



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

7-31-22 Sermon Notes "Watch Out"

An elderly man confided to a friend that he was planning to live to be one hundred. The friend replied, "I would also like to live to be one hundred. But how do you plan to do it?" "It's quite simple," the other man said. "All you need to do is live until you're ninety-nine, and from there on be *very careful!*"

Sometimes I think that someone should have given me that advice going in to 2022. "It's going to be a new year...anything could happen...so be very careful!" Have you had days like that? Like it the whole day needs a warning label that says, "Watch out?!"

Did you know that Jesus gave such a warning? What was it that caused Jesus to say, "Watch out...to be on your guard?" It may not be what you think. Here's what our Gospel for this Sunday says:

¹³ *Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."*

¹⁴ *Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?"¹⁵ Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."*

¹⁶ *And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'*

¹⁸ *"Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain.'¹⁹ And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"*

²⁰ *"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'"*

²¹ *"This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."* (Luke 12: 13-21 NIV)

Watch out! Beware! Jesus knew that even in his day, when the average person had few possessions, that it would be easy to let greed and anxiety over possessions become the focus of life. 2000 years later, and I would say this temptation is *even more* of an issue. Wouldn't you? Join us this Sunday as we remind ourselves of what it means to be Kingdom focused instead of "stuff" focused.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Sam

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 or call Susan @ 256-543-8200.

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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

ACOLYTES

July 31: Marit & Mikko Norris
August 7: Silas Hosey

Tech Team Schedule

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

July 31

Celebration: Joe Pritchard, Bill Haller,
Carmen McKiven, Jacob McKiven

Traditional: Davis Varner,
Tammy Hayes, Brad Barnes

August 7

Celebration: Mark Casey, Parker Casey,
Sheila Freeman

Traditions: Mike Self, Sheila Freeman

Save the Date: August 17

Wonderful Wednesday Bible Study and Activities will return!

5:15 pm- Fellowship Dinner

6:00 pm- Bible Study and Activities for Adults, Youth and Children.

6:30 pm- Welcome Back Celebration w/Ice Cream Social on the Portico!

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

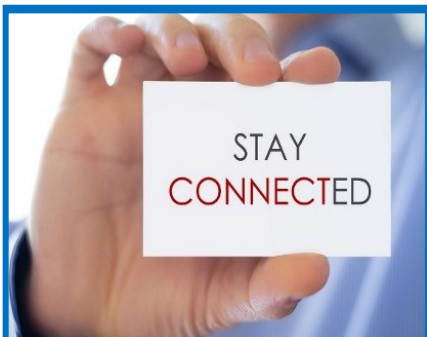
Men at the Well **Thursday Mornings** **7:00 am**

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**
- **Muti-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 or 208**



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 2022 Summer session has come to an end. We had a great time exploring summer themes and crafts. The new school year is right around the corner. Open House for all incoming students is Thursday, August 18th from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. First day for the 2022-2023 school year is Monday, August 22nd.

—Helene Haller



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



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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

FALL 2022

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES
6:00PM ROOM 108

AUG 17	WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES RESUME W/ ICE CREAM SOCIAL
OCT 19	FALL FESTIVAL AT GFUMC 
NOV 16	FRIENDSGIVING! 
DEC 4	 CHRISTMAS PLAY PRACTICE 
DEC 11	CHRISTMAS PLAY 
DEC 14	 UGLY SWEATER PARTY 

KATHARINE BARNES • 256-543-8200 • WWW.FUMCGADSDEN.ORG/CHILDREN • PROVERBS 22:6

July Mission Focus

Remember to return your filled stocking(s) by this Sunday, July 31!! Thank you for being a blessing to others! 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!



Our Exceptional Persons Party was a roaring success with a Gathering Room full of Happy people. A big thank you goes to the UMW women who donated cookies and volunteered their time to help. A very special thank you goes to our Pastor Sam, who along with his guitar, performed with our guest entertainer, Paul Harbison. Together they were truly dueling guitars with their playing and the audience singing, a joyous noise was made to our Lord.

