



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

1-30-22 Sermon Notes

"All About Love"

Scripture 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 NRSV

***13** If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. **2** And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. **3** If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, ^[a] but do not have love, I gain nothing.*

***4** Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; **6** it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. **7** It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*

***8** Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. **9** For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; **10** but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. **11** When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. **12** For now we see in a mirror, dimly, ^[b] but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. **13** And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.*

The lectionary scripture this Sunday is one you have heard before; they often use it at weddings. Paul wrote this to the church in Corinth. In the previous chapter, Paul talked about spiritual gifts. Now we jump into the scriptures about love. We are reminded today that we can have spiritual gifts, sing worship songs, meet regularly, but if we do not have love, it is like a clanging symbol. As we prepare our hearts for worship this week, let us be reminded to love one another. Let us be reminded to love all the people we come across today. Jesus showed us the example of loving and welcoming all people, may we do the same. Join us this Sunday as we gather to worship and talk about love.

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.)

January 30, 2022

Celebration: Eric Wright, Bill Haller,
Brad Barnes, Liz Barnes

Traditions: Tammy Hayes,
Sheila Freeman

February 6, 2022

Celebration: Sheila Freeman,
Will Brookshire, Brynn Crain

Traditions: Davis Varner
Sheila Freeman

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!

Wonderful Wednesday Fellowship Meal, February 2
Taco Night
\$7 per person (\$3 for 11 & Under)

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.
A Study of the book of Genesis

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, Chapel, 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 beginning, 1/23

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 Classes will begin on January 23rd. Time: 5:00-7:00 pm each Sunday night. *Please mark your calendars for the following dates: Jan 23rd, Feb 6th, Feb 20th, March 6th, & March 13th. Confirmation Sunday will be March 20th.*

ELC News

On Wednesday, February 9th, we will host teacher meet and greet for parents whose children are entering 3K at 10:00 am. We will swap valentines on Monday, February 14th. Registration for the Summer 2022 and Fall 2022-2023 sessions will begin this month for those currently enrolled. Information letters are being sent home.

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

February 21-24 is registration for currently enrolled non church members and their non-enrolled siblings. **March 7** is for any openings with priority given to those on the waitlist.

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

Helene Haller



COAT DRIVE

GFUMC Children's
Ministry

Donate your gently used items to our Clothes Closet!

January Service Project

coats	girls and boys
clothing	all ages
blankets	
toboggans	
gloves	
socks	

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

CELEBRATE

Children's Ministry

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 Ziploc Bag
- 12 Black 30-45 Gallon Trash Bags
- 1 Roll of Toilet Paper in Zip Lock bag
- Work Gloves-Leather Palm or All Leather Gloves
- 50 Count #8 Nails
- 10 White 13 Gallon Trash Bags with drawstrings.
- 1 Cellophane Packing Tape
- 10 One Gallon Zip Lock 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 ZipLoc Bag



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

UMCOR and U.S. Disaster Relief

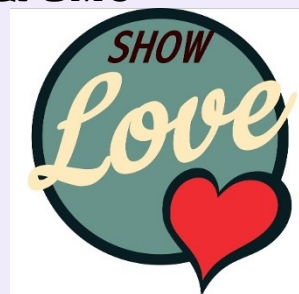
Give to UMCOR's [U.S. Disaster Response and Recovery through Advance #901670](#). Donations may be made through GFUMC, simply mark your check for UMCOR in the memo line.

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



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!



Clients served in November

Ladle of Love 284
Clothes Closet 200

December

Ladle of Love 335
Clothes Closet 186

Ladle of Love

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

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

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

[#gfumcreconnect2021](#)



Here's how YOU can take part in The Valentine Project!

- Make or buy Valentine Cards for each child participating in Children's Ministry at GFUMC. (The little ones that you can get in boxes at the dollar store are fine.) Make one Valentine for each child and put their names on them, just like you did when you were a child. You can add a brief scripture verse on the Valentine, if you would like! Pick up a list of children's names in the church office. There are about 30 names on each list. You can select the Sunday Children's Church List or the Wonderful Wednesday Children's List.
- It would be great to include a few extra cards in your packet that are not addressed to anyone so that visitors that may come that Sunday.
- Include a Valentine Card for Katharine Barnes, Children's Director, also!
- Place the Valentines in an envelope marked
"Valentines for Wednesday, 2/9" and drop off to the church office no later than Tuesday, February 8.
Or "Valentines for Sunday, 2/13" and drop off to the church by Friday, February 11.
- Members can do this individually, and bring to the church office. We hope that each child will receive a bunch of Valentines!



Farewell and Blessings
RECEPTION
FOR MOLLY PAGE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 30
10 AM
CHESTNUT STREET LOBBY

Molly has been a part of our Celebration Praise Band, served in Children's Ministry as music leader, and wrote and directed the 2021 Children's Christmas Musical, "A Child of Love". She will be missed! Molly will be joining the staff at Jacksonville First UMC as their Children's Director.

Dear Church Family –

I will be out of the office for a few weeks on a renewal leave. The purpose of this leave will be for continuing education, spiritual growth, and time for rest and connection with family. All clergy are called to pay attention to their own continuing education and spiritual formation, and the UM Book of Discipline actually requires this – allowing for at least one week a year and at least one month every quadrennium for personal and professional development. (Par. 350.2) Doing this is a part of the Wesleyan emphasis on lifelong growth in faith – sanctifying grace.



