



"Calling of Matthew"

Pastor Andy Yarnell

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

6-11-23

Sermon Notes

Calling of Matthew

9) As Jesus continued on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at a kiosk for collecting taxes. He said to him, "Follow me," and he got up and followed him. 10) As Jesus sat down to eat in Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners joined Jesus and his disciples at the table.

11) But when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

12) When Jesus heard it, he said, "Healthy people don't need a doctor, but sick people do. 13) Go and learn what this means: I want mercy and not sacrifice. [a] I didn't come to call righteous people, but sinners."

Matthew 9: 9-13 CEB

I was amazed at how fitting the lectionary passages are for this week! We will look at this passage from Matthew as well as Genesis 12:1-5. This is my last Sunday preaching at Gadsden FUMC. We have changes happening here at the church, and all of us are always having changes in our personal lives as well. Change can be scary and following what Jesus is leading us to do can be scary, too. What might God be calling you to do? How is God leading you to step up in service in ministry in the community? I have a ton of excuses when God leads me in a different direction. Here are some of the excuses Matthew could have given, #1 sinner- He was tax collector and not the person people who have expected to follow Jesus, #2, unqualified – Matthew was called before he got any training, got his life together, etc. #3, judgment from others – it's actually the religious people in this passage who can't believe Jesus is hanging out with Matthew, #4, The unknown he had no idea how wild following Jesus would get. Join us on Sunday, let's talk about following Jesus!

Pastor Andy



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Worship Opportunities

Thursday Worship: 5:30 pm, Sanctuary

Sunday Morning:

Celebration 9 am* Traditions 11 am*

*In Person (Sanctuary) and Online

www.fumcgadsden.org/media or

on Facebook Live: @FUMCGadsden

ACOLYTES

June 11: VBS Sunday

June 18: Anna Kate Casey & Quinn Darden

Tech Team Schedule

(Please arrive 45 minutes before the service.)

June 11

Celebration: Will Brookshire, Jacob McKiven, Carmen McKiven

Traditions: Mark Condra, Wayne Payton, Sheila Freeman

June 18

Celebration: Eric Wright, Bill Haller

Traditions: Mark Casey, Parker Casey, Brad Barnes

Wonderful Wednesday Fellowship Meal will resume in August!

Enjoy your summer!

Out of Town on the Weekend?

Come to Thursday Worship!

5:30 to 6:00 pm each week

In the Sanctuary

Small Groups @ Wonderful Wednesday
will resume in the Fall!
Enjoy Your Summer Break!

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. They are currently meeting at the Choice Restaurant.

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

There's a Place for you in Sunday School!

- Living Waters Sunday School Class, Beginning Guide to the Kingdom by Prof. Amy-Jill Levine **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, with Eric Wright and Harriet Murray, Follow by Andy Stanley **Room 208**
- Pathfinders and Seekers Classes are currently meeting with the Multi-Age Sunday School Class, **Room 208** Current study of Follow by Andy Stanley



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Have you downloaded the Church APP?

Search: First UMC-Gadsden

Need Help? Contact Sheila Freeman @ 256-490-5018

ELC News

The ELC is on a small break. Summer Session will start June 13th.

Roses Sale Update

Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser this year. We received \$7,760. After the cost of the flowers, we will have \$7,595 to go toward tuition assistance. Please remember you may donate to this special cause at any time of the year.

—Helene Haller



Youth Ministry News

June 5-8 Youth helping with VBS
June 7 Meet at the Movies 5:45 pm
June 12-16 Service Days/Fun Days

—Pastor Andy

Wonderful Wednesday Fellowship Dinner will resume in August!

Children's Ministry

Children's Church
Sundays @ 9 am and 11 am

A colorful poster for a Vacation Bible School performance. It features a large orange starburst on the left with the text "SUNDAY, JUNE 11 9:00 AND 11:00". To the right of the starburst is a QR code and a speech bubble that says "JOIN OUR REMIND!". Further right, a yellow box contains the text "JOIN US FOR OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE THIS SUNDAY". At the bottom right, a purple box says "THE CHILDREN WILL SING IN BOTH SERVICES, THEN GO TO CHILDRENS CHURCH" and "TRACK #1 TRACK #3". The background is green with a pattern of white dots and lines. There are also illustrations of two children in superhero costumes at the bottom.

Watch for more Children's Ministry Fun
ALL SUMMER LONG!

