



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

## 2-13-22 Sermon Notes "Resurrection Power"

1 Corinthians 15:12-20 (Common English Bible)

{12} So if the message that is preached says that Christ has been raised from the dead, then how can some of you say, "There's no resurrection of the dead"? {13} If there's no resurrection of the dead, then Christ hasn't been raised either. {14} If Christ hasn't been raised, then our preaching is useless and your faith is useless. {15} We are found to be false witnesses about God, because we testified against God that he raised Christ, when he didn't raise him if it's the case that the dead aren't raised. {16} If the dead aren't raised, then Christ hasn't been raised either. {17} If Christ hasn't been raised, then your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins, {18} and what's more, those who have died in Christ are gone forever. {19} If we have a hope in Christ only in this life, then we deserve to be pitied more than anyone else. {20} But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead. He's the first crop of the harvest [a] of those who have died.

We are continuing our Sermon Series in the book of 1st Corinthians. Today, Paul is explaining the importance of believing in the resurrection of Jesus. Passages like this give people hope about eternal life in heaven, but it is also for the here and now. The fact that Jesus overcame sin and death is a game changer. We can now wake up each day free from sin. Will we still mess up? Yes, but we are not slaves to sin anymore. We serve a God who can resurrect our lives and create new life in us. Addictions can be overcome, our attitudes and hearts can be changed, our savior is powerful and can change our lives! A famous gospel hymn, "*Because He Lives*", was written in 1971 by the Gaither's. We are going to talk about some of the back story to why they wrote this song during an uncertain time in their life. We will also talk about verse 20, what does it mean when it refers to Jesus as the first crop of the harvest? Join us on Sunday and find out what it means for us.

See you Sunday!

Pastor Andy

## Worship Opportunities

- **Thursday Worship:** 5:30 pm  
In the Sanctuary
- **Mosaic:** 6:00 pm, **Thursday**,  
(In person @ Back Forty Beer Company)

## • Sunday Worship

**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

## Tech Team Schedule

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

**February 13, 2022**

**Celebration:** Eric Wright, Bill Haller,  
Brad Barnes, Elizabeth Barnes

**Traditions:** Mark Casey,  
Carmen McKiven, Jacob McKiven,  
Parker Casey

**February 20**

**Celebration:** Will Brookshire,  
Sheila Freeman, Zach Hilburn

**Traditions:** Sheila Freeman,  
Mark Condra

## Dream Big by Bob Goff

Small Group Study on Sunday Mornings!

Sunday, January 23—Sunday, February 20

Study, In the Gathering Room @ 10 am

All Ages are Welcome! Led by Pastor Andy  
*(You will love the food!)*



## Wednesday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Andy

11 AM, In the Gathering Room, Everyone Welcome!

**February 16: Reservations: 256.490.5018**

***Chicken Fingers and Macaroni and Cheese***  
**\$7 per person, Kids 11 & Under-\$3**

## Thursdays, Men at the Well, 7:00 am via Zoom

You are invited to join the weekly ZOOM bible study with the Men at the Well small group. If you are interested please see the contact information below to join this discussion group. It meets each Thursday morning at 7 am. The current study is Stand Strong: 365 Devotions For Men.

Go to [www.fumcgadsden.org/menatthewell](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/menatthewell) for more details.

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

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

- Living Water Sunday School Class, Virtual/ Online —Contact the church office for the link to join!  
Flawed But Faithful Disciple, by Adam Hamilton
- Martin Fellowship Class, Room 116, International Bible Studies
- Pathfinders Class is attending “Dream Big” in the Gathering Room from 1/23-2/20

Seekers, Discovery and The Middle Sunday School Classes are currently not meeting.  
*Members are welcome to meet with another group until their class returns.*







## Youth Ministry News

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

**Save the Date: Youth Super Bowl Party**  
**February 13, 2022, 5:00-7:00 pm, Gym**

Confirmation Class schedule:

Jan 23rd, Feb 6th, Feb 20th, March 6th, & March 13th.

Time: 5:00-7:00 pm each Sunday night.

Confirmation Sunday will be March 20th.

Wednesday Night Dinner—Feb. 16

Chicken Fingers and Macaroni and Cheese

\$7 Per Person, Kids 11 and Under-\$3

## ELC News

We will swap valentines on Monday, February 14th. Registration for the 2022-2023 school year starts February 14th according to the listed schedule below. On Wednesday, February 16th, the ELC will host Teacher Meet and Greets for those entering 2K in the fall. Our next lunchbox revolt is Tuesday, February 22nd. We will have McDonald's order forms to send home. Molly Page and friends from OPAC will be presenting "Littlest Big House" on Wednesday, February 23rd, in the Gathering Room.

