



“Playing It Safe”

Pastor Sam Hayes

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

6-26-22

Sermon Notes

“Playing It Safe”

Earlier in Luke 9, James and John (along with Peter) had gone with Jesus up on the Mount of Transfiguration (Luke 9: 28-36). They had seen Jesus shine with the glory of God, and talking with Moses and Elijah. Wow! Peter (who was not thinking, but never let that keep him from speaking) misunderstood the experience and suggested building three booths on the mountain – one for Jesus (the Messiah), one for Moses (the Lawgiver), and one for Elijah (the Prophet). The idea must have been to hang out there with them as long as possible. But Jesus had been talking with Moses and Elijah about his mission – which was moving forward to Jerusalem, where he would be crucified and rise again.

In Sunday's Gospel reading, we see that James and John also misunderstood their experience on the mountain. We can see that from what they said as the went ahead of the group into a Samaritan village to prepare for the arrival of the rest of the group. The village did not like the idea of receiving them, since Jesus had set his face toward Jerusalem. (The Samaritans worshiped at Mount Gerizim, and not in Jerusalem, and had long-standing animosity with Jews). James and John (nicknamed “the Sons of Thunder”) thought that they ought to call fire from heaven to destroy that village...after all it had worked for Elijah (see 2 Kings 1). Jesus *rebuked* them. Rebuked whom? The Samaritans? No! Jesus rebuked James and John. You see, Jesus' ministry was *connected* to the Old Testament Law and Prophets, but was not a *duplication* of them. There were things in the Law of which Jesus said, “But I say to you...” And he taught that adversaries/enemies should be blessed and not cursed. (See the Sermon on the Mount). Here is the passage for Sunday:

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, ⁵³ but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ⁵⁹ To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰ And Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹ Another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶² And Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.” (Luke 9: 51-62 NRSV)

Following Jesus is often not what we think. If Jesus' first disciples can misunderstand what it means, then we certainly can too!

See you Sunday,
Pastor Sam

Table of Contents:

Page 1—Sermon Notes, Tech Schedule
Page 2—Small Groups and Sunday School
Page 3—ELC News; Student Ministries; Children's Ministry
Page 4—Missions: Christmas in July; Clothes Closet Needs; UMW
Page 5—HeBrews Coffee; Brunch Club Ukraine Offering, Giving
Page 6—Calendar; Prayer Concerns; Memorials; Birthdays; Weekly Financial & Attendance Report

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 or
 on Facebook Live: @FUMCgadsden

Tech Team Schedule

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

June 26

Celebration: Eric Wright, Sheila Freeman,
 Carmen McKiven, Jacob McKiven
Traditions: Mark Casey, Parker Casey,
 Sheila Freeman

July 3

One Worship Service: 11 AM
 Eric Wright, Sheila Freeman



Undistracted By Bob Goff

**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 In Person Bible Study

Gathering Room, 201

The Book of Acts

Facebook Live @ 6 pm

**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

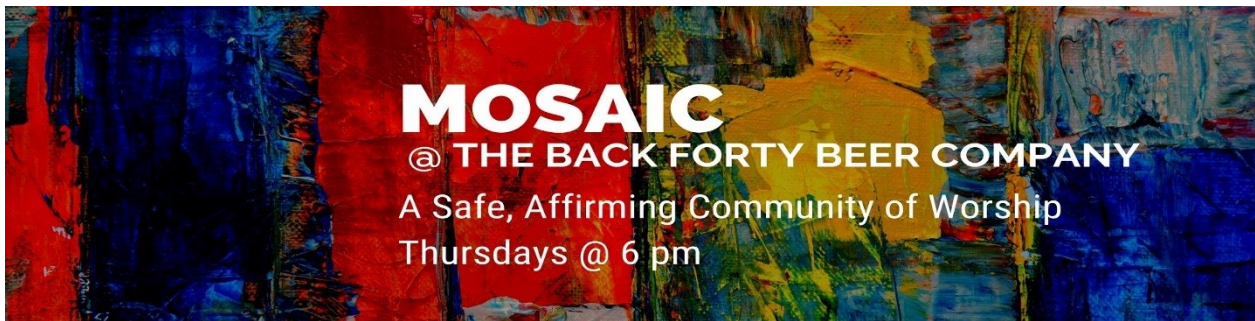
June 30—Perseverance & Listening, Group Discussion

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



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 14th and ending Wednesday, July 27th.

