



Grand Openings

Pastor Sam Hayes
6.18.2023



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

6-18-23 Sermon Notes "Grand Openings"

You might be thinking, "Grand Openings? I thought this was your last Sunday!" It is...and it is a "closing" in a way. It is the closing of this chapter of our ministry together. It is also a grand opening of a new chapter with Pastor Sherri Reynolds, and I'm excited to see where GFUMC goes next! Grand Openings also refers to the Gospel Reading for this Sunday - Matthew 9:35-38; 10:1-8.

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

¹⁰ Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James, the son of Zebedee and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James, the son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. ⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

This Sunday, we will think about the seven grand openings we are called to in this passage: (1) Open your eyes and see what Jesus did. (2) Open your heart, and feel what Jesus felt. (3) Open the lines of communication and PRAY. (4) Open your mind...you just might be the answer to your prayer! (5) Open your hands and receive the authority God gives you. (6) Open your arms and embrace your fellow disciples. (7) Open a can of worms, because ministry is messy!

It's been an honor to be your pastor!

See you Sunday,

Pastor Sam



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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 18: Anna Kate Casey & Quinn Darden

June 25: Jack & Sarah Kate Brookshire

Tech Team Schedule

(Please arrive 45 minutes before the service.)

June 18

Celebration: Eric Wright, Bill Haller

Traditions: Mark Casey, Parker Casey, Brad Barnes

June 25

Celebration: Eric Wright, Carmen McKiven,

Jacob McKiven

Traditions: Davis Varner, Brad Barnes, Neil Mullin

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



Sign Up to Receive Emails from the Church

Sign up to receive emails from the church including the Weekly News, Devotionals, Ministry and Mission Notes, and Sermon Notes.

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Search: First UMC-Gadsden

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

ELC News

ELC is back in session. We are excited to be here for the summer.

We will finish the summer on July 26th. Open house is August 17th.

—Helene Haller



Youth Ministry News

June 20th 6 to 9 pm Skate Night
at Merry Go Round Skating Rink

June 25th Kayaking at Toogayak

Contact Carmen McKiven for details.

Wonderful Wednesday Fellowship Dinner will resume in August!

Children's Ministry

Children's Church
Sundays @ 9 am and 11 am



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

Save the Date!

Exceptional Persons Party

2 pm Wednesday, July 5

Volunteers are needed!

GFUMC MISSIONS CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Beginning July 1, Stockings will be available to fill for the Salvation Army for Christmas.

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 July 5!

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

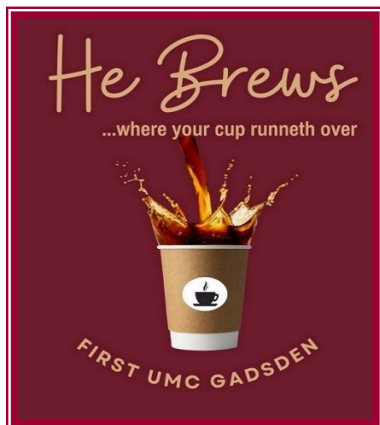
Carmen McKiven
Molly Page
Eric Wright
Linda Cleveland

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



Inviting Ministries

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!!!

Stay Connected This Summer!

Worship Services are Livestreamed on Sunday mornings on the church website, facebook, & YouTube and are available on demand on the church website & Church app.

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook.



Church Website: www.fumcgadsden.org

Update Your Contact Information

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.