**February 14th** thru **17th** is registration for currently enrolled church members and non-enrolled siblings.

**February 21st** thru **24th** is registration for currently enrolled non-church members and their non-enrolled siblings. **March 7** is for any openings: registration for church member students who are not currently enrolled with priority given to those on the waitlist.

**March 14** is open enrollment for any remaining openings per class with priority given to those on the waitlist.

—Helene Haller

## GFUMC Children's Spring Calendar

February	9  Valentine's Party 6:00	13  Valentine's Sunday!	23  National Dog Biscuit Day Let's make dog biscuits!
March	2  Ash Wednesday	23  Popcorn and Pajamas!	30  Happy Spring Break
April	10  Palm Sunday 1st-5th play handbells	13  Nachos and Nerf War!	16  Easter Egg Hunt
May	4  Glow for Jesus! Party @6:00	11  CHURCH PICNIC	17  EASTER

### GFUMC CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Wonderful Wednesday's

Wednesday's at 6:00  
in the Kid's Worship Room  
Room 108

Sunday Children's Church

Sunday's during each service  
9:00 and 11:00  
Room 108

## Children's Ministry Valentine Parties

**Wed, Feb 9 & Sun, Feb 13**

# February Missions

Tornado Buckets will be available for pick up on Sunday, February 6th, in the Sanctuary and Chestnut Street entrance. There will be a list of required items for you in each bucket. Our goal is to try and fill 40 buckets. Please return by Sunday, February 27th.

Thank you for your help with this project.

## Your Mission Team

### Specific Items Needed to Complete a Tornado Bucket:

- 1 Standard Size Claw Hammer
- 1 Shirt Pocket Notebook, 1 Permanent Marker,
- 1 Pencil and Sharpener in a Ziplock Bag
- 12 Black 30-45 Gallon Trash Bags
- 2 Rolls of Toilet Paper in Ziplock bag
- Work Gloves-Leather Palm or All Leather Gloves
- 100 Count Nails (1 3/4 –2 1/2) common
- 10 White 13 Gallon Trash Bags with drawstrings.
- 1 Cellophane Packing Tape
- 10 One Gallon Ziplock Bags
- 1 Box Cutter
- 1 Hand Sanitizer (4oz to 12 oz)
- 1 Insect Repellent Spray or Can, or Wipes or combination
- 1 pair Safety Glasses
- 6 Clear 40 –55 Gallon Trash Bags
- 3 Tampons or Pads in a Ziplock Bag
- Flashlight with batteries



*Each bucket contains specific items used for a specific purpose during clean-up after a tornado.*

## UMW NEWS

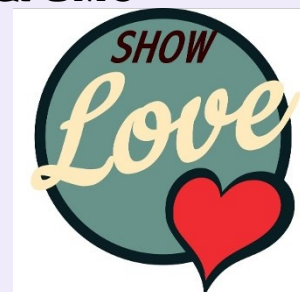
UMW luncheon  
When: Monday, February 14 at 12:00 noon  
Where: Gathering Room  
Please make your reservation by 11:00 am Friday, February 11 by calling Delores Abney 256.458.0376 or email [deloresdda53@gmail.com](mailto:deloresdda53@gmail.com)

For the luncheon on Valentines Day everyone wear something RED to celebrate the holiday. Remember that February is the month for UMW to Observe Day of Prayer and Self-denial. If you wish to make a contribution bring it to the luncheon. If you are not attending you may leave it in the UMW mail box in the church office. Make check payable to UMW!

See you there!



## 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

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

## Ladle of Love

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

Clients served in  
2021

Ladle of Love	3,923
Clothes Closet	2,357



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

Church Phone 256-543-8200  
[fumc@fumcgadsden.org](mailto:fumc@fumcgadsden.org)

**#gfumcreconnect2021**



We love because He  
first loved us.  
1 John 4:19

**Thank you for  
taking part in The  
Valentine Project!**



**Feb 13th- "Resurrection Power"     1 Corinthians 15:12-20**  
**Feb 20th- "New Life"     1 Corinthians 15:35-38;42-50**