Mission Focus



Clothes Closet Donations of Socks and Underwear

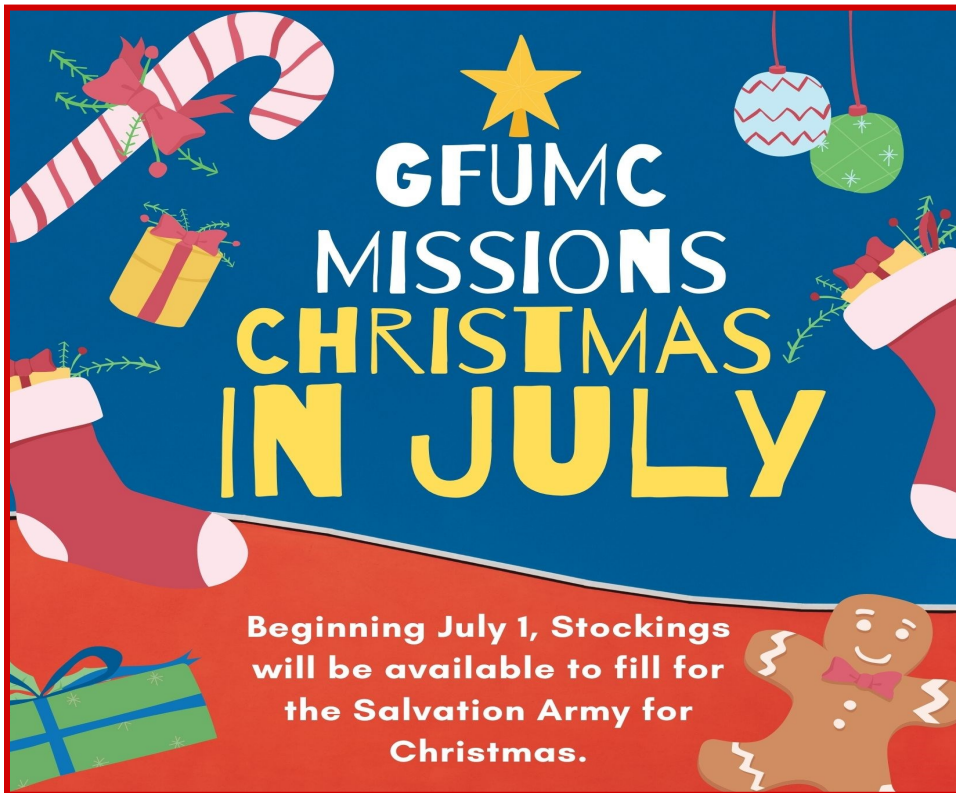
We will be accepting donations of new socks and underwear for men, women, and children during the month of June! Help us fill the **RED BUCKETS** at the entrances to the sanctuary and in the Chestnut Foyer.

Thank you for remembering your Clothes Closet.

—Clothes Closet Team

Ladle of Love

Volunteers are needed! If you are willing to serve one Friday per month on a team or be a team leader, please contact the church office @ 256-543-8200!



United Women in Faith

The months of *June, July, and August*, there will not be a monthly luncheon. Stay tuned for dates to meet with everyone for Summer Suppers!



—Barbara Bennett, President

GFUMC



"By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." **John 13:35**

Ladle of Love

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

Donations may be made to the Ladle of Love Fund in honor or in memory of a loved one.

Clothes Closet Workdays

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Open to Public

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

June open dates are

6/7 and 6/21

9:00 am to 11:00 am

516 Broad Street Gadsden

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

Clients Served

May 2023

Ladle of Love 366

Clothes Closet 194

Thanks to our volunteers!

Phone: 256-543-8200

Email: fumc@fumcgadsden.org

#gfumcreconnect2023



*Preview of Classes
Registration will open soon!*

Gift to Gadsden

First United Methodist Church of Gadsden
Members Sharing Their Gifts & Talents

Free Workshops & Introductory Classes

July 24—July 27, 2023

First Session: 6:15—7:30 PM

Acrylic Painting MTWTH
Casual Cooking MTWTH
Crafts with Katharine MTWTH
Crochet for Beginners MTWTH
Flower Arranging MTWTH
Fly Fishing MTWTH
Fine Jewelry MTWTH
Wills, Power of Attorney's & Medical Directive MTWTH
Calligraphy MT
iPhone Basics MT
Mindfulness Meditation MT
Investment & Finance MT
Olive Oil Benefits 101 MT
Southern Herbal Remedies M
Yoga for Beginners M
Health Insurance- Supplemental Policies WTH

Sharon Dasinger
Harriet Murray
Katharine Barnes
Angela Horton
Benny Campbell & June Styles
George Fant
Benny McNair
Davis Varner
Robin Wilson
Bob Blount
Karen Owen
Jay Hedgspeth
Tena King & Leslie Johnson
Darryl Patton
Jane Patton
Jackie Brechin

Fellowship Time: 7:30—7:45 PM

Second Session: 7:45—9:00 PM

Cooking with Kids 10 and Over MTWTH
Drama MTWTH
Urban Container Gardening (Vegetables & Herbs) MTWTH
Jewelry Making MT

Carmen McKiven
Molly Page
Eric Wright
Linda Cleveland

Both Sessions: 6:15—9:00 PM

Beginning Mahjong MTWTH
Beginning Pickleball MTWTH
Cake Decorating MTWTH

Joan Bigelow
Jana & Mac Downs
Michelle Cothran

Limited Classes—Pre-Registration Required
Please call church office 543-8200
or register online @ www.fumcgadsden.org/gifttogadsden
Nursery Provided with pre-registration only



You are invited!

