

## “What are You Doing Here?”

**Pastor Sam Hayes**

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

### 6-19-22 Sermon Notes “What Are You Doing Here?”

The prophet Elijah is absolutely one of my favorite characters in the Bible! He led such an interesting, roller coaster life. He had times of mountaintop victories, and times of cave-dwelling defeat...fear, depression, burnout and despair. In our Scripture for this Sunday (Fathers' Day), we will look at an example of Elijah's crazy life, and especially at a question that the Lord asked Elijah – not once, but twice: “What are you doing here, Elijah?” As a pastor, and a father, and a human...I find myself relating to Elijah. There are times on the mountain, and times in the cave of despair. I am actually encouraged when I read James 5: 17, which says, “Elijah was a human being, just as we are...” All of us are afraid sometimes. We all would sometimes like to run away from our problems, or feel like we are all alone. We might even want to hide inside a cave, away from the world. But God loves us, pursues us, challenges and encourages us...asks us, “What are you doing here?” Look at this good news for us cave dwellers:

*Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. <sup>2</sup> Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” <sup>3</sup> Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. <sup>4</sup> But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die, “It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.” <sup>5</sup> Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.” <sup>6</sup> He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. He ate and drank and lay down again. <sup>7</sup> The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you.” <sup>8</sup> He got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. <sup>9</sup> At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there.*

*Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>10</sup> He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” <sup>11</sup> He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, <sup>12</sup> and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>14</sup> He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” <sup>15</sup> Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; (1 Kings 19: 1-15a NRSV) Join us this Sunday in worship! Pastor Sam*

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### Worship Opportunities

Thursday Worship: 5:30 pm, Sanctuary  
 Mosaic, Thursdays, 6:00 pm, Back Forty

### 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

### Tech Team Schedule

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

#### June 19

**Celebration:** Will Brookshire, Bill Haller,  
 Brad Barnes, Elizabeth Barnes

**Traditions:** Davis Varner, Bill Haller

#### June 26

**Celebration:** Eric Wright, Sheila Freeman,  
 Carmen McKiven, Jacob McKiven

**Traditions:** Mark Casey, Parker Casey,  
 Sheila Freeman



By Bob Goff

## Starts June 5

Small Group Study on  
Sunday Mornings!

Will meet in Room 208

@ 10 am

All Ages are Welcome! Led by  
Pastor Andy

*(You will love the food!)*

## Bible Study with Pastor Sam Summer on Wednesday Mornings

11 am Bible Study

## The Book of Acts

Will not meet on Wednesday,  
June 22.

Class will resume on June 29.

Wonderful Wednesday is taking a break for Summer!  
See you in August!  
Check Out Youth and Children's Ministry this Summer!

## Thursdays, Men at the Well, 7:00 am via Zoom

You are invited to join the weekly ZOOM bible study with the Men at the Well small group.

10 week study based on Richard Stearns' book, "Lead Like It Matters to God"

June 9—Generosity & Forgiveness, Group Discussion

June 16—Self Awareness & Balance, Bob Blount

June 23—Honor & Encouragement, Todd Rains

June 30—Perseverance & Listening, Group Discussion

July 7—Taking God to Work, Collins Tackaberry

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

## RECONNECT with the Sunday School Class of Your Choice!

- Living Water Sunday School Class, "Eternity is in Session", Room 112, In person and online. Contact a member of the class for the link to join online!
- Martin Fellowship Class, Room 116, International Bible Studies
- Pathfinders Class, Meet in Room 208
- Looking for a Sunday School Class? We can help. Contact Pastor Sam Hayes, Pastor Andy Yarnell or Sheila Freeman, Director of Connectional Ministries, for help! Email: [sheila@fumcgadsden.org](mailto:sheila@fumcgadsden.org)





## ELC News

Summer session started off with a bang. Everyone was so excited to be back and we welcomed a couple of new faces. Summer session runs every Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 am to 1 pm starting Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> and ending Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>.

—Helene Haller



## Youth Ministry News

July 11-14, Youth Service Week

—Pastor Andy

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



## GFUMC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUMMER CALENDAR 2022

### SUMMER ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22 @ 6:00

S'MORES NIGHT



WEDNESDAY, JULY 13 @ 6:00

GRILLIN' AND CHILLIN'