Look What's Brewing...  
@GFUMC

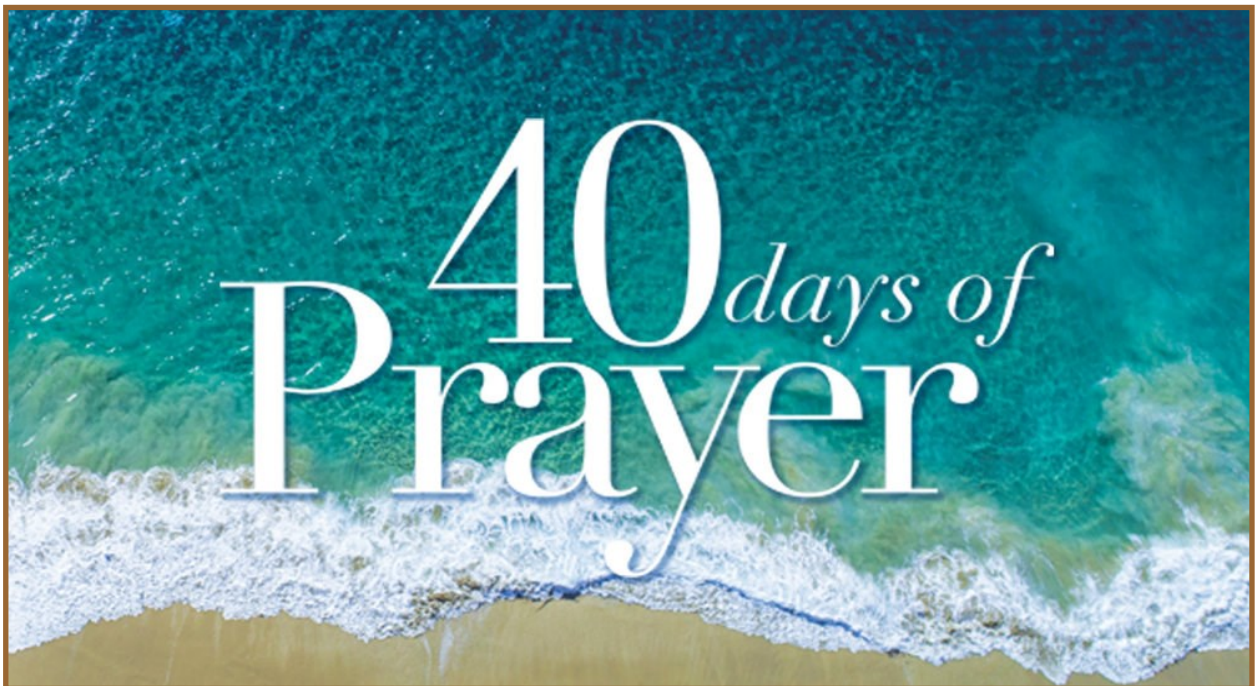
A C O F F E E C A F E !

" L E T ' S N A M E I T "  
C O N T E S T

Send your ideas by placing  
the entry form (found on page 8) in the  
offering plate on Sunday morning  
or by texting 256-441-8600!

All entries will be judged on Monday, Feb. 21st.  
Stay tuned for the winning name!

*Brought  
to you by  
Inviting  
Ministries.*



## **40 Days of Prayer Challenge**

**Starts March 2. Wednesday Mornings and Wednesday Nights**

Study guide/prayer journals will be available in the church office for \$13.

*(If you are interested in starting a small group for 40 Days of Prayer, please contact Sheila Freeman in the church office for information on this opportunity and the materials.)*

## Honorariums and Memorials

### General Budget Fund

In memory of Ellen Cummans, given by Gloria Rives.

In memory of Tom Quinn, given by Joseph & Claudia Quinn.

### Ladle of Love

In memory George Langstaff, Barry Loveman, Sam Norris, & Stan Walker, given by Mr. & Mrs. Alan Ross.

In memory of Stan Walker, given by Mr. & Mrs. Craig Vandlik.

### Howell Erwin Medical Fund

In memory of Bob McElroy, given by the Barry Loveman family.

In memory of Barry Loveman, given by Judi Loveman & Family.

UMCOR In memory of Tom Quinn, given by Dotty Ivey.