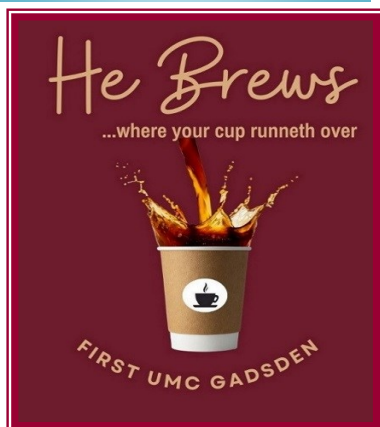
**Retirement and Farewell
Luncheon**

**Join us for a luncheon, immediately
following the Sunday, June 11,
Traditional Service in the gym. We
will be honoring Pastor Sam Hayes
on his retirement and saying farewell
to both Pastor Sam Hayes and Pastor
Andy Yarnell. This is our chance to
show them our appreciation and to
thank them for their years of service
at First UMC Gadsden!**

12 PM

**In the Activity Center (gym)
Sunday, June 11, 2023**

***Please contact the church for
reservations. RSVP: 256-543-8200 or
fumc@fumcgadsden.org by June 5.***



Please join us for HeBrews Coffee Café
between the Sunday morning worship services,
from 10 am to 11 am.

We can't wait to see you there!!!



In Psalm 135, we read these powerful words:

Hallelujah! Praise the name of God, praise the works of God. All you priests on duty in God's temple, serving in the sacred halls of our God, shout "Hallelujah!" because God's so good, sing anthems to his beautiful name... (Ps. 135:1-3 MSG)

There is still time to give to the 2023 Alleluia Offering which will go toward our Music Ministry and Capital Improvements!
Gifts so far to the 2023 Alleluia offering total \$29,618.00.

Last year, we had the biggest Alleluia Offering our church has seen in a long time! Thank you so much! With your generosity, we have had the second largest amount of giving to this offering. Thank you for caring and giving to this special offering.

Shout, "Hallelujah!" because God is so good.

Pastor Sam

Pastor Sam
Senior Pastor

Pastor Andy

Pastor Andy
Associate Pastor

Jay

Jay Hedgspeth
Generosity Team Chair



Thank you for your Generosity

Generosity: Ways to Give

In-person, at the offering time during worship.

www.fumcgadsden.org/give

Text to Give: 256-344-8464

Mail your tithe or gift: 115 S. 5th Street ,
Gadsden, AL 35901



Calendar for June 11-June 17, 2023

June 11 Sunday

9:00 am Celebration Service, Sanctuary
10:00 am Sunday School; HeBrews Coffee
11:00 am Traditions Service, Sanctuary
12:00 pm Retirement & Farewell Luncheon, Gym

June 12 Monday

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

June 13 Tuesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm ELC Summer Session
5:00 pm Yoga, Gym

June 14 Wednesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm ELC Summer Session
6:00 pm Choir Practice, Choir Room

June 15 Thursday

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

5:30 pm Thursday worship

June 16 Friday

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



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Dates to Remember

June 11 at 12:00 pm Retirement & Farewell Luncheon for Pastor Sam & Pastor Andy
June 12-16 Youth Service Days/Fun Days
June 13 ELC Summer Session begins
July 5 Exceptional Persons' Party
July 24-27 Gift to Gadsden is Back!!

In Memory of Her Life

Jane Miles Dake Bugg

June 4, 2023



Honorariums & Memorials

General Budget Fund

In memory of Jane Gardner, given by Lee Trotter.

Music Fund

In memory of Jane Gardner, given by Vivian & Ernest Farrow.

Immediate Prayer Concerns

Family of Jane Bugg
Frances Isbell (daughter of Gordon Isbell)
Patsy Blankenship Ken Davis
Dawn Rains Bibb Holland
Elizabeth Page (sister of Jan Humphrey)

Continued Prayer Concerns

Rodney Thompson Asher Mae Collins
Chris Gunnells (Gail McNair's nephew)
John Jones (Dotty Rogers' Son)



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First United Methodist Church of Gadsden

Birthdays

Jun 5 Blaise Jarecki (omitted from last week)
Jun 11 Tammy Hayes, Ruthie Hornik
Jun 12 Tyler Darden, Connor Jarecki
Jun 13 Dr. Gary Dial, Gail Spotnitz, Steve Roach
Jun 14 Cindy Kasper, Kelly Page, Shannon Muratta, Jackson Page
Jun 15 Janice Dreyer
Jun 16 Beth Dial
Jun 17 Rick Moran, Tammy Grizzell, Josh Reeves

Please update your family's record in the church office to include all dates of birth.

Week of June 4, 2023

In Person Total *130 Worship Total 503
Online 373 Thursday Worship *7
Traditions Service *83/196
Celebration Service *40/177
Adult Sunday School *37 UWF *0
Bible Study Groups *26/36 Misc. *14
Children *7 Youth *15 Nursery *2
Total Small Groups *103/36 *In Person

General Offering Budget \$12,777.00
General Offering Received \$16,200.00
YTD General Offering Budget \$293,871.00
YTD General Offering Rec'd \$276,400.00

Welcome New Members

Transfer of Letter
Marcy Puckett

Baptism
Profession of Faith
Kevin Thornburg

Baptism
Preparatory Members
Sara Kate Thornburg
Jake Thornburg
Carter Thornburg
Caroline Thornburg
Marit Norris