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27 @ 6:00

CHRISTMAS IN JULY



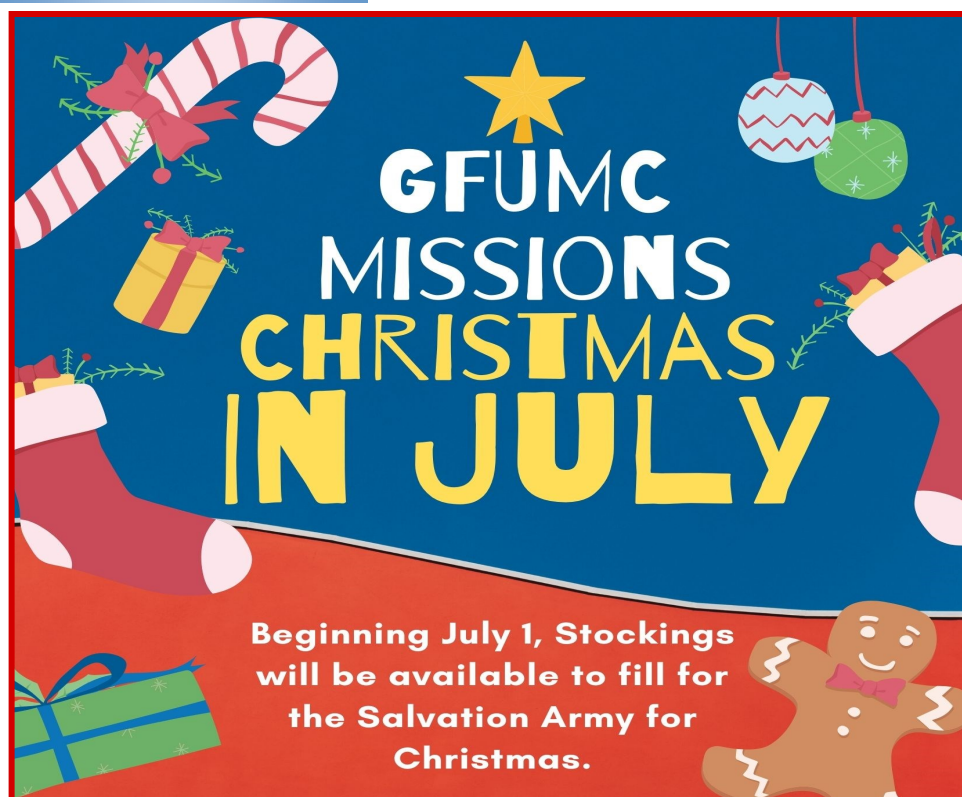
\*WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17 @ 6:00

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES RETURN

ICE CREAM SOCIAL ON THE PORTICO



## June Mission Focus



### CLOTHES CLOSET

A big "Thank You" to all that cleaned out closets and brought clothes to the church to meet our needs in



the clothes closet!

Your generosity and time are greatly appreciated. Never Forget your Clothes Closet!

There is always a need for in-season clothing when you clean out your closets during the year.

### UMW NEWS

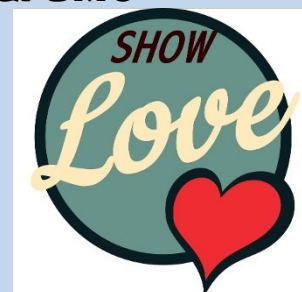
Don't Forget!! Summer "Dutch Treat" outings will begin June 21st at 6 pm at the Downtown Chief restaurant. No reservations or "passwords" required. Frowns are tolerated but smiles are celebrated.

The next UMW Luncheon is September 12th.

—Barbara Bennett



### 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

### Thank you!

For all the recent donations that everyone brought in for the clothes closet. We are looking like we are well stocked at this time, but always remember we need in-season clothing.

Clients served in  
May 2022

Ladle of Love 335  
Clothes Closet 264

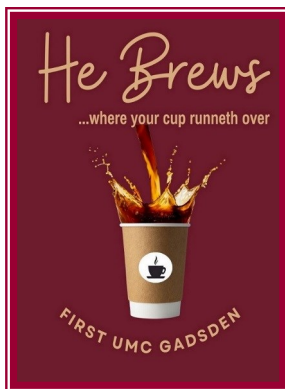
Thank you to all our volunteers for their time and service to these missions!

### Ladle of Love

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

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)



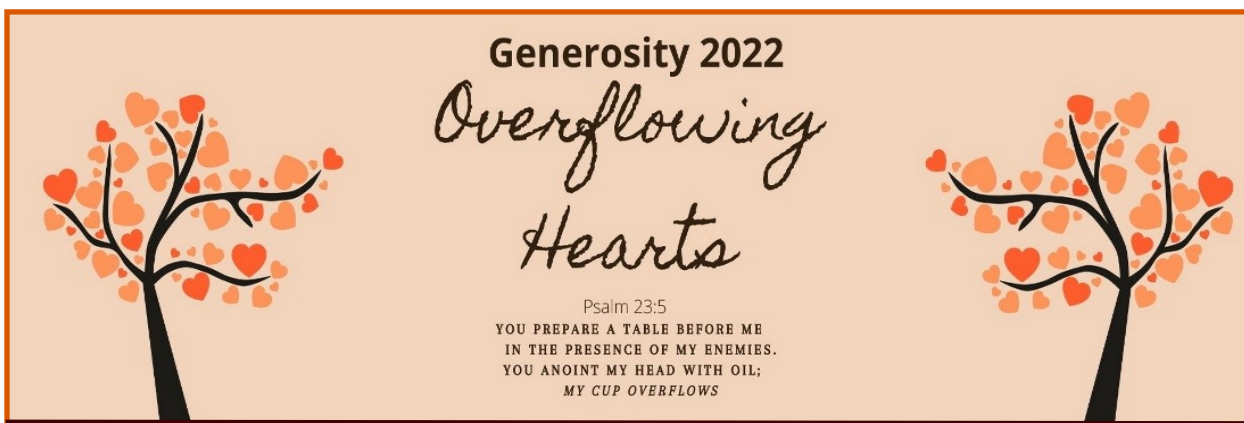
**Inviting Ministries welcomes you to our Coffee Café!**  
 We have your Sunday Cup of Coffee waiting for you between  
 10 am 11 am on Sunday mornings. **Join us this Sunday!**  
*Come visit with friends, old and new, in Christian Fellowship!*  
*After Celebration and before Traditions and on your way in or*  
*out of Sunday school! **We can't wait to see everyone back!***