Even though I know that I *need* to take this renewal leave, I would not feel comfortable doing this if I did not have confidence in the great staff at Gadsden FUMC! There is no doubt in my mind that they will take care of you all in the excellent way they always have. Rev. Ken Casey has agreed to be “on call” to help Pastor Andy in the event of pastoral care emergencies. We have the best lay leadership on top of that – so I am thankful to be able to do something like this without worrying.

I will be giving you updates along the way. I’m planning a week of study at Duke seminary, a short trip with Tammy, some time with my mom who is recovering from an injury and surgery (prayers, please!), and also just time to rest and be refreshed by the Holy Spirit. I will be back in the pulpit on February 27, Transfiguration Sunday.

It is an honor to serve as your pastor!

Pastor Sam



Jan 30th- "All About Love"

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Feb 6th- "Holding On to the Good News"

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Feb 13th- "Resurrection Power"

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Feb 20th- "New Life"

1 Corinthians 15:35-38;42-50

Honorariums and Memorials

General Budget Fund

In memory of Robert McElroy and Barry Loveman, given by Sonya Nesbitt.

In memory of Stan Walker, given by Dr. James Isbell.

In memory of Sam Norris and Sandy Self, given by Mr. & Mrs. Michael McEwen.

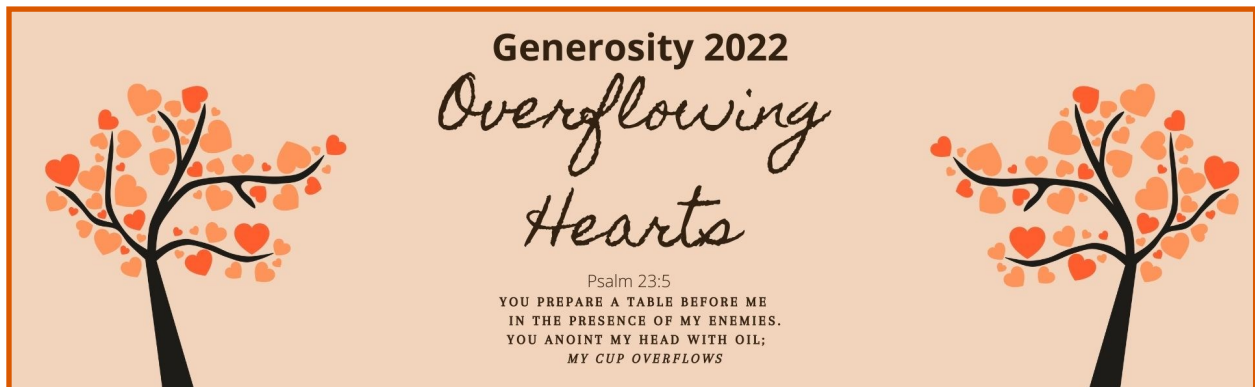
In memory of Stan Walker, Sam Norris, and Barry Loveman, given by Charles & Barbara Hart.

In memory of Sam Norris, given by Mr. & Mrs. John Hicks.

In memory of Barry Loveman, given by Faye Graves & Lynn Towers.

Ladle of Love Fund

*In memory of Stan Walker, given by Sonya Nesbitt.



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



Any questions about tithes, offerings, or gifts for the church should be directed to Sheila Witherspoon, Financial Secretary.

You can reach Sheila Witherspoon or Pam Deru in the church office at 256-543-8200 or email giving@fumcgadsden.org.



Calendar for January 30-February 5, 2022

January 30, 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**

January 31, Monday

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

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

February 1, Tuesday

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

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

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

February 2, Wednesday

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

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

11:00 am, **Wednesday Bible Study, Room 208**

February 2, 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 3, 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 4, Friday

11:00 am, **Ladle of Love, Portico**

*The ministers and congregation of
First United Methodist Church of Gadsden,
extend Christian sympathy
to Mike Self in the death of his mother-in-law,
And Michael & Merry Blevins in the
death of her grandmother.
Mabel Christine Foster January 21, 2022*



*In Memory of Her Life
Ellen Polk Cummans
January 7, 2022*



*In Memory of His Life
Thomas Quinn, Sr.
January 20, 2022*



Immediate Prayer Concerns

Family of Ellen Cummans Lisa Dobbins
Family of Tom Quinn
Family of Mabel Christine Foster
Ann Elizabeth Casey
(great-granddaughter of Dotty Ivey)



Continued Prayer Concerns

Mike Taff Margie Freeman
Glen Thompson (Father of Debbie Leach)
Ruby Poland (granddaughter of Jeff & Cathea Poland)

Birthdays



Jan 30 Joyce Sington, Roger Bittinger

Feb 1 Lee Trotter, Chris Thrasher,
Kelly Whisenant, Sarah Grace Whitt

Feb 2 Temple Bryson,
Benjamin Hester

Feb 3 David Gray, Mikko Norris

Feb 4 Janet Page, Connie Brown,
Christine Green

Feb 5 Dorothy Rogers, Anna Inzer

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

Week of January 23, 2022

*In Person Total *199 Overall Total 658
Online Viewer Total 459 Mosaic *6
Thursday *3 Children *24 Youth *17
Celebration *25/232 Traditions *90/193
Bible Study Groups *12/25
Adult Sunday School *32/9
General Offering Budget \$15,200.00
General Offering Received \$8,429.00
YTD General Offering Budget \$60,800.00
YTD General Offering Rec'd \$66,265.85

2022 "Overflowing Hearts"
Estimate of Giving Cards Returned:
80 for \$417,624.85
2021 Pledges 72 for \$300,076.00
Text to Give: 256.344.8464

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 will be
passed during Celebration
and Traditions worship.**