



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

7-10-22 Sermon Notes "Called From the Sycamore Tree"

What is going on in our lectionary passage? Amos is one of the twelve minor prophets found in scripture. He did not grow up in a family of prophets and he was an unexpected source of prophecy. His profession was taking care of sycamore trees. God uses Amos to bring a harsh message to those who are mistreating others. The book is broken into different oracles dealing with idolatry, mistreating the poor, selling slaves for little money, exploiting females and more. The passage we see today, Amos is addressing the mistreatment of the poor and oppressed. He talks about a plumb line; we could call it a level. The wall is not level, the people are not being treated fairly. Amos is called out of his occupation, he is led to stand against high leaders, and he is called to give a harsh message of justice. Although the book of Amos seems harsh to those in power, it is liberating for those who have been oppressed. Despite Amos's lack of training in this line of work, he is a bold prophet. Amos is used to cause change and justice. May we be like Amos. May we follow the lead of the Spirit. May we speak what we have been called to speak and may we be silent when the Spirit leads us to be silent. Let us be reminded that God uses each of us despite our occupation. What is God leading you to do?

Amos 7:7-17 (Common English Bible)

⁷ This is what the Lord showed me: The Lord was standing by a wall, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸ The Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?"

"A plumb line," I said. Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the middle of my people Israel. I will never again forgive them.

⁹ The shrines of Isaac will be made desolate, and the holy places of Israel will be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Exchange between Amaziah, Jeroboam, and Amos

¹⁰ Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, reported to Israel's King Jeroboam, "Amos has plotted against you within the house of Israel. The land isn't able to cope with everything that he is saying. ¹¹ Amos has said, 'Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will be forced out of its land.'" ¹² Amaziah said to Amos, "You who see things, go, run away to the land of Judah, eat your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³ but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's holy place and his royal house." ¹⁴ Amos answered Amaziah, "I am ^{not} a prophet, nor am I a prophet's son; but I am a shepherd, and a trimmer of sycamore trees. ¹⁵ But the Lord took me from shepherding the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' ¹⁶ 'Now then hear the Lord's word. You say, 'Don't prophesy against Israel, and don't preach against the house of Isaac.' ¹⁷ 'Therefore, the Lord proclaims:

'Your wife will become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters will fall by the sword, and your land will be measured and divided up; you yourself will die in an unclean land, and Israel will surely be taken away from its land.'"

Let us dig deeper into this passage on Sunday, we cannot wait to see you!

Pastor Andy

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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 or
 on Facebook Live: @FUMCgadsden

Tech Team Schedule

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

July 10

Celebration: Will Brookshire, Sheila Freeman, Brad Barnes

Traditional: Mark Casey, Parker Casey, Mike Self, Sheila Freeman

July 17

Celebration: Eric Wright, Sheila Freeman, Brynn Crain

Traditional: Sheila Freeman, Carmen McKiven, Jacob McKiven



Unshakeable Hope

by Max Lucado

Small Group Study on Sunday Mornings!

Will meet in Room 208 @ 10 am

All Ages are Welcome!

with Pastor Andy

(Snacks are available!)

Bible Study with Pastor Sam

No Wednesday Bible Study

on July 13

Summer on Wednesday Mornings

11 am In Person Bible Study

Gathering Room, 201

The Book of Acts

Facebook Live @ 6 pm

**Wonderful Wednesday is taking a break for Summer!
See you in August!
Check Out Youth and Children's Ministry this Summer!**

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.

"Lead Like It Matters to God" by Richard Stearns

July 7—Taking God to Work, Collins Tackaberry

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, "Reading the Old Testament Through Jewish Eyes" by Rabbi Evan Moffic, **Room 112, In person and online. Contact a member of the class for the link to join online!**
- Martin Fellowship Class, **Room 116, International Bible Studies**
- Multi-Age Sunday School, Unshakeable Hope, with Andy Yarnell and Eric Wright, **Gathering Room, 201**
- Pathfinders Class is currently meeting with the Multi-Age Sunday School Class, **Gathering Room, 201**



Sign Up to Receive Emails from the Church

Sign up to receive emails from the church including the Weekly News, Devotionals, Sermon Notes, and Ministry and Mission Notes.

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ELC News

Our summer session is going by quickly. We have just 4 more weeks to go. On Tuesday, July 26th, The Dog House will be with us for our only summer lunchbox revolt. Cost will be \$4.00 and notes are coming home soon. Our last day of the summer session is Wednesday, July 27th. The 2022-2023 Fall Open House will be hosted on Thursday, August 18th from 10:00 am to 11:30 am.

