



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

**2-7-21      Sermon Notes      “She Served”**

Mark 1:29-39

Common English Bible

*Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law*

*29 After leaving the synagogue, Jesus, James, and John went home with Simon and Andrew. 30 Simon's mother-in-law was in bed, sick with a fever, and they told Jesus about her at once. 31 He went to her, took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her, and she served them.*

*Jesus' ministry spreads*

*32 That evening, at sunset, people brought to Jesus those who were sick or demon-possessed. 33 The whole town gathered near the door. 34 He healed many who were sick with all kinds of diseases, and he threw out many demons. But he didn't let the demons speak, because they recognized him.*

*35 Early in the morning, well before sunrise, Jesus rose and went to a deserted place where he could be alone in prayer. 36 Simon and those with him tracked him down. 37 When they found him, they told him, “Everyone's looking for you!”*

*38 He replied, “Let's head in the other direction, to the nearby villages, so that I can preach there too. That's why I've come.” 39 He traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and throwing out demons.*

Did you notice how thankful Simon's mother-in-law was after she got healed? She immediately starts serving. One of the best ways we can show we are thankful is to serve others. Even if we are still in the process of healing, whether that is emotional, physical, etc, serving others can help in our recovery. Let's talk about service this Sunday. How does serving help change your attitude? How do you like to serve? Who can you help today?

Pastor, Andy

**Worship Opportunities**

- **Mosaic:** 6:30 pm, Tuesday, online and in person
- **Thursday Worship:**  
Will resume February 18 at 5:30 pm
- **Sunday Celebration Worship,**  
9:00 am, Sanctuary\*  
**Online only**
- **Sunday Traditions Worship,**  
11:00 am, Sanctuary\*  
**Online only**

[www.fumcgadsden.org/media](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/media)  
or on facebook live:  
[@fumcgadsden](https://www.facebook.com/fumcgadsden)

**\*In person worship will resume Sunday, February 14**

**February 14, 5:00-6:00 pm**  
**Drive thru communion**

**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



## UMW News

The UMW Board Members will meet sometime in February to decide when to start back safely having luncheons and circle meetings. Meanwhile, we will be working on our new directories for 2021. If you have any changes in your contact info, please let your Circle Leader know.  
*Eileen Graham*

## Striplin Elementary School

### Our Adopted School



### We are here for you!

*We are still taking precautions by keeping the church office closed to the public. We ask that all business be conducted by email, phone or text whenever possible. In-person visits are by appointment only. You may call for an appointment or if you or someone you know has a need that we can help with, please call us or email us between 8:00 am--4:00 pm, Monday thru Friday. If no answer, please leave a message and a staff member will return your call as soon as possible.*

**A MASK is required If you are coming to the office for an appointment or attending any service or activity at the church.** If you do not have one, we have masks available for you.

**Stay Well. Stay Safe. —Your Church Staff!**

## Clothes Closet

### Workday

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

### Open

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

9:00 am to 11:00 am

516 Broad Street Gadsden, AL

## Ladle of Love

Fridays, 11:00am-

12:00pm, at the portico entrance

## Missions for February

The mission team packed 200 reward bags for the A/B Honor Roll students at Striplin Elementary School. The bags included a snack cake, a pencil, bookmark, and a bumper sticker.

### Church Phone

256-543-8200

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

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

[#gfumcconnect2020](https://www.facebook.com/gfumcconnect2020)



Life is a journey. The most important part of the journey is our relationship with God and with others. A Journey Group is a small gathering of individuals who help you grow in your loving relationship with both. We invite all people into a relationship with God and seek to create an outwardly focused community of Christ-followers.

**Journey Groups are a great way to stay connected to God and with your church family. All Journey Groups are currently meeting virtually. #GFUMCConnect2020**

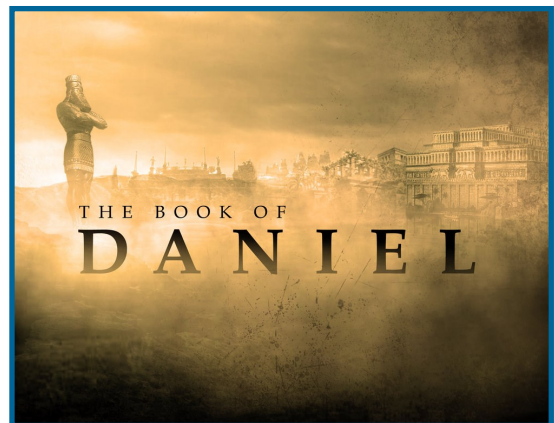
**Thursdays, Men at the Well**, 7:00 am, Zoom  
God's Word of Life, Daily Bible Readings  
*Contact the church office for more information.*

**Sunday Mornings**, 10:00 am, GoToMeeting with  
Ken Casey, George Varner & Grover Kitchens  
The Wesley Prayer Challenge by Chris Folmbee  
will begin this Sunday, 1.17.21

**New Zoom Study for January: One in a Million**  
**Zoom study Mondays** at 6:00 pm: Priscilla Shirer- One in a Million—A study of the two Israelites who made it into the promised land out of the approximate 2 million that left Egypt. They were brave enough to put abundant life to work no matter where they were or what outside influences tried to change them. Call or text Barbara Condra for codes- 256-328-3679. Please join us!

