

First United Methodist Church of Gadsden

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The People of Gadsden First United Methodist Church
Changing Lives by *Sharing Christ, Making Disciples,*
Serving and Giving Hope



www.fumcgadsden.org

115 So. 5th St. Gadsden, AL 35901

July 5, 2020

Calendar for July 5-July 11, 2020

July 5, Sunday, 9:00 am, Celebration Worship; 10:00 am, Living Waters Sunday School, GoToMeeting; 11:00 am, Traditional Worship, Live Streaming, (join us for Facebook Live or on the church website for livestream audio broadcast); 6:00 pm, Youth via Zoom or Instagram

July 6, Monday, 6:30 pm, Bible Study with Pastor Carrie, via Zoom

July 7, Tuesday, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Summer Schedule; 6:30 pm, Mosaic, Courtyard

July 8, Wednesday, 6:00 pm, Online Bible Study with Pastor Sam, Facebook Live; 6:00 pm, Youth via Zoom or Instagram

July 9, Thursday, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Summer Schedule; 5:30 pm, Thursday Worship, Sanctuary;

7:00 pm, College Group, via Zoom

July 10, Friday, 11:00-12:00, Ladle of Love, Portico



A MASK is required If you are attending any service or activity at the church. If you do not have one, we have them available for you to use. During Office Hours (8:00am-4:00pm) Monday thru Friday, you may call if you have a need that we can help with. If no answer, please leave a message and a staff member will return your call. Refer to the schedule of worship and times on the calendar. **Stay Well. Stay Safe.**



Give! Your church needs your support now more than ever! Since we have had to suspend in-person worship service, we haven't been able to receive offerings (obviously). We still need your support to keep our awesome church going. You can always do online giving through our secure e-giving site. Go to our church website www.fumcgadsden.org/give or to the App: FUMC Gadsden to find out how or drop a check in the mail to 115 S. 5th street, Gadsden, AL 35901. If you can give something extra during this time, it would really help and be much appreciated!

Call 256-543-8200 (church office) if you need any assistance.

*Gadsden First United Methodist
extends Christian Sympathy to
Jan Humphrey
in the death of her mother
Carolyn Humphrey
July 1, 2020*



Honorariums and Memorials

General Budget Fund: In memory of DeLeath Rives, given by Glen and Evelyn Pierson.

In memory of Dr. Adrian Chandler, given by June Davis.

Ladle of Love Fund: In Honor of Stan and Pat Walker, given by Scott Walker.

Music Fund: In memory of Dr. Adrian Chandler, given by Gloria Rives.

In memory of DeLeath Rives, given by Alex Holtsford.

In memory of DeLeath Rives, given by Steve and Lynne Frederick.

Birthdays.....

July 5 Rhonda Robinson,
Clay Smith, Emanuel Vallejo

July 6 Ted Jones, Tate Sizemore

July 7 Jennifer Blount,
Lillie Skipper

July 8 Beau Bone, Dohna Hocevar,
Alex Freeman

July 9 Ann Sims

July 10 Charles Wells, Denise Lindsey,
David Wooten

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



Week of June 28, 2020

Total number of Live viewers 781

Celebration 156 Traditions 174

Mosaic 17 Thursday 18

Youth & College 15

VBS 330 (avg. views daily)

Bible Study Groups (4) 78

General Offering Budget \$15,440.00

General Offering Received \$7,550.00

YTD General Offering Budget \$401,440.00

YTD General Offering Received \$379,144.00

Special Easter Offering: \$8,220.00

Text to Give: 256-344-8464

Online Giving: www.fumcgadsden.org/give

LADLE OF LOVE

January through June 2100

CLOTHES CLOSET

January through June 726



Immediate Prayer Concerns

Family of DeLeath Rives

Family of Carolyn Humphrey

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Continuing Prayer Concerns

John Floyd Doug Martin

Joanne Hightower Jane Jones

Ina Davis Marj Ross

Mary Freeman Ronald Garry

Herman Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's father)

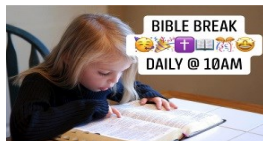
All Services, Sunday School and Wonderful Wednesday and activities for children are postponed until a later time.