August Mission Forecast

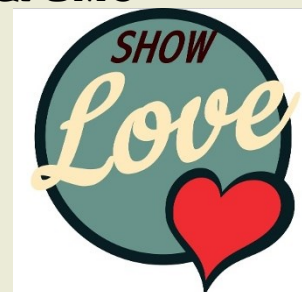
Our church continues striving to make a difference for all the sweet students at Striplin Elementary School. Principal Ash, the teachers, and the students' families appreciate our church for adopting their school many years ago. In order to continue providing the A/B Honor Roll parties, "Welcome Back" Teacher Breakfast, and Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, August has been designated for Striplin Elementary. *Please help us shine God's Love by giving to the Striplin Fund during the month of August.*

UMW NEWS

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



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

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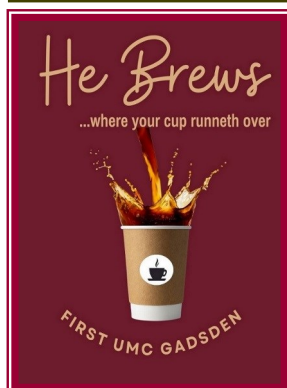
GFUMC Member Survey

We value your opinion!

The purpose of this survey is to determine what members want to know about the differences in our denomination and the vote that will take place in the fall of 2022 about whether we will stay UMC or disaffiliate from the denomination.



Printed survey forms will be available in the church office or you can fill out the online survey form @ <https://forms.gle/itKvoHZAMsA5kV8S7>



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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FUMC
Brunch
Club

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

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 31-Aug 6, 2022

July 31, Sunday

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

Aug 1, Monday

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

Aug 2, Tuesday

9:00-11:00 am, Clothes Closet workday
5:00 pm, Yoga, Gym

*The Flowers in the sanctuary today are given by
the family of Michael B. McCartney.*

Aug 3, Wednesday

9:00-11:00 am, Clothes Closet open
11:00 am, Wednesday Bible Study
6:00 pm, Bible Study, Facebook Live
No Children or Youth activities
No Choir Practice (will resume in August)

Aug 4, Thursday

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

Aug 5, Friday

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

*The rose on the altar is in celebration
of the birth of
Charles Edward "Teddy" Watts
July 21, 2022*



*Parents: Blake & Lindsay
and Big Sister: Eleanor
Given by the Children's Ministry
and the ELC*

In Memory of His Life

Michael Bailey McCartney

July 25, 2022



Immediate Prayer Concerns

The Family of Mike McCartney
The Family of Amy Sanner Asher Mae Collins
Jerry Casey Jeff Poland

Continued Prayer Concerns

John Jones (Dottie Roger's son) Dottie Rogers
Winnie Mae Beasley Regina Holloway
Alice Hayes (mother of Sam Hayes)

*The ministers, ELC Board, Teachers,
and congregation of*

*First United Methodist Church of Gadsden,
extend Christian sympathy to
Debbie Edwards and Family
in the death of her mother*

Amy Sanner

July 23, 2022



Birthdays

July 31 Jacob Kelley, Hunter Lowe
Aug Jackie Herlong, Sharon Quinn,
Karen Owen, Charles Abney,
Steve Parrish, Keith Copeland
Aug 2 Gaynor Griffin
Aug 3 Gary Griffin, Jessie Timmons,
Mac McIntyre
Aug 4 Jane Patton, Patricia Probyn,
Jill Moran, Lori Walker,
Kaden Epperson
Aug 5 Laurie Holtsford, Katie Wilson
Aug 6 Karen Blackstock,
David Freeman, Jade Collins



Week of July 24, 2022

In Person Total *109 Online 335
Worship Total 444 Thursday Worship *6
Celebration Service *40/152
Traditional Worship *63/183
Adult Sunday School *37/1 Children *0
Bible Study Groups *15/220
Children *3 Youth *8 Nursery *1
Total Attendance *64/23

General Offering Budget \$13,175.00
General Offering Received \$13,902.83
YTD General Offering Budget \$395,250.00
YTD General Offering Rec'd \$409,922.83

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
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announcements on Friday.

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Submit your current Address.
Phone #, and Email for the church
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