—Helene



Youth Ministry News

July 11-14, Youth Service Week

"Upcoming" A Hike to the Walls of Jericho. Watch for the date.

—Pastor Andy

Children's Ministry

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



GFUMC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUMMER CALENDAR 2022

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22 @ 6:00

S'MORES NIGHT



WEDNESDAY, JULY 13 @ 6:00

GRILLIN' AND CHILLIN'

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27 @ 6:00

CHRISTMAS IN JULY



*WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17 @ 6:00

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES RETURN

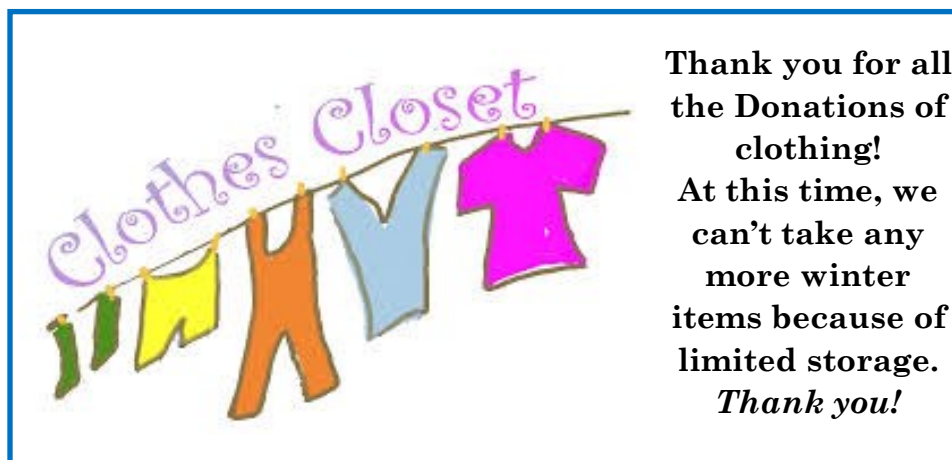
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July Mission Focus



Pick up a list of suggested items and a stocking in the Chestnut Street Lobby. Fill and return your stocking by Sunday, July 31. Stockings will be taken to the Salvation Army and given children this Christmas!



UMW NEWS

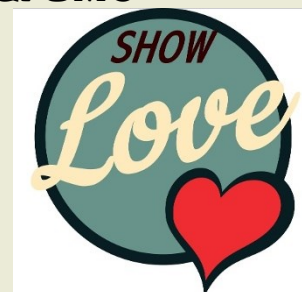
Watch the news for our next Summer "Dutch Treat" outing. UMW will be hosting the Summer Party for Exceptional People on Wednesday, July 20th from 3:00 pm-4:00 pm in the gathering room.

The next UMW Luncheon is September 12th.

—Barbara Bennett



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"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

Please hold your fall and winter donations of clothing until the first of September. Thank you!

