

2-20-22 Sermon Notes "New Life" Corinthians 15:35-38: 42-50 NRSV

The Resurrection Body [35] But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" [36] Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. [37] And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. [38] But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. [42] So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. [43] It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. [44] It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. [45] Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. [46] But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. [47] The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is [a] from heaven. [48] As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. [49] Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will [b] also bear the image of the man of heaven. [50] What I am saying, brothers and sisters, [c] is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

This sounds like our lectionary passage from last week. Paul is still talking about what the resurrection of Jesus means for us. In verse 35 he writes about how a seed dying is part of transformation. We are all in the process of being transformed. Did you notice this passage talking about man being made from dust? This passage reminded me of Ash Wednesday that is coming up on March 2nd. This passage talks about Adam being made from dust and Jesus (the last Adam) being made from heaven. On Ash Wednesday, the pastor will put a cross of ashes on our foreheads. It reminds us of our sin, and we need to repent. We remember that we are made from dust. The cross reminds us of Christ's sacrifice for us. Verse 49 says we will also bear the image of the Jesus. What does that look like for us to be image bearers of Jesus? We will talk about it this Sunday. Let us come together and discuss some spiritual disciplines that will help God transform 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 or on Facebook Live: @FUMCgadsden

## **Tech Team Schedule**

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

February 20, 2022

Celebration: Will Brookshire, Sheila

Freeman, Zach Hilburn **Traditions:** Mark Condra

Sheila Freeman

February 27, 2022

Celebration: Eric Wright, Brad Barnes,

Elizabeth Barnes

Traditions: Sheila Freeman,

Tammy Hayes

# **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 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

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. 23
Italian Night

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

#### **ELC News**

Registration for those currently enrolled church members and siblings started this week. Next week will currently enrolled non-church members.

We had a wonderful day celebrating all our Valentines.

Dr. Nina Robinson will be visiting the 4K class on Thursday, Feb.17th to discuss healthy teeth.

Our next lunchbox revolt is Tuesday, Feb. 22. Wednesday, Feb. 23, we welcome back Molly Page and friends for a production of the Littles Big House.

Working with Sheila on the cost and feasibility of changing the ELC phoneline from AT&T to be part of the main office system.

Consignment Sale: We are in a transition time and hope to rebuild. I have had some emails and texts and this makes me very happy. Registration for consignors and volunteers begins this Sunday at 2pm. Please encourage the congregation, family and friends to come and support this great fundraiser/community outreach.

Going forward: Marketing Ideas; How to gain some new consignors & volunteers; Rack pick up & deliver is currently set for Friday, March 25th; Will need trucks & trailors. Whew!

Helene Haller





# **Valentine Project**

Thank you to all our church family who participated in the Valentine Project!
The children were so excited to receive their Valentines and all the refreshments and goodies!
You are AWESOME!

-Children's Ministry Leaders

# **February Missions**

Tornado Buckets are still available in the Sanctuary and Chestnut Street entrance. There is 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 Repellant 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.

## **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.

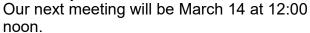
Clients served in 2021

Ladle of Love 3,923 Clothes Closet 2,357



# **UMW NEWS**

We enjoyed our UMW luncheon on Monday, February 14th. Our speaker was, Craig Scott from the Gadsden Public Library. We enjoyed the program and a nice lunch catered by the Fisherman.



Details will be posted at a later time.



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

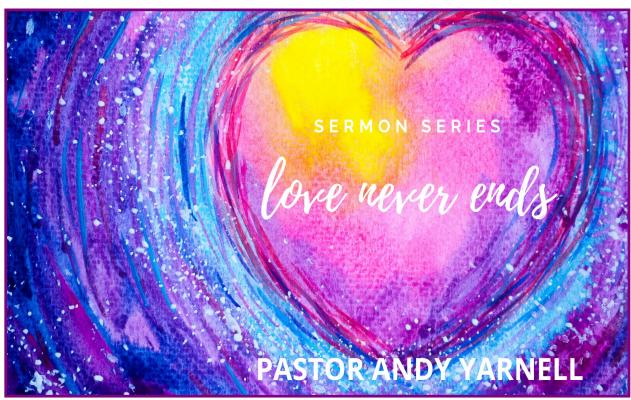
Church Phone 256-543-8200 fumc@fumcgadsden.org

#gfumcreconnect2021

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

Thank you for taking part in The Valentine Project!