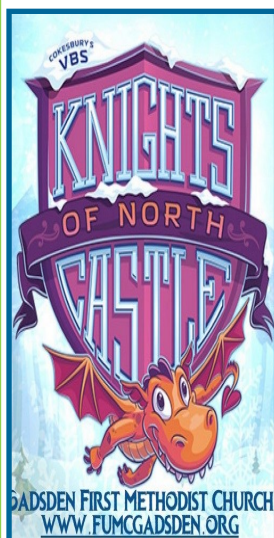
Lessons will be posted on Sundays and Wednesdays on the Children's Ministry Facebook page. The theme is "Look Up" with Proverbs 3:5-6 as the scripture.

The Children's Bible Break

will end July 5th. During the Quarantine, our children studied the entire American Bible Society's "Read and Learn" Bible, which includes 52 old Testament and 54 New Testament lessons.



Words will never express what Gadsden First has meant to me and my family on both a personal and ministerial level. I am forever grateful for the opportunity to be part of GFUMC family, and I will cherish the memories and the lessons received forever. God bless you as you continue to do the work of the Lord and continue the momentum and connection with the children and families. I know God has great things in store for the Next Chapter! —Pastor Carrie



VBS took place virtually during the week of June 22-26. In case you missed it, you can still join the fun on the church Facebook page. It took *MANY* people to make it happen! There were 50 children officially registered that received the "Take Home Craft Kits". The numbers that "engaged" each day were so many. Our 3K/4K class here at the ELC as well as the 4K Class at Glencoe First Baptist participated.

Thank you to all that helped make this happen!

Youth Activities

Parents please let us know the plans for band camp, or sports practice at your students school. Our youth group will be bringing popsicles and water to the students this summer.

Online devotionals are being posted once a week from youth pastors at GFUMC, Christ Central, Pell City, and Southside UMC.

Join us on Wednesday nights @ 6:30pm in the green space.

Sunday & Wednesdays, 6 pm

Join Andy on Facebook Live or Instagram.



ELC News

Our summer session continues to go well and will end July 23rd. On Monday, July 13th at 6:30 pm, the ELC Board and Faculty will host 4K 2020 graduation in the sanctuary. We are excited to host this ceremony for our 4K families and officially bring a close to the 2019-2021 school year. Plans are under way for our Fall 2020 Open House which is currently scheduled for Thursday, August 13th from 10:00 am to 11:30 am.

United Methodist Women



If you would like to set up a GoToMeeting for your circle, please contact Sheila Freeman @ 256-490-5018.

UMW Online Auction for Local Missions: \$3010.00

Thank you to everyone who supported the UMW Online Auction! From our UMW Circles and members who donated items for the auction, to all of you who bid on items and or helped with the auction in any way, everyone's efforts have contributed to the HUGE success of our auction! So far, UMW's Online Auction for Local Missions has raised \$3010.00 for local missions! Give our favorite auction host, Pastor Andy a big hand for keeping the energy and excitement level high throughout the evening! Many local missions in our communities will directly benefit from the auction and all of your contributions are very much appreciated! —UMW





Facebook Live (video) Broadcast: Search for the church Facebook page: @FUMCGadsden on Facebook. Like or follow GFUMC on Facebook and allow “notifications” in order to receive an alert when the church is broadcasting on FacebookLive.

Live “Audio Only” Broadcast: Go to www.fumcgadsden.org/media and look for the “sermon player”.

On Demand Video & Audio of each of the worship services will generally be available on the church app and website within one hour of services.

One, one, one... Challenge!

Our theme for 2020 is **#Connect2020**. How do we reach out to each other and stay connected when we are in quarantine and being asked to practice social distancing? It's definitely a challenge, and it can be a bit overwhelming to think of the entire scope of this challenge. We can't reach out to *everybody*. But what if we could do for “one” what we wish that we could do for “everyone?”