—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



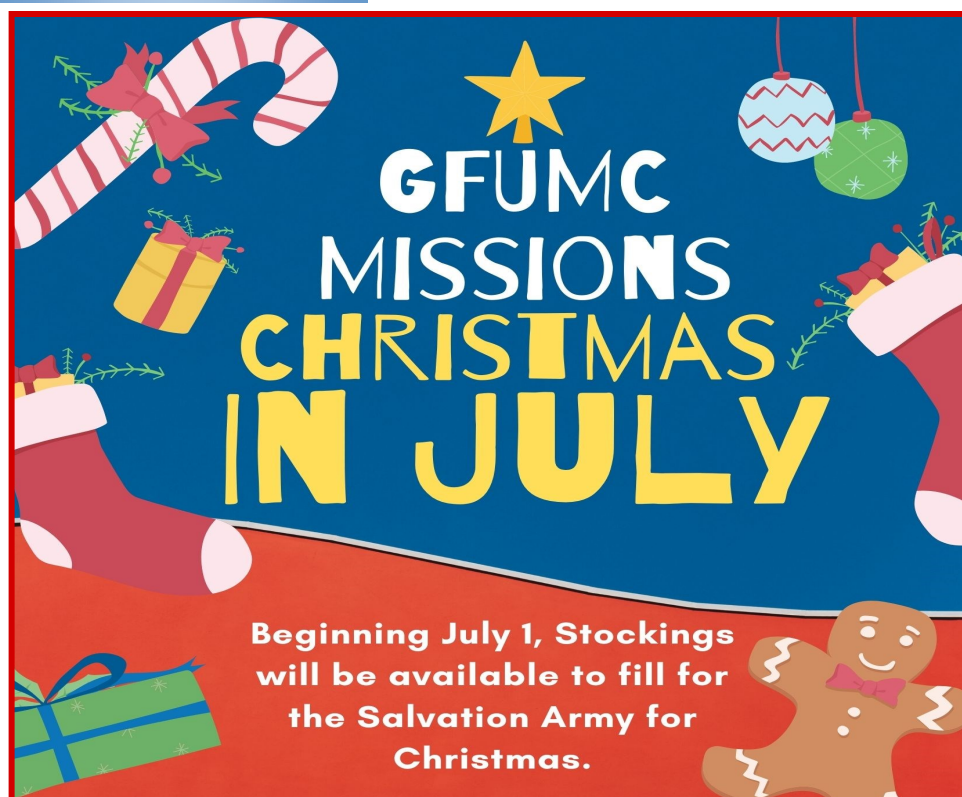
*WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17 @ 6:00

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

Watch the news for our next Summer "Dutch Treat" outing.

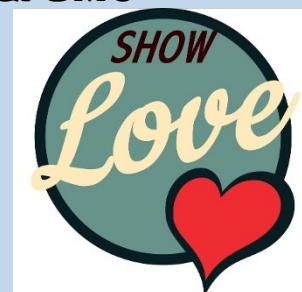
UMW will be hosting the Summer Party for Exceptional People on Wednesday, July 20th from 3:00 pm-4:00 pm in the gathering room.

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

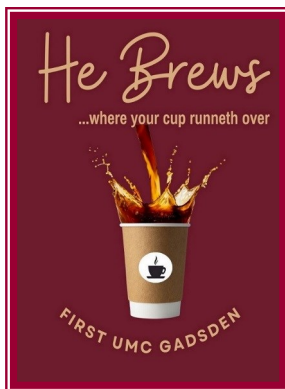
Thank you to all our volunteers for their time and service to these missions!