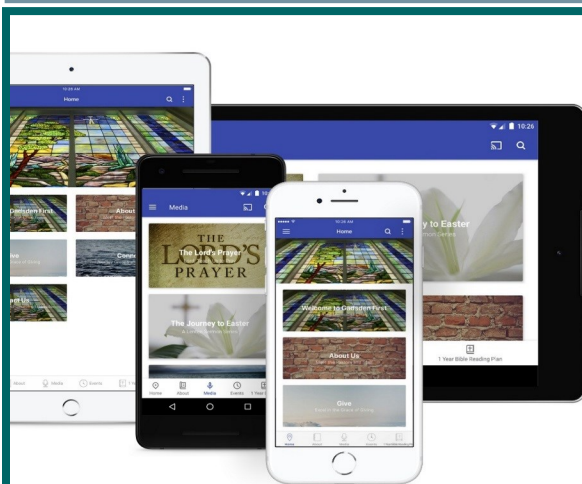
Updates may be sent to
susan@fumcgadsden.org or call Susan in the church office @ 256-543-8200.

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.

All Meetings, Events and Activities must be scheduled in advance with the church secretary, Susan Swann by email or phone, susan@fumcgadsden.org or 256.543.8200. This will allow us to serve you better! We will reserve a specific room(s) for you, ensure that the air conditioning is on, and that there is access to the building.



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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.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Sam

Pastor Sam
Senior Pastor

Pastor Andy

Pastor Andy
Associate Pastor

Jay

Jay Hedgspeth
Generosity Team Chair



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Bright Hope for Tomorrow

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Calendar for June 18-June 24, 2023

June 18 Sunday

9:00 am Celebration Service, Sanctuary
10:00 am Sunday School; HeBrews Coffee
11:00 am Traditions Service, Sanctuary

June 19 Monday

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

June 20 Tuesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm ELC Summer Session
9:00 am-11:00 am Clothes Closet workday
5:00 pm Yoga, Gym

June 21 Wednesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm ELC Summer Session
9:00 am-11:00 am Clothes Closet open
6:00 pm Choir Practice, Choir Room

June 22 Thursday

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

June 23 Friday

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



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Pastor Sam and Pastor Andy. Gifts may be
given through the church office or in
worship Please mark your check
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Dates to Remember

June 26 Trustees meeting @ 5:00 pm
June 27 Finance meeting @5:00 pm
June 27 Board of Stewards @6:00 pm
July 2 Pastor Sherri Reynold's 1st Sunday
July 5 Exceptional Persons' Party
July 24-27 Gift to Gadsden is Back!!

In Memory of His Life
Jack Weston Pierce, Jr.
May 29, 2023



The flowers on the altar today are placed in
honor of Sam and Tammy Hayes and family
by June Campbell Styles and Benny Campbell.

Honorariums & Memorials

General Budget Fund

In memory of Jane Bugg, given by Julie Nolen Knox.

Ladle of Love

In memory of Jane Herb, given by Mr. & Mrs. Alan Ross.

Howell Erwin Fund

In memory of Jane Bugg, given by Robert Hardy,
Kemira SA Team.

Music Fund

In memory of Jane Gardner, given by Elizabeth & Mary Davis. In
memory of Jane Gardner, given by Janet Brock.

Birthdays

Jun 18 Carter Murray, Cole Murray
Jun 19 David Woodall
Jun 20 Brenda Copeland, Will Estis,
Sarah Katherine Edmondson
Jun 21 Alice Walton Johns,
Linda Cleveland, Bentley McClendon
Jun 23 Meg Fleeman, Eric Wright,
Joe Pritchard, Leland Trotter,
Lucy Gilbert

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

Week of June 11, 2023

In Person Total *204 Worship Total 589
Online 385 Thursday Worship *5
Traditions Service *132/198
Celebration Service *67/187
Adult Sunday School *35 UWF *0
Bible Study Groups *7 Misc. *30
Children *29 Youth *9 Nursery *3
VBS *49 enrolled/*196 attendance
Total Small Groups *168 *In Person
General Offering Budget \$12,777.00
General Offering Received \$11,368.00
YTD General Offering Budget \$306,648.00
YTD General Offering Rec'd \$287,768.00

Immediate Prayer Concerns

Family of Jack Pierce
Adam Ashley (Sheila
Witherspoon's grandson)
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
Chris Gunnells
(Gail McNair's nephew)
John Jones (Dotty Rogers' Son)