



Pastor Sam Hayes  
Gadsden First UMC

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

## 7-11-21

## Sermon Notes

## "Freedom from Sin"

Have you heard the old "good news/bad news" joke? The doctor comes in and tells the patient, "I have some good news and I have some bad news." The patient replies, "What's the good news?" The doctor says, "The good news is that the tests you took showed that you have 24 hours to live." "That's the good news?" the man cried. "What's the bad news?" And the doctor replied, "The bad news is that I forgot to call you yesterday!" I know...it's an old, corny joke. But seriously, I've got some good news and some bad news.

First the bad news: We are sinners. I don't just mean we make bad choices sometimes. As Bishop Kenneth Carder wrote, "Sin has deeper roots than personal choices. This disease of the soul – sin – infects all human beings. It invades every aspect of life. Its power exceeds human strength and cannot be defeated by will power."

*(Living Our Own Beliefs, Kenneth Carder)*

So, it's like we are imprisoned in a place that we can't break free from on our own. Really...chained to our addictive, compulsive, and dysfunctional existence. Bad new indeed!

But now the good news: Christ has set us free! All month long we will be celebrating the freedom that is ours through Jesus Christ! Even last Sunday, as we celebrated our freedom as a nation, we were reminded that through Christ, we can be free on the inside. Not by our own works...but by the redeeming work of our Lord.

Our Scripture this Sunday is Romans 8: 1-2.

*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.*

We will celebrate our freedom this Sunday by sharing the Lord's Supper together. One of the most important parts of the liturgy of Holy Communion is when the Leader says to the People, "Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love towards us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!" The People then reply to the Leader: "In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven." Then, the Leader and the people both say together, "Glory to God. Amen."

Good news indeed!

See you Sunday,  
Pastor Sam

## Worship Opportunities

- **Mosaic:** 6:30 pm, Tuesday, (in person and online)
- **Thursday Worship:** 5:30 pm, Sanctuary

## Sunday Worship

**Celebration Service 9:00 am**  
(In person in the Sanctuary and online)

**Traditions Service 11:00 am**  
(In person in the 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.)

**July 11**

**Celebration:** Eric Wright, Will Brookshire, Zach Hilburn

**Traditions:** Matthew Vance, Tammy Hayes  
**July 18**

**Celebration:** Mark Condra, Bill Haller, Jacob Kelley

**Traditions:**  
Matthew Vance, Carmen McKiven, Jacob McKiven



## Youth Ministry News

### Wednesday Night Youth Group 6:00 pm Room 211/Gym

## Youth Summer 2021

Youth roller skating, **Sunday, July 11th** from 3pm-5pm.

Join us at Youth on Wednesdays, 6 pm

### **Most Amazing Youth Day Ever**

**Sunday, August 8th**, from 3 pm-8 pm. Surprise trips on the church bus, special guest youth speaker, and much more! This is an event that you don't want to miss!

## ELC News

Lunchbox revolt is Tuesday, July 20. The "Dog House" will be here. Wednesday, July 28, is the last day of summer session. Fall 2021 Open House will be Thursday, August 19, from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. First day of Fall 2021 is Monday, August 23.

Helene Haller



Volunteer Meeting  
for all adults that work with  
children and youth  
**Sunday, August 1**  
12:00pm  
Kid's Worship Room

LUNCH AND NURSERY  
WILL BE PROVIDED

## LET'S GO SKATING!!

MERRY GO ROUND SKATE CENTER  
CHILDREN AND YOUTH  
**SUNDAY, JULY 11**  
3:00- 5:00

PIZZA WILL BE SERVED





**"Celebrate Wonder"**  
Children's Church  
In-Person, Sundays  
9 am and 11 am Worship

THE GFUMC CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO  
THE PRESENTATION OF

## THE JUNGLE BOOK KIDS

FEATURING OUR VERY OWN MOLLY PAGE!

SATURDAY, JULY 17 AT 10:30  
OXFORD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER  
\$5 DONATION AT THE DOOR  
MEET AT THE CHURCH AT 9:30, AND WE CAN DRIVE AS A CARAVAN!



## Children's Ministry News

### GFUMC SUMMER EVENTS 2021

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23 TYE-DYE T-SHIRTS**  
MEET AT 6:00 IN THE PORTICO  
BRING YOUR OWN WHITE SHIRT

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 7**  
MOVIE IN OUR NEW KIDS WORSHIP ROOM  
MEET AT 6:00. WEAR PAJAMAS, BRING PILLOWS, BLANKETS, AND A SNACK TO SHARE!