Ladle of Love

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

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

Church Phone 256-543-8200
fumc@fumcgadsden.org



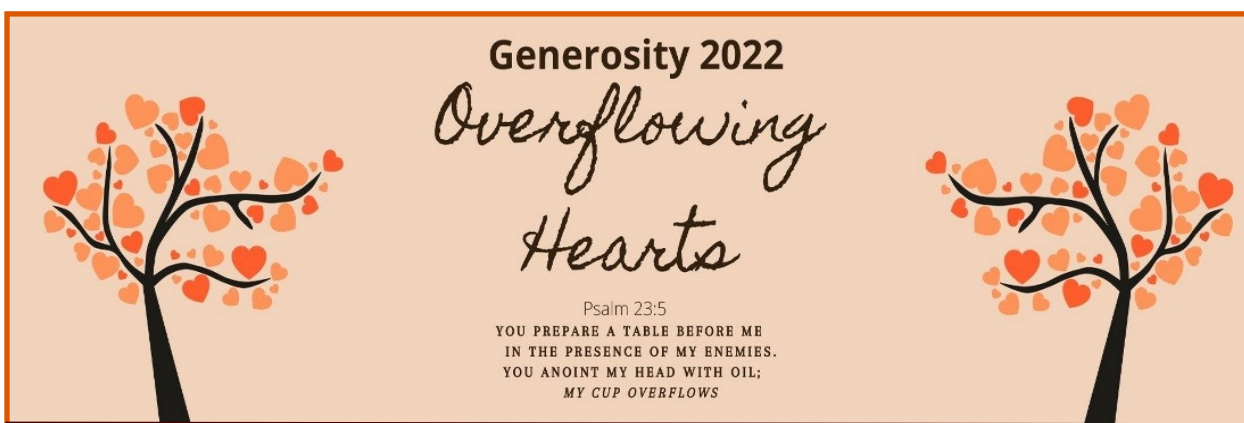
Inviting Ministries welcomes you to our Coffee Café!
 We have your Sunday Cup of Coffee waiting for you between
 10 am 11 am on Sunday mornings. **Join us this Sunday!**
Come visit with friends, old and new, in Christian Fellowship!
After Celebration and before Traditions and on your way in or
*out of Sunday school! **There is nothing like being here!***
Everyone come on back!



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

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.**



Calendar for June 26-July 2, 2022

June 26, Sunday

9:00 am, Celebration Service, Sanctuary

10:00 am, Sunday School;

HeBrews Coffee Ministry

11:00 am, Traditional Service

June 27, Monday

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

5:00 pm, Trustees Meeting, via gotomeeting.com

June 28, Tuesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Summer Schedule

5:00 pm, Yoga, Gym

5:00 pm, Finance Team meeting, Parlor

6:00 pm, Board of Stewards, Gathering Room

June 29, Wednesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Summer Schedule

11:00 am, Wednesday Bible Study, Room 201

No Children or Youth Activities

6:00 pm, Choir Practice

6:00 pm, Wednesday Bible Study, Facebook Live

June 30, Thursday

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

5:30 pm, Thursday Worship, Sanctuary

6:00 pm, Mosaic Service, Back Forty Warehouse

July 1, 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."

Honorariums and Memorials

General Budget Fund

In memory of Katie Grimes, Given by Dr. and Mrs. T. Kim Whitt.

In memory of Sue Roberts, Given by Dr. and Mrs. T. Kim Whitt.

In memory of Sue Roberts, Given by Alex Holtsford.

In memory of Sue Roberts, Given by Mr. and Mrs. William T. Warren, III.

In memory of Joyce Sington, Given by the Daugette Family Foundation.

In memory of Ellen Cummins, Given by the Daugette Family Foundation.

In memory of Sue Roberts, Given by the Daugette Family Foundation.

Howell Erwin Medical Fund

In memory of Betty Echols, Given by Eddie, Becky and Emma Adkins.

In memory of Betty Echols, Given by the Daugette Family Foundation.

In memory of Sue Roberts, Given by the GHS Girls "73" Class.

Sara Rabun Johnson Scholarship Fund

In honor of Peggy Johnson given by Nick Crooks

and Juliette Johnson. In memory of Elizabeth

Pruett & Ruby Norris given by Leone Norris.

A general donation was given by Glen &

Dee Porter.

Honorariums & Memorials

Special donations may be made, in honor or memory of a loved one, to the General Budget Fund or other designated funds. You can send a check by mail, drop in the offering plate, or use e-giving. Be sure to include the name of the person you want to be remembered.

Birthdays

Jun 26 Peggy Casey, Taylor Smith,

Raymond Lane, Cortland Phillips

Jun 27 Ciara Caldwell, John Freeman

Jun 28 Carol Pruett, Grace Walton

July 1 Carma Rayburn,

Sarah Kate Brookshire

July 2 Gene Dean, Susan McCord,

Gavin Martin



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

Thank you!

—Susan Swann

Week of June 19, 2022

In Person Total *109 On line 256

Worship Total 363 Celebration *46/151

Traditions*53/106 Mosaic*0 Thursday*7

Adult Sunday School *24/3 Children *1

Bible Study Groups *7/27

Children *7 Youth *0 Nursery *5

Children/Nursery *5

Total attendance *442

General Offering Budget \$13,175.00

General Offering Received \$11,381.00

YTD General Offering Budget \$329,375.00

YTD General Offering Rec'd \$343,664.00

Offering for Ukraine: \$4,000.00

2022 Alleluia Offering \$38,165.00

Text to Give: 256.344.8464



Immediate Prayer Concerns

Amy Sanner

(Debbie Edwards' mother)

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)