.

**—Pastor Andy**

**Wonderful Wednesday Fellowship Dinner—Don't forget to make a reservation by Tues. @ noon.  
December 7— Barbecue \$7 Per person, \$3 for Under 11 Max \$20 per Family**

# Children's Ministry

**Children's Church, Sundays during Celebration and Traditions Worship**

**Wonderful Wednesday Children's Group, Wednesdays at 6 pm**

A cartoon illustration of Santa Claus with a red hat, white beard, and orange glasses. He is peeking over a white sign. Above him are blue pine branches with red and gold ornaments.

Sunday, December 4  
**LUNCH WITH SANTA  
AND  
CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG**  
Lunch with Santa @12:00  
Christmas Sing-A-Long @3:00  
GFUMC Children's Ministry

A dark, atmospheric photograph of a mountain range at night or dusk, with some lights visible in the valleys.

GFUMC Children's Ministry presents  
*Go, Tell It On The Mountain!*  
Sunday  
4th@3:00  
December  
Join us for a Christmas Sing-A-Long!

## December Mission Focus

### AB Honor Roll Party at Striplin Elementary



Thank you  
for your  
support!

### Striplin Adopted School

*Christmas Cards*

**UMW Christmas Boutique**  
Sunday Mornings, Chestnut Foyer  
December 4, 11, & 18  
All Proceeds Benefit UMW Missions

### UMW News

#### UMW Luncheon Monday, December 5

Our program will be the ELC children singing for us. Mark your calendars! We will have poinsettias to take to our homebound members and friends. Make your reservation by noon on Friday, December 2. Call Delores Abney 256-458-0376.

—Barbara Bennett, President



#### Poinsettias

Cost \$21.00 each\*

Select the Date (It will be in both services)

\_\_\_ December 11    \_\_\_ December 18    \_\_\_ December 25

Donated by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ In Honor of    \_\_\_ In Memory of

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\*subject to change

Orders must be placed Monday at noon prior to the date you are requesting.

## 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

December dates are  
12/7 and 12/21

9:00 am to 11:00 am

516 Broad Street Gadsden

### Ladle of Love

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

Clients served in  
October 2022

Ladle of Love    372

Clothes Closet    237

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

The Ladle of Love will be  
closed December 23

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

Phone: 256-543-8200

Email:

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

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# Generosity 2023

***Strength for today, bright hope for tomorrow!***



Your church needs more than just your financial giving in 2023... we need everyone to be “engaged” with church. We all promised to support our church with our PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE, and WITNESS. In other words, we all promised to be plugged into every part of the church and to do it faithfully.

There is a line in the hymn, *Great is Thy Faithfulness*, that is so appropriate for where we are right now: “Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow...” That is what our Faithful God provides to us. That’s what we want you to be a part of. Your giving of tithes, offerings, time, talents, and service will help strengthen FUMC Gadsden today, and will help ensure bright hope for tomorrow. Your church needs YOU at this critical time in its history!

*Please pray about your contributions to your church for 2023, complete an Estimate of Giving Card for 2023, and return it to the church office as quickly as you can (at least by November 30th), so that our Finance Team can finish up the 2023 budget.*



## Generosity: Ways to Give

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

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

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



**Have you downloaded the Church App?**

**Search: FUMCGadsden**  
**Available in the App Stores**  
**for Android or iPhone**







*Christmas  
in Gadsden*

*Peace Will Come*

CHANCEL CHOIR CHRISTMAS MUSIC  
WITH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, CHOIR, AND SOLOISTS

*Sunday*  
DEC | 11 | 11 AM

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GADSDEN  
115 S. 5TH STREET  
GADSDEN, AL 35901



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE DEDICATION  
OF THE CHILDREN'S WORSHIP ROOM

*In Memory of Joanne Hightower*

SUNDAY | DECEMBER 11 | 10 AM

First United Methodist Church of Gadsden  
Room 108 and Portico Foyer  
115 S. 5th Street

Reception to Follow  
Portico Foyer



**G** FUMC  
Brunch  
Club

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

Sunday, December 11 at The Rail  
All Young Adults and Families Welcome!

# Calendar for December 4-10, 2022

## Dec 4, Sunday

9:00 am Celebration Service, Sanctuary  
 10:00 am Sunday School; HeBrews Coffee Ministry  
 11:00 am Traditional Service, Sanctuary  
 12:00pm-1:30pm Lunch with Santa, Gym  
 2:00 pm Children's Musical practice  
 3:00 pm "Go Tell It On the Mountain"-Christmas Sing-A-Long, Sanctuary

## Dec 5, Monday

9:00 am-1:00 pm ELC Fall Schedule  
 9:00 am-10:00 am Exercise Group, Gym  
 5:00 pm-7:00 pm Basketball, Gym

## Dec 6, Tuesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm ELC Fall Schedule  
 Yoga 5:00pm-6:00pm, Gym  
 6:00 pm-8:00 pm Basketball, Gym

## Dec 7, Wednesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm ELC Fall Schedule  
 11:00 am Bible Study, Room 208 (Facebook Live @ 6pm)  
 5:15 pm Wednesday Night meal, Gathering Room  
 6:00 pm Advent Study Groups, Rooms 110 & 208  
 6:00 pm Children activities, Room 108  
 6:00 pm Youth activities, Gym & Room 211  
 6:00 pm Choir Practice, Choir Room

## Dec 8, Thursday

9:00 am-1:00 pm ELC Fall Schedule  
 9:00 am-10:00 am Exercise Group, Gym  
 9:30 am ELC Children's Christmas Program, Sanctuary  
 10:30 am-ELC Class Christmas parties  
 5:30 pm Thursday Worship, Sanctuary  
 5:00 pm-8:00 pm Basketball, Gym

## Dec 9, Friday

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



### Immediate Prayer Concerns

Jane Herb Lisa Dobbins Beth Kelley  
 Michael Fortenberry (Regina Holloway's brother)  
 Chris Gunnels (Gail McNair's nephew)

### Continued Prayer Concerns

Jackie Herlong  
 Pat Martin  
 Jerry Casey  
 John Jones (Dottie Roger's son)



### Honorariums and Memorials

In memory of Alex Holtsford, given by Lee Trotter.

### Birthdays

**Dec 4** John McCord, Ginger Ross, Richard McCoy, Victoria Ogletree, Hayden Winters  
**Dec 5** Shannon Campbell, Tiger Jones, Matthew Vance, Savannah New  
**Dec 6** Anna Katherine Hollingsworth, Erica Shumate, John Waid  
**Dec 7** Margie Freeman, Austin Waits  
**Dec 8** Benilda Kelley, Silas Tankersley,  
**Dec 9** Caroline Culp, Kailie Jackson  
**Dec 10** Debbie Hiltz, Debbie Leach, Jamie Bowers, Noah Sherrouse



### Week of November 27, 2022

In Person Total \*121 Online 277  
 Worship Total 348 Thursday Worship \*0  
 Celebration Service \*60/110  
 Traditional Worship \*61/117  
 Adult Sunday School \*26 Children \*1  
 Bible Study Groups \*6/28  
 Children \*12 Youth \*13 Nursery \*3  
 Total Small Group Attendance \*72/29  
 \*In Person

General Offering Budget \$13,175.00  
 General Offering Received \$9,808.00  
 YTD General Offering Budget \$632,400.00  
 YTD General Offering Rec'd \$607,985.00

**Text to Give: 256.344.8464**



**Generosity 2023**

First United Methodist Church of Gadsden

**As of November 30, 2022**  
**28 Pledge Cards received**  
**for**  
**\$97,452.00 Funds**