When Mother Teresa saw the incredible problems on the streets of Calcutta – people being left on the streets to die alone...lepers not receiving care at all – she would say this to herself: *“Ek, ek, ek!”* It is Hindi for **“One, one, one...”** ***She didn't look at the masses of need. She looked at one. She said, “I can only love one person at a time – just one, one, one. So you begin. I begin. I picked up one person...Just begin – one, one, one.”***

The one, one, one challenge is simple: Make one phone call a day to check on somebody. Just see how they are holding up. Send one text a day to someone just to encourage them. It could be a friend, a family member...anyone whom the Lord puts on your heart. And then write one note a day. It could be a thank-you card, a “thinking-of-you” note...a sticky note you put on your spouse's mirror that reminds them that you care.

Sound simple? It is. Will it make a difference? I believe it will! I would like to see 111 of our church members take the one, one, one challenge. Just think of the power of that connection! If you would like to take this challenge and sign up for one, one, one – please call the church office. I'll be giving updates as we go along. How long will the challenge last? As long as we are being asked to quarantine and practice social distancing. But who knows...we might decide we like doing this so much that we keep it going!

—Pastor Sam



Journey Groups

All "In-Person" Small Groups are Postponed.

Watch for updates as some small groups, Sunday school classes and Bible Studies will be offering, FacebookLive or online GoToMeetings.

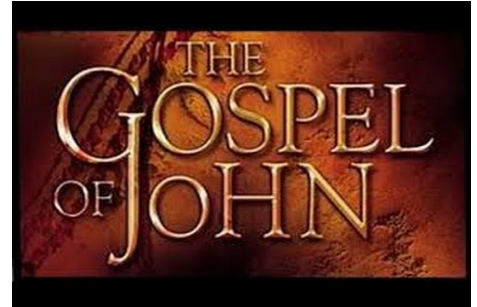
A Study of the Gospel of John

Join Pastor Sam each Wednesday night at 6:00 pm beginning May 27 for a study of the *Gospel of John*.

Facebook Live

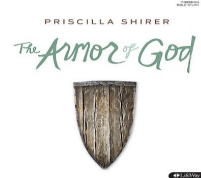
Wednesdays @ 6 pm

(You can watch the weekly episodes "on-demand". Each lesson is uploaded to the church app and website following the live broadcast.)



Women's Bible Study

Participants have expressed an interest in doing another study, therefore beginning June 8, I will lead a 7-week study of Priscilla Shirer's, *Armor of God* on Mondays at 6:30pm. Per the participants request, we will use ZOOM as our online platform. Anyone interested in participating in the study can contact the Church Office or contact me directly via e-mail or Facebook. —Pastor Carrie



GoToMeeting is a web-hosted service created and marketed by LogMeIn. It is an online meeting, desktop sharing, and video conferencing software package that enables the user to meet with other computer users, customers, clients or colleagues via the Internet in real time.

This is a super easy way for GFUMC groups to stay connected, meet for fellowship, prayer and Bible Study during this time.

- A GoToMeeting can be joined on your computer, tablet, or smartphone through a web browser or app.
- Participants DO NOT even have to have a computer to be able to participate. A phone number is also provided to call into the meeting.
- Invitations to join the meeting are sent out via email to members.

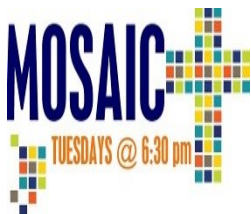
If your small group or Sunday School Class would be interested in doing a "GoToMeeting" and inviting members to come together online, please contact Sheila Freeman @ 256-490-5018.

We can easily set up a meeting for your small group, circle or Sunday school.
Each group will need to select a moderator or leader and this role can be shared.

Scheduled GoToMeetings:

Sundays, 10:00 am, Living Water Sunday School (Seekers and Martin Fellowship are invited to join, too!)

Email sheila@fumcgadsden.org if you need the link or meeting ID



Join Pastor Andy for Mosaic
Come meet with us outside the church in the Courtyard
Facing 5th Street near the sanctuary on Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm!