



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

### 7-24-22 Sermon Notes "Look Who's Talking"

One can learn a lot about a person by taking a look at the prayer that person prays. For instance, consider this familiar prayer:

*Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
And where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

This, of course is a prayer of St. Francis of Assisi. It was put to music, and our own Ezra Byrant does a BEAUTIFUL job of singing it!

Here is another famous prayer that was put to music. See if you recognize this one:

*O Lord, won't you buy me a Mercedes Benz?  
My friends all drive Porsches, I must make amends.  
Worked hard all my lifetime, no help from my friends.  
So, Oh Lord, won't you buy me a Mercedes Benz?*

Janis Joplin sang this one. RIP, Janis. If I'm honest with myself, I have to admit that sometimes my prayers sound more like Janis Joplin's than St. Francis'. Ouch! "Who's talking" when it comes to prayer is important.

Who's talking in the Gospel reading for this Sunday – Luke 11: 1-13? Jesus, of course...but also the disciples...and also us, because Jesus is teaching us not only the Lord's Prayer, but something *about* praying, about God, and about ourselves. Join me on Sunday as we look at Jesus as Teacher, Friend, and Parent.

Keep on praying!  
Pastor Sam

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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](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/media) or  
on Facebook Live: @FUMCgadsden

### ACOLYTES

July 24: Liam Humphries

July 31: Marit & Mikko Norris

### Tech Team Schedule

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

#### July 24

**Celebration:** Eric Wright, Will Brookshire, Sheila Freeman

**Traditional:** Mike Self, Sheila Freeman

#### July 31

**Celebration:** Bill Haller, Carmen McKiven, Jacob McKiven

**Traditional:** Davis Varner, Tammy Hayes, Brad Barnes

**Please help us update the membership records in the church office with your current mailing address, phone number, email address and birthdays for all family members. Updates may be sent to [susan@fumcgadsden.org](mailto:susan@fumcgadsden.org) or call Susan @ 256-543-8200.**



### 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

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!**

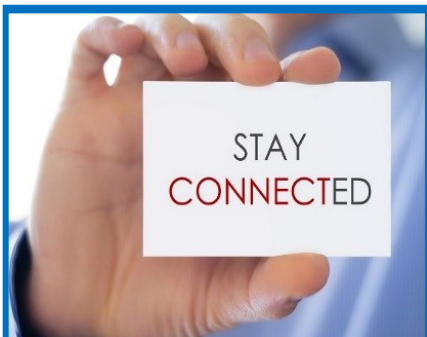
### Men at the Well Thursday Mornings 7:00 am

You are invited to join the weekly bible study with the Men at the Well small group. Currently meeting at the Choice Restaurant.

*Contact Todd Rains, Mark Condra or Mark Casey or any of the Men at the Well for more information.*

### 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, International Bible Studies, **Room 116**
- 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.

Go to: <http://www.fumcgadsden.org/sign-up-to-receive-emails>

**Need Help: Contact Sheila Freeman @ 256-490-5018**

## ELC News

Our summer session is going by quickly. We have just 4 more weeks to go. On Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 27<sup>th</sup>. The 2022-2023 Fall Open House will be hosted on Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 11:30 am.

—Helene



## Youth Ministry News

Mark your calendars! On Saturday, August the 6th @ 8am, the youth, parents and chaperones will be going on a challenging adventure. This hike is hard and we are choosing to go in the hottest time of the year! You can get in the water at the bottom of the hike!! Be aware, this hike is difficult, they have no bathrooms on the trail, and it is 6 miles round trip. Some of the hike has a large incline. If you take on the challenge you will be proud of yourself and you will feel strong and ready to start school. Who is up for the challenge? We are eating some awesome BBQ in Rainsville @ 50 Taters on the way home! Adventure awaits!