**G FUMC**  
**Brunch**  
**Club**

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

**Sunday, July 10– Harp and 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 \$2,935.00**

**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 June 19-25, 2022

### June 19, Sunday

9:00 am, Celebration Service, Sanctuary

10:00 am, Sunday School;

**HeBrews Coffee Ministry**

11:00 am, Traditional Service

### June 20, Monday

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

### June 21, Tuesday

9:00 am-12:00 pm, ELC Summer Schedule

5:00 pm, Yoga, Gym



### June 22, Wednesday

9:00 am-12:00 pm, ELC Summer Schedule

NO Wednesday Bible Study

6:00 pm, Children Activities

6:00 pm, Choir Practice

### June 23, Thursday

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

5:30 pm, Thursday Worship, Sanctuary

6:00 pm, Mosaic Service, Back Forty Warehouse

### June 24, Friday

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



## 2022 North Alabama Annual Conference

June 22-24 at the Von Braun Center in Huntsville.

The 2022 theme is

"Disciples Celebrating Discipleship."



The rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of

Mary Hunter Hayes

May 17, 2022

Parents - Paige and Hunter Hayes  
and Big Sister— Helen

*Given by the Children's Ministry and the ELC*

## Honorariums and Memorials

### General Budget Fund

In memory of Sue Roberts, Given by Henry & Edith McHenry. In memory of Sue Roberts, Given by Linda Lehe.

In memory of Sue Roberts, Given by Evelyn Pierson. In memory of Sue Roberts, Given by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Smith.

In memory of Sue Roberts, Given by Julia Nolen Knox. In memory of Sue Roberts, Given by Martin Fellowship Class.

In memory of Sue Roberts, Given by Diana Rampey. In memory of Betty Echols, Given by Diana Rampey.

In memory of Sue Roberts, Given by Faye Graves & Lynn Towers.

### Howell Erwin Medical Fund

In memory of Sue Roberts, Given by Nan MacFadyen. In memory of Katie Grimes, Given by Nan MacFadyen.

In memory of Jerry Albright, Given by Christine Moody. In memory of Betty Echols, Given by Christine Moody.

In memory of Sue Roberts, Given by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Frederick.

### Ladle of Love

In memory of Katie Grimes, Given by Cleve & Bess Estis. In memory of Katie Grimes, Given by Greg Roberts.

## Birthdays

**Jun 19** David Woodall

**Jun 20** Brenda Copeland, Will Estis,  
Sarah Katherine Edmondson

**Jun 21** Alice Walton Johns,  
Bentley McClendon

**Jun 23** Meg Fleeman, Eric Wright,  
Joe Pritchard, Leland Ware Trotter

**Jun 25** Carolyn Howren,  
Sophia Hornik



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

## Week of June 12, 2022

In Person Total \*140 On line 401  
Worship Total 541 Celebration \*56/226  
Traditions\*67/175 Mosaic\*12 Thursday\*5  
Adult Sunday School \*37/3 Children \*5  
Bible Study Groups \*7/27  
Children \*9 Youth \*8 Nursery \*6  
VBS \*68 children/nursery \*5  
Volunteers \*38 Total attendance \*424

General Offering Budget \$13,175.00  
General Offering Received \$16,536.00  
YTD General Offering Budget \$316,200.00  
YTD General Offering Rec'd \$332,283.00

**Offering for Ukraine: \$2,935.00**  
**2022 Alleluia Offering \$38,165.00**  
**Text to Give: 256.344.8464**



### Immediate Prayer Concerns

Unspoken

### Continued Prayer Concerns

Pat Martin Regina Holloway  
Dee McCoy  
Winnie Mae Beasley  
Lisa Dobbins Jeannie Cosper  
Alice Hayes  
(mother of Sam Hayes)  
Anne Elizabeth Casey  
(great-granddaughter of Dotty Ivey)