**SUNDAY, JULY 11 SKATING**  
MEET AT MERRY-GO-ROUND SKATING RINK FROM 3:00-5:00

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 21 CHRISTMAS IN JULY**  
MEET AT 6:00 IN THE PORTICO. WE'LL PUT TOGETHER SHOEBOXES FOR "OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD"

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS!**  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES START BACK!  
MEET IN OUR NEW KID'S WORSHIP ROOM  
6:00-7:00

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, PROMOTION SUNDAY  
MEET IN THE KID'S WORSHIP ROOM TO  
CELEBRATE AND GET PROMOTED TO THE  
NEXT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS!



# Youth Taco Night





Christmas Stockings will be available for everyone who wants to participate in this project from July 11th—July 31st. Stockings may be picked up in the Chestnut St Lobby or at any worship service. Fill a stocking with joy, love, and prayers for children in our community. Stockings may be returned under the "Christmas in July" Tree in the Chestnut St Lobby!

GFUMC Mission Team in partnership  
with Salvation Army

### UMW NEWS

A group of 20 ladies gathered Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at "The Downtown Chief" for dinner. We had a good time in fellowship and great food. Our next Summertime Dinner will be at The Rail, on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. You will not be disappointed.

#### July Calendar of Events

**July 20th**, Tuesday at 6:00 pm, Summertime Dinner at "The Rail House"

**July 22-24**, North Alabama Conference Virtual Mission U (more info to come)



### Caring Angels

The Caring Angel's team has been visiting at home members during the past few years. Here are some of the wonderful "Thank You" notes we received from them. They all are so appreciative of the cards and gifts we take to them each month. Please take time to stop and read the notes on the bulletin board in the

Chestnut Street lobby. Thank you to all the GFUMC Caring Angels for sharing your time with our members —Your team leader, Eileen

## 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

### Ladle of Love

Fridays, 11:00am-

12:00pm, at the portico  
entrance

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](https://twitter.com/gfumcreconnect2021)



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.

## Sunday Mornings @ 10:00 am in person

- ♦ Living Water Sunday School Class, "Mysteries of the Messiah" by Rabbi Jadon Sobel, Chapel, Room 118.
- ♦ Martin Fellowship Class, "International Sunday School Lessons", Room 116.
- ♦ Pathfinders Class, "Which Way, Lord", by Rob Fuquay, Room 208.
- ♦ Seekers Sunday School Class— is currently not meeting. *Members are welcome to meet with another class until Seekers returns.*

**In-person**  
**Pastor Sam**  
Wednesday  
Mornings @ 11 am  
Gathering Room

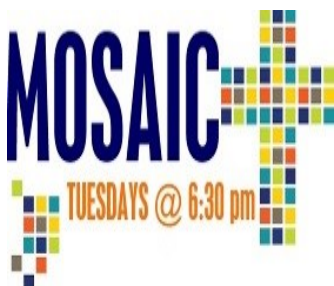


**Online**  
**Pastor Sam**  
Wednesdays @ 6 pm,  
online, FACEBOOK Live  
(Also, available on-demand on  
the GFUMC website or church  
app under the media tab.)

**In-Person: Wednesday Nights, 6:00 pm, w/Harriet Murray  
will not meet during June and July. Return in August.**

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

"The Miracles of Jesus" with Roger Thompson. *Contact the church office for more information on how to join this online study.*



## 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. Check out the Mosaic Facebook Page for weekly devotionals and for updates about in-person worship @ 6:30 pm on Tuesdays in the gym or portico/courtyard, depending on the weather.

## Honorariums & Memorials

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.

## Altar Flower Fund

Gifts to this fund are used to place flowers on the altar for special worship days throughout the year. Flowers may also be placed on the altar in honor or in memory of a loved one by personal request. Contact Susan Swann in the church office for available dates and more information.



*Celebration of Freedom*  
Sermon Series

*July 4 - Let Freedom Ring - One Service*  
*July 11 - Freedom from Sin*  
*July 18 - Freedom to Do*  
*July 25 - Freedom to Be*