## **The Book of Daniel Bible Study with Pastor Sam**

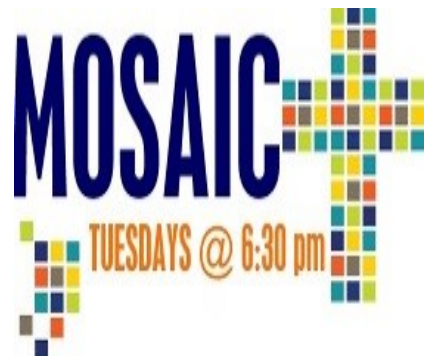
**Wednesdays @ 6 pm, Online**



### **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.

Services are *live stream only at this time.*



## ELC News

The ELC will observe Valentines Day on Thursday, February 11th by exchanging Valentines. There are no class parties on this day. We will be closed in observance of President's Day on Monday, February 15th and resume normal hours on Tuesday, February 16th. Teacher "Meet and Greet" will be hosted on Wednesday, February 17th. Invitations with specific times were sent home Thursday, February 18th will be our next lunchbox revolt. Registration for Summer 2021 and the 2021-2022 school year will begin with currently enrolled church members on Monday, February 22nd.

*Helene Haller*

## Youth Ministry News

### Wednesday Nights

6:00 pm, Courtyard or Gym

**Virtual Sunday School**  
Sundays at 10:00 am

Join us Sunday, February 7th,  
at 5:00 pm in the gym for a  
Super Bowl Game watch  
party.

*Don't forget to sign up for GFUMC  
Camp Sumatanga Service Day,  
Saturday, February 13th.*



Join Andy on Facebook Live  
or Instagram.

Sunday & Wednesdays, 6pm

**Safe Sanctuary Policy:** All children and youth volunteers must have Safe Sanctuary Training prior to beginning to work with children or youth and annually thereafter. A background check is required. In addition, volunteers must have been members of the church for 6 months or more, be 5 years older than the group they are working with and there must always be at least 2 unrelated adults present for all activities and events. Other rules apply for field trips or overnight trips. Contact the church office Sheila@fumcgadsden.org for more information.

## Children's Ministry News

**WEDNESDAY: CHILDREN'S CHURCH**  
**IN GOD'S FAMILY, WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER!**

FEB 3 WE CAN BE A PART OF GOD'S FAMILY *Galatians 3: 1-23*  
FEB 10 WE CAN SERVE OTHERS TOGETHER *Ephesians 2:1-22*  
FEB 17 WE CAN GROW TOGETHER *Ephesians 4:1-32*  
FEB 24 WE CAN STAND STRONG TOGETHER *Ephesians 6:10-20*

### "Celebrate Wonder"

Facebook Live in the  
Children's Ministry Group

@ 10:00 am

Sunday mornings!

May be viewed live or  
watched later.

### Wednesday Night Children's Church

(in person)

6:00 pm

Room 108 & gym

## Children's Church Family Night: Cupcake Wars

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24 @ 6:00 PM, IN THE GYM**

**WE WILL EAT DINNER, PLAY GAMES, AND HAVE A  
FRIENDLY "CUPCAKE WARS" COMPETITION**

# Show Love to Sumatanga

GFUMC "Show Love" T-Shirts are available if you sign up online @ [www.fumcgadsden.org](http://www.fumcgadsden.org) by 12:00 noon on February, 5.

*Please be sure to include the size for each t-shirt ordered.*

**Who:** All Ages

**What:** GFUMC Camp Sumatanga Service Day

Camp Sumatanga Rd, Gallant, AL 35972

**When:** Saturday, February 13

9 am to 12 pm and 12 pm to 3 pm

There will be a variety of projects including outdoor and indoor tasks.

**Lunch Provided @ 12 Noon**

*(Let us know you are coming so we can get a count for lunch!)*

Sign up on the church website and let us know that you, your family and friends are coming! You will receive a follow-up email with additional information and a list of what to bring.

Thank you for your generosity for Camp Sumatanga: \$1985.00 has been donated so far!