Ladle of Love

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

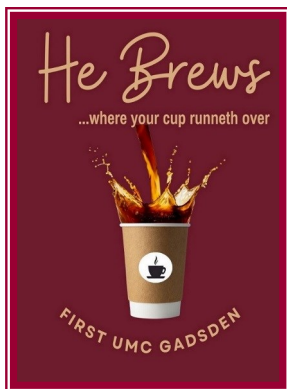
Clients served in
May 2022

Ladle of Love 335
Clothes Closet 264

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

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

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



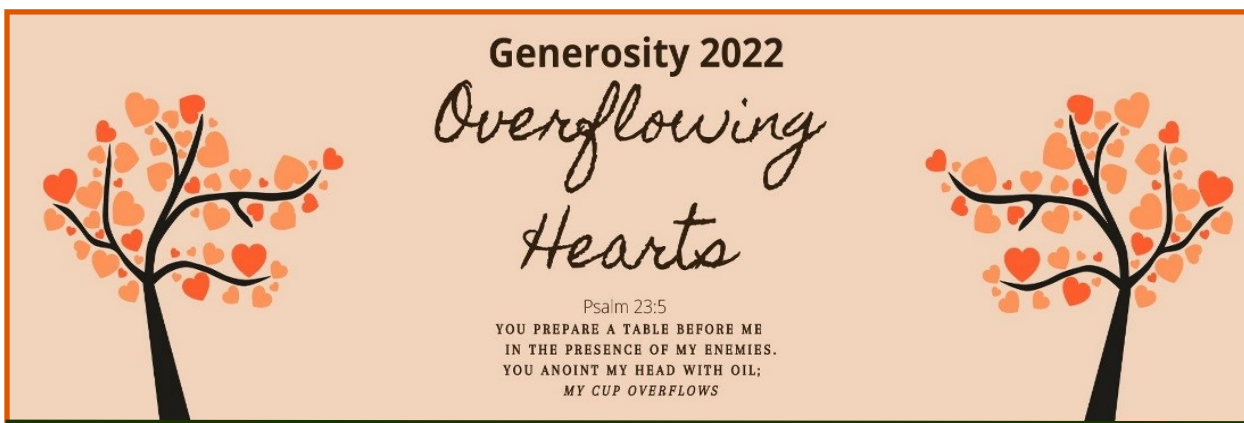
Inviting Ministries welcomes you to our Coffee Café!
 We have your Sunday Cup of Coffee waiting for you between
 10 am 11 am on Sunday mornings. **Join us this Sunday!**
Come visit with friends, old and new, in Christian Fellowship!
After Celebration and before Traditions and on your way in or
*out of Sunday school! **There is nothing like being here!***
Everyone come on back!

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Brunch
Club

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

Sunday, July 10– The Alley

**All Young Adults and
 Families Welcome!**



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



**Thank you for your
 gifts! The Special
 Offering for Ukraine
 totaled \$4,000.00**

**100% of this special offering will be
 given to for love and support of those
 in crisis from the war in Ukraine.**

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Calendar for July 10-16, 2022

July 10, Sunday

10:00 am, Celebration Service, Sanctuary
10:00 am, Sunday School; HeBrews Coffee Ministry
11:00 am, Traditional Service, Sanctuary

July 11, Monday

9:00-10:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym
9:00 am- 3:00 pm, Youth Service Week

July 12, Tuesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Summer Schedule
9:00 am-3:00 pm, Youth Service Week
5:00 pm, Yoga, Gym

July 13, Wednesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Summer Schedule
9:00 am-3:00 pm, Youth Service Week
No Wednesday Bible Study (morning or night)
6:00 pm, Children –Grillin & Chillin, Portico & Room 108
No Choir Practice (will resume in August)

July 14, Thursday

9:00 am-10:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym
9:00 am-3:00 pm, Youth Service Week
5:30 pm, Thursday Worship, Sanctuary

July 15, Friday

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



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(Available in the App Stores for Android or iPhone/)



Prayer Concerns

Are for our members and their families. Please notify the pastors or church office with any updates on Prayer Concerns...Ongoing or new.

Honorariums and Memorials

Howell Erwin Fund

In memory of Betty Echols, given by Sandra Hunter.

Special donations may be made, in honor or memory of a loved one, to the General Budget Fund or other designated funds. You can send a check by mail, drop in the offering plate, or use e-giving. Be sure to include the name of the person you want to be remembered.

Immediate Prayer Concerns

Amy Sanner (Debbie Edwards' mother)
Dottie Rogers

Continued Prayer Concerns

Pat Martin Regina Holloway Dee McCoy
Winnie Mae Beasley Lisa Dobbins Jeannie Cosper
Alice Hayes (mother of Sam Hayes)

Birthdays

July 10 Charles Wells, Denise Lindsey, David Wooten
July 11 Jane Hughes, Ethan Powell, Dustin Turnipseed, Lindsey McFarland, Ethan Powell, Silas Hosey
July 12 Tate Ogletree
July 13 Deborah Masters, Joanie Leach
July 14 Keith Murray, Nancy Smith, Dr. Ben Hester, Clint Copeland, Camille Wigley
July 15 Esker Mosley, Amy Reaves, Jillian Sherrouse, Elyse Floyd Crowder
July 16 Dave Jensen



Week of July 3, 2022

In Person Total *92 Online 193
Worship Total 285
One United Service *92/193
Thursday Worship *8
Adult Sunday School *10 Children *0
Bible Study Groups *13/28
Children *8 Youth *17 Nursery *2
Total Attendance *150

General Offering Budget \$13,175.00
General Offering Received \$13,139.00
YTD General Offering Budget \$355,725.00
YTD General Offering Rec'd \$362,671.00

Offering for Ukraine: \$4,000.00
2022 Pledges: 82 for \$420,924.85
Text to Give: 256.344.8464

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.**

Subscribe to the Weekly Church News

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