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

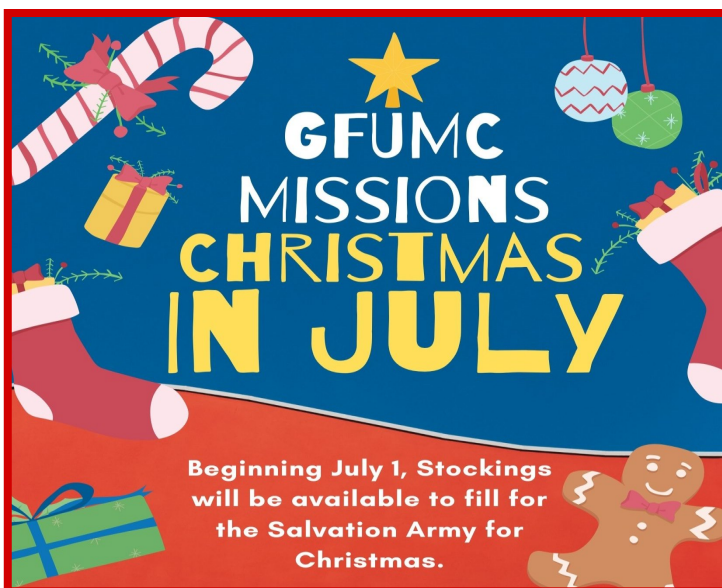
A graphic for a "Christmas in July" event. It features a cartoon Santa Claus wearing sunglasses and a red suit, standing on a sandy beach. In the background, there are palm trees, a hammock, and beach umbrellas. The sky is blue with white clouds. The text "Christmas in July" is written in a large, red, cursive font. Below it, "WEDNESDAY, JULY 27 AT 6:00" is written in red. Further down, the text "LET'S PACK SHOEBOXES WITH CHRISTMAS GIFTS!" and "PLEASE BRING \$5 TO HELP WITH POSTAGE, WE ARE PACKING 50 BOXES!" is written in black.

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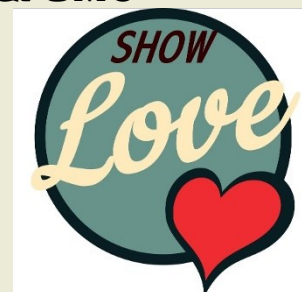


## July Mission Focus

There are still a few stockings available! 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 to children this Christmas!



## 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

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  
June 2022

Ladle of Love 385  
Clothes Closet 202

*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](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/serve)

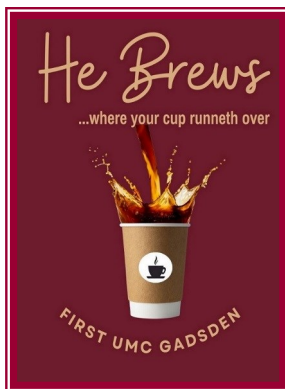
Church Phone 256-543-8200  
[fumc@fumcgadsden.org](mailto:fumc@fumcgadsden.org)



## UMW NEWS

The next UMW Luncheon is September 12th.  
Barbara Bennett, President





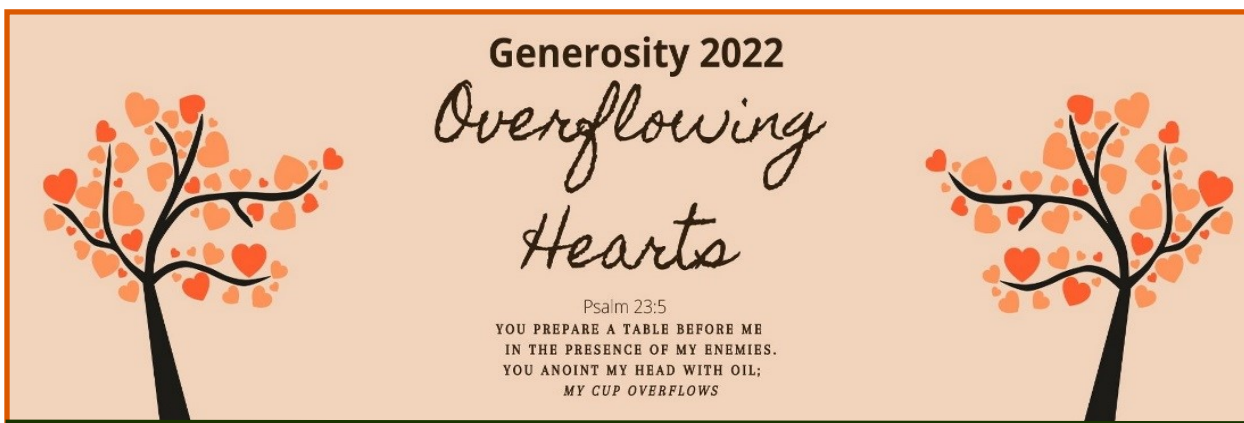
**Inviting Ministries welcomes you to our Coffee Café!**  
 We have your Sunday Cup of Coffee waiting for you between  
 10 am 11 am on Sunday mornings. **Join us this Sunday!**  
*Come visit with friends, old and new, in Christian Fellowship!*  
*After Celebration and before Traditions and on your way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