"This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other." John 13:35

## Worship with GFUMC on Sunday Mornings Online LIVE

9:00 am Celebration and 11:00 am Traditions

### Where to connect:

Church Website: [www.fumcgadsden.org/media](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/media)

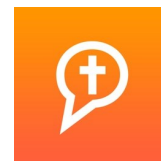
Facebook Live: @FUMCGadsden

Church YouTube Channel: Gadsden First UMC



Sermon.net:

First United Methodist Church of Gadsden (search ministries)



### Watch on demand:

Church App: FUMCGadsden

Church Website: [www.fumcgadsden.org/media](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/media)



### "Counting Our Blessings" Estimate of Giving 2021

As of 1/24/21 we have received 69 "Estimate of Giving" Cards with a total of \$276,116.00.

**It's not too late to turn your card in.** Additional cards are available in the church office. Budget planning for 2021 has begun.

Text to Give: 256-344-8464

Online Giving:

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



## Calendar for February 7-13, 2021

### Feb 7, Sunday

9:00 am, Celebration Worship; Online  
 10:00 am, Sunday School, Ken Casey & George Varner, GoToMeeting  
 10:00 am, Children's Bible Study, Facebook  
 10:00 am, Youth Sunday School, Online  
 11:00 am, Traditional Worship; Online  
 5:00-8:00 pm, Youth Event,  
 Super Bowl Party, Gym

### Feb 8, Monday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Winter Schedule  
 9:00 am-10:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym  
 6:00 pm, "One in a Million", Zoom Study  
 with Barbara Condra

### Feb 9, Tuesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Winter Schedule  
 6:30 pm, Mosaic, Livestream

### Feb 10, Wednesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Winter Schedule  
 6:00 pm, Bible Study, Pastor Sam, Online  
 6:00 pm, Children's activities, Room 108/gym  
 6:00 pm, Youth activities, Courtyard/gym

### Feb 11, Thursday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Winter Schedule  
 9:00 am-10:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym  
 No Thursday Worship

### Feb 12, Friday

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

### Honorariums and Memorials

#### General Budget:

In memory of Joanne Hightower, given by Diana Rampey.  
 In memory of Joanne Hightower, given by Pat and Cheryl Ayres.  
 In memory of Joanne Hightower, given by Butch and Jane Herb.

#### Howell Erwin Medical Fund:

In memory of Joanne Hightower, given Bill and Helene Haller.

#### Altar Flowers Fund:

In memory of Leda Taylor, given by Sam and Leone Norris.

#### Caring Angels/Homebound:

In memory of Katharine Patterson, given by Bill and Helene Haller.

#### Camp Sumatanga:

In Honor of Ken and Peggy Casey, given by Wayne and Karen Owen.

*In Memory of  
 Her Life  
 Betty Jo Miller*

*January 26, 2021*



### Immediate Prayer Concerns

Pat Martin Ron Garry Family of Betty Miller  
 Susan Keady (Debbie Hiltz' sister)  
 Ruby Christine Poland  
 (granddaughter of Jeff & Cathea Poland)  
 Meg (Ryan) Casey (granddaughter of Dotty Ivey)

### Continued Prayer Concerns

Wanda Hemby Ina Davis  
 Herman Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's father)  
 Yvonne Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's step-mother)  
 Mary Nichols (Patsy Blankenship's mother)  
 Mikey Tonagel (Son-in-law of Collins & Belinda Tackaberry)



### Birthdays.....

**Feb 8** Rev. Ken Casey,  
 Rebecca Livingston  
**Feb 9** Beverly Young, Blakely Roberts  
**Feb 10** Jeff Poland, Jay Knowles  
**Feb 11** Jeff Bryson, Courtney Hood,  
 Stephen Leach  
**Feb 12** Libby Turnipseed,  
 Leslie Johnson, Casey Wigley  
**Feb 13** Sherry McIntyre, Parker Vallejo,  
 Rhett Hilburn



### Week of January 31, 2021

\*In Person Total \*30 Overall Total 363  
 Online Viewer Total 333  
 Celebration \*10/122 Traditions \*6/134  
 Mosaic \*6/14 Thursday 0  
 Bible Study Groups 63  
 Youth \*8 Children 0  
 General Offering Budget \$15,440.00  
 General Offering Received \$10,958.00  
 YTD General Offering Budget \$76,000.00  
 YTD General Offering Rec'd \$47,802.00  
**2021 Pledges: 69 for \$276,116.00**  
**Camp Sumatanga offerings: \$1,985.00**

### Subscribe to the Weekly Church News

*You can submit your email to the  
 church office to receive the weekly  
 announcements on Friday.*

### 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.**