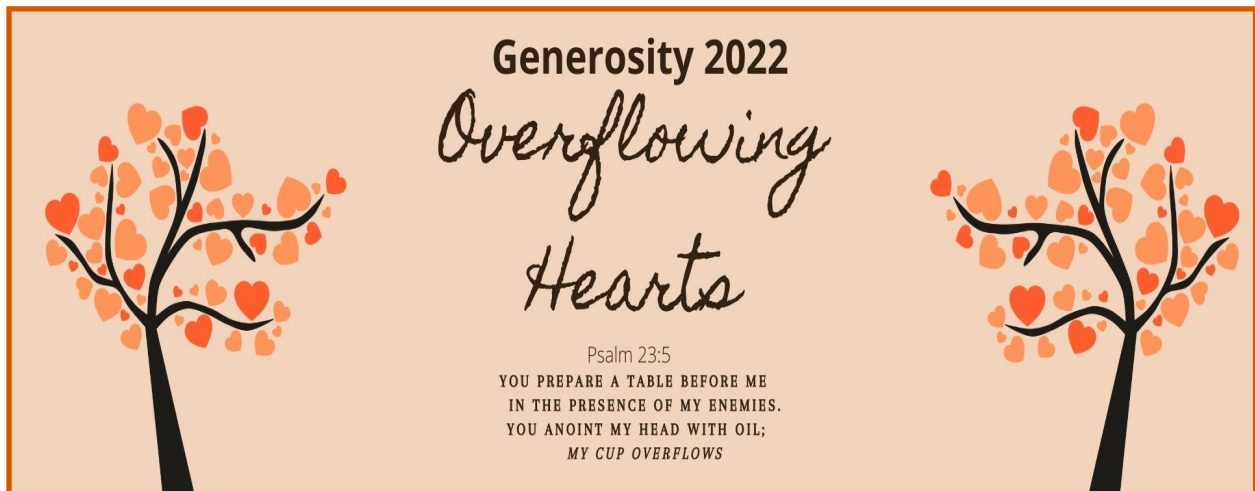
Caring Angels In memory of Wanda Hemby, given by Linda Parris Khalsa.

### ELC/SJR Scholarship

In memory of Tomilyn Isbell, given by Tomeka Johnson.

In memory of George Langstaff, given by Paula Wilson.

Striplin School Fund In memory of George Langstaff, given by Mr. & Mrs. Phil Owen.



*Thank you for your gifts that make possible, the ministries and missions of First UMC Gadsden.*



### 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





## Calendar for February 13-19, 2022

### February 13, Sunday

9:00 am, Celebration Service, in Sanctuary & live stream

10:00 am, Adult Sunday School Classes

11:00 am, Traditional Service, in Sanctuary & live stream

### February 14, Monday

9:00-1:00 pm, ELC Winter Schedule

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

10:30 am, UMW Executive Board, Room 208

12:00 pm, UMW Luncheon, Gathering Room

### February 15, Tuesday

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

9:00 am-11:00 am, Clothes Closet workday

5:00-6:00 pm, Yoga, Gym

### February 16, Wednesday

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

9:00 am-11:00 am, Clothes Closet open

### February 16, Wednesday, cont'd

5:15 pm, Wonderful Wednesday meal, Gathering Room

6:00 pm, Choir Practice, Choir Room

6:00 pm, Children's Activities, Room 108

6:00 pm, Youth Activities, Gym & Room 211

### February 17, Thursday

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

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

5:30 pm, Thursday Worship

6:00 pm, Mosaic Worship, Back Forty Warehouse

### February 18, Friday

11:00 am, Ladle of Love, Portico

Feb 21 Trustees @ 5 pm

Feb 22 Finance @ 5pm and

Board of Stewards @ 6pm



*The flowers on the altar are in Memory of  
Tom Quinn and in Honor of  
Sharon Quinn, given by  
Bennett and Jeanie Tucker.*

*Ellen Polk Cummins*

*January 7, 2022*

*There will be a memorial service in the Sanctuary,  
Saturday, February 19 at 2:00 pm, followed by an  
Interment Service in the Courtyard Columbarium.*



### Immediate Prayer Concerns

Lisa Dobbins Julia Knox Wayne Payton

Glen Thompson (father of Debbie Leach)

Helen Wright (mother of Valerie Johnson)

Alice Hayes (mother of Sam Hayes) Anne Elizabeth Casey

(great-granddaughter of Dotty Ivey)



### Continued Prayer Concerns

Mike Taff

Margie Freeman

### Birthdays

**Feb 14** Herman Cowart,

Sara McClendon, Carol Vice,

Elizabeth Haney, Katie Darden

**Feb 15** Carol Calahan, Jace McDill

**Feb 16** Sandra Hunter,

Barbara Condra, Ann Carter Sasser

**Feb 18** Kelly Cox

**Feb 19** Byron Hall, Courtney McEwen



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

### Week of February 7, 2022

\*In Person Total \*216 Overall Total 564

Online Viewer Total 354 Mosaic \*8

Thursday \*4 Children \*20 Youth \*19

Celebration \*42/140 Traditions \*73/179

Bible Study Groups \*10/21

Adult Sunday School \*34/14

General Offering Budget \$15,200.00

General Offering Received \$11,931.00

YTD General Offering Budget \$91,200.00

YTD General Offering Rec'd \$91,310.85

2022 "Overflowing Hearts"

Estimate of Giving Cards Returned:

2022 80 for \$417,624.85

2021 72 for \$300,076.00

Text to Give: 256.344.8464



Entry Form. See page 6 for details.