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

**Sunday, August 21– Harp & Clover**

**All Young Adults and  
 Families Welcome!**



### 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



**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.**



## Calendar for July 24-30, 2022

### July 24, Sunday

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

### July 25, Monday

9:00-10:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym  
5:00 pm, Trustees, via GotoMeeting

### July 26, Tuesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Summer Schedule  
5:00 pm, Yoga, Gym  
5:00 pm, Finance Meeting, Parlor  
6:00 pm, Board of Stewards, Gathering Room

### July 27, Wednesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Summer Schedule  
11:00 am, Wednesday Bible Study  
6:00 pm, Children and Youth, Christmas in July,  
Packing shoeboxes with Christmas Gifts  
6:00 pm, Bible Study, Facebook Live  
No Choir Practice (will resume in August)

### July 28, Thursday

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

### July 29, Friday

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

## Upcoming Sermons

**Sunday, July 24— "Look Who's Talking"**

**Sunday, July 31— "Watch Out!"**

**Sunday, August 7—"Ready?" *Holy Communion***

**Sunday, August 14—"Set?" *Blessing of the Backpacks***

**Sunday, August 21-- "Go!"**

**Sunday, August 28—"Table Manners"**

## Dates to Remember

July 25, 5 pm, Trustees, via GotoMeeting

July 26, 5 pm, Finance, Parlor

July 26, 6 pm, Board of Stewards, Room 201

### **Christmas in July**

Children's Mission Activity—Shoebox

Packing Party, July 27 @6 pm —Bring \$5.

Return Stockings by Sunday, July 31.

## Honorariums and Memorials

### General Budget Fund

In memory of our parents, John Morgan Harrell and Mary Trawick Harrell, given by J.T., Trish, Tyler, and Anna Morgan Harrell.

### Music Fund

In memory of our parents, John and Mary Harrell, given by J.T., Trish, Tyler, and Anna Morgan Harrell.

## Immediate Prayer Concerns

Mike McCartney Asher Mae Collins

Amy Sanner (Debbie Edwards' mother)

John Jones (Dottie Roger's son)

### Continued Prayer Concerns

Winnie Mae Beasley Dottie Rogers Regina Holloway

Dee McCoy Lisa Dobbins

Alice Hayes (mother of Sam Hayes)

## Birthdays

**July 24** Evelyn Pierson, Roger Kirby,  
Donna Leach, Mary Ryle

**July 25** Zane Kimbrough, Audria Wood,  
Lauren Penn, Jake Edwards

**July 27** Greta Payne, Chandler  
Lindsey, Mary Clare Bone

**July 28** Billie Hackney, Linton Davis

**July 29** Wayne Payton, Will Brookshire

**July 30** Phillip Johnson, Angela Hood



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

## Week of July 17, 2022

In Person Total \*143 Online 310  
Worship Total 453 Thursday Worship \*4  
Celebration Service \*62/163  
Traditional Worship \*77/147  
Adult Sunday School \*32/1 Children \*3  
Bible Study Groups \*6  
Children \*40 Youth \*0 Nursery \*10  
Total Attendance \*91/1

General Offering Budget \$13,175.00  
General Offering Received \$19,291.00  
YTD General Offering Budget \$382,075.00  
YTD General Offering Rec'd \$396,020.00

**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.

**Update Your Contact Information**  
Submit your current Address.  
Phone #, and Email for the church records: [susan@fumcgadsden.org](mailto:susan@fumcgadsden.org)  
or call 256-543-8200