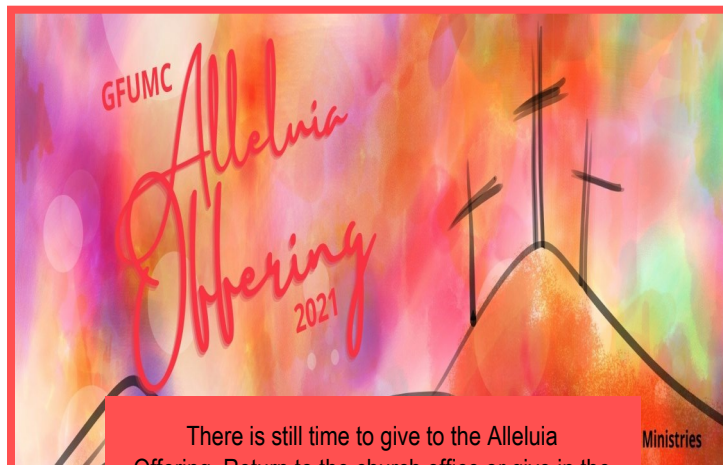
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Have you downloaded the Church App?  
*It is a great way to reconnect! Go to: **FUMCGadsden***  
(Available in the App Stores for Android or iPhone/)



Any questions about offerings, gifts or financial issues for the church should be directed to Sheila Witherspoon. She is now serving as our Financial Secretary. **You can reach Sheila Witherspoon at the church office at 256-543-8200 or email at [giving@fumcgadsden.org](mailto:giving@fumcgadsden.org).**

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There is still time to give to the Alleluia Offering. Return to the church office or give in the offering plates in the sanctuary.

### 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 July 11-July 17, 2021

### July 11, Sunday

9:00 am, **Celebration Service**, in Sanctuary & live streamed  
 10:00 am, **Martin Fellowship, Pathfinders, & Living Water**  
 Sunday School classes, in person  
 11:00 am, **Traditions Service**, in Sanctuary & live streamed  
 3:00-5:00 pm, **Youth & Children Skating Party**

### July 12, Monday

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



The Rose on the Altar is in honor of

**Liam James Hornik**

7 lbs 15 oz

Born: July 1, 2021

Siblings: Ruthie, Sophie and Eli

Parents: Ashley and Alejandro Hornik

Grandparents: Sheila Freeman

Tim and Cynthia Freeman

Given by the Children's Ministry and ELC

### July 13, Tuesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, **ELC Summer Schedule**;  
 5:00-6:00 pm, **Yoga, Gym**  
 6:30 pm, **Mosaic**, In person/Livestream

### July 14, Wednesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, **ELC Summer Schedule**  
 11:00 am, **Bible Study w/Pastor Sam**, in person  
 6:00 pm, **Bible Study w/Pastor Sam**, online  
 6:00 pm, **Youth, Gym & 211**  
 6:00 pm, **Choir Practice, Choir Room**

### July 15, Thursday

9:00 am-10:00 am, **Exercise Group, Gym**  
 7:00 am, **Men at the Well Journey Group, Zoom**  
 5:30 pm, **Thursday Worship, Sanctuary**

### July 16, Friday

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

### Honorariums and Memorials

#### General Budget Fund:

In memory of Virginia Yocum,  
 given by Ruth Chandler.

In memory of Pandora McLeod, given  
 by Ruth Chandler

### *In Memory of Her Life*

*Ina Ruth Davis*

*July 7, 2021*



### *In Memory of Her Life*

*Dorothy Marie Thompson*

*July 1, 2021*



### Immediate Prayer Concerns

Family of Dot Thompson

Dr. Ed Thompson

Family of Ina Davis

Mikey Tonagel

(Collins & Belinda Tackaberrys' son-in-law)



### Continued Prayer Concerns

Jack Floyd Glen Pierson Donny Gray Carma Rayburn

Ruby Christine Poland (granddaughter of Jeff & Cathea Poland)

Ann Elizabeth Casey (great-granddaughter of Dotty Ivey)

Yvonne Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's step-mother)

Mary Nichols (Patsy Blankenship's mother)

Crystal Roden Anderson (Allison Casey's cousin)

### Birthdays.....

**July 11** Jane Hughes, Dustin Turnipseed,  
 Lindsey McFarland, Ethan Luke Powell

**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,  
 Holly Ostendorf, Jillian Sherrouse,  
 Elyse Floyd

**July 16** Dave Jensen, Monica Bitteringer

**July 17** Adria Connell, Broasha Williams,  
 Rhett Loveman, Kelly Muratta

### Week of July 4, 2021

\*In Person Total \*211 Overall Total 397

Online Viewer Total \*186 Mosaic \*8

Thursday \*10 Sunday School \*0

One United Service \*124/171

Children \*17 Youth \*27

Bible Study Groups \*26/15

General Offering Budget \$15,200.00

General Offering Received \$11,935.00

YTD General Offering Budget \$425,600.00

YTD General Offering Rec'd \$362,999.00



**2021 Alleluia Offering**

**\$15,588.00**

**Designated for  
 Children's Ministry  
 Room 6,650.00**

**Total \$22,238.00**