Feb 20th- "New Life"

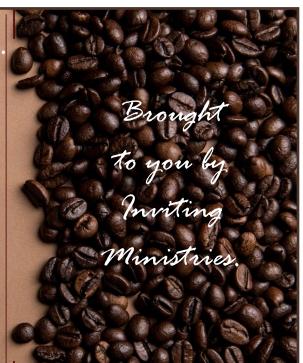
1 Corinthians 15:35-38;42-50

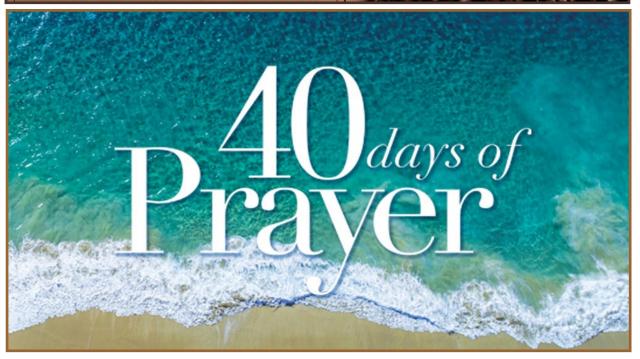
Look What's Brewing.. @GFUMC

A COFFEE CAFE!

"LET'S NAME IT" CONTEST

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!





# **40 Days of Prayer Challenge**

Go to www.fumcgadsden.org/pray40days

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 Dr. Sam Norris and Barry Loveman, given by Jackie & Connie Brechin.

In memory of Thomas Quinn, given by William S. Quinn, Jr.

In memory of Sandy Self, given by Pam Giles.

In memory of Ellen Cummans, given by Jordan McArthur.

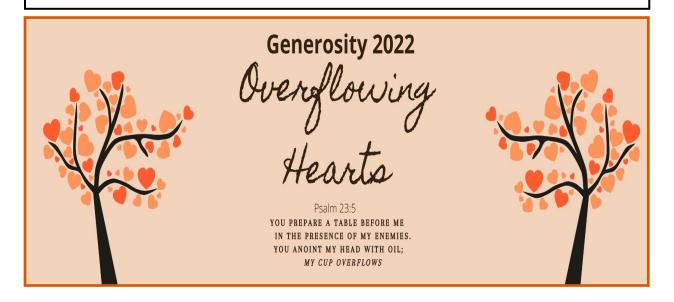
In memory of Thomas Quinn, given by Bobby Quinn.

In memory of Thomas Quinn, given by Linda Hall.

In memory of Ellen Cummans, given by Money Benders Investment Club.

# **Howell Erwin Medical Fund**

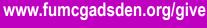
In memory of Cheryl Swail, given by Cleve & Bess Estis.



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



# **Generosity Ways to Give**





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



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





# Calendar for February 20-26, 2022

#### February 20, Sunday

9:00 am, Celebration Service, in Sanctuary & livestream 10:00 am, Adult Sunday School Classes

11:00 am, Traditional Service, in Sanctuary & livestream

#### February 21, Monday

9:00-1:00 pm, ELC Winter Schedule 9:00 am-10:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym

5:00 pm Trustees meeting, via gotomeeting

# February 22, Tuesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, **ELC** Winter Schedule 5:00-6:00 pm, Yoga, Gym

5:00 pm, Finance team meeting, via gotomeeting 6:00 pm, Board of Stewards, via gotomeeting

## February 23, Wednesday

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

11:00 am, Wednesday Bible Study, Room 208

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 24, 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 25, Friday

11:00 am, Ladle of Love, Portico

The flowers on the altar are in Memory of Ellen Oummans
Given by her family.

The rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Charlotte Eliza Poland February 7, 2022



Parents: Russell & Anne-Marie Grandparents: Jeff & Cathea Poland

Given by the Children's Ministry and the ELC

#### **Immediate Prayer Concerns**

Lisa Dobbins

Charlotte Eliza Poland (granddaughter of Jeff & Cathea Poland)
Anne-Marie Poland (dtr-in-law of Jeff & Cathea Poland)
Anne Elizabeth Casey (great-granddaughter of Dotty Ivey)

#### **Continued Prayer Concerns**

Wayne Payton Julia Knox Glen Thompson (father of Debbie Leach) Helen Wright (mother of Valerie Johnson) Alice Hayes (mother of Sam Hayes)

#### **Birthdays**

Feb 20 Chris Dorsett,

Jeremy Wilson

**Feb 21** Ann Green, Vickie Handy, Shelby Russell, Beau Crain

**Feb 22** Jack Pierce, Eileen Graham, Haley Freeman

Feb 24 Terry Bishop, Cindy Isbell

Feb 26 John Turnipseed,

George White, Stanley Taylor, Susan Copeland



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

#### Week of February 13, 2022

\*In Person Total \*267 Overall Total 650
Online Viewer Total 383 Mosaic \*8
Thursday \*4 Children \*35 Youth \*29
Celebration \*40/192 Traditions \*80/147
Bible Study Groups \*8/30 Other \*25
Adult Sunday School \*38/14
General Offering Budget \$15,200.00
General Offering Received \$13,012.00
YTD General Offering Budget \$106,400.00
YTD General Offering Rec'd \$104,322.85

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.