



Pentecost

Discovering the Spirit

Pastor Sam Hayes

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

6-5-22

Sermon Notes

"Discovering the Spirit"

This coming Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. I love Pentecost Sunday! Someone asked me one time, "Pastor Sam, why are we having a "Pentecostal Sunday?" I explained to that person that (first it is Pentecost Sunday not *Pentecostal*), and that Pentecost Sunday is a day when we remember the Holy Spirit coming upon the followers of Jesus in a special way. Chapter 2 in Acts describes the happening in full – with powerful wind and tongues of fire, as the Holy Spirit was poured out first on those in the Upper Room, and then on people from all over the world who had come to Jerusalem to celebrate a Jewish festival. Over 3,000 people were baptized that day, creating the first church. For this reason, Pentecost is sometimes called "the birthday of the Christian church." Did you notice I said that folks from around the world had come to celebrate a Jewish festival? I'm talking about the Jewish Festival of Pentecost (called "Shavuot," which means "weeks" in Hebrew). This festival falls on the fiftieth day after Passover. This was the day that the Jews celebrated God giving the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. The Christian festival of Pentecost falls on the 50th day after the resurrection of Jesus. Pentecost is the culmination of the work of the church that began on Easter Day.

This Sunday, we will be celebrating Holy Communion. That usually means that the color of our altar cloths would be white. However, we will use red this Sunday. Why red? Pentecost has historically been associated with the color red, Red being symbolic of the "tongues of fire" that empowered the apostles and other followers of Jesus to proclaim the good news of Christ's resurrection in many languages to the crowds of pilgrims from many lands. (Acts 2:3).

This Sunday, I will be using two passages from Scripture – one from the Gospel of John...
³⁷ *On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸ and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.' "* ³⁹ *Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive, for as yet there was no Spirit because Jesus was not yet glorified. (John 7: 37-39 NRSV)*

...and one from the Psalms...

*The righteous flourish like the palm tree
 and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.*

¹³ *They are planted in the house of the LORD;
 they flourish in the courts of our God.*

¹⁴ *In old age they still produce fruit;
 they are always green and full of sap,*

¹⁵ *showing that the LORD is upright;
 he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him. (Psalm 92: 12-15 NRSV)*

See you Sunday! (Wear something red for Pentecost)
 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 or
 on Facebook Live: @FUMCgadsden

Tech Team Schedule

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

June 5

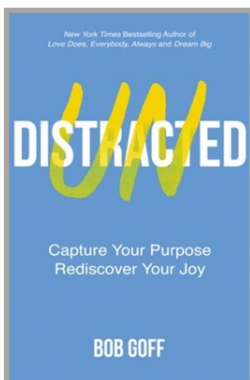
Celebration: Eric Wright, Bill Haller,
 Sheila Freeman

Traditions: Brynn Crain, Sheila Freeman

June 12

Celebration: Mark Casey, Parker Casey,
 Carmen McKiven, Jacob McKiven

Traditions: Tammy Hayes, Brad Barnes,
 Liz Barnes



By Bob Goff

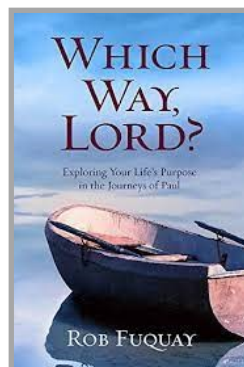
STARTS June 5

**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**



Wednesday Morning
Bible Study will be at
11:00 am during the
summer months or you
may join Pastor Sam
online on Facebook Live
Wednesdays @ 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.

A new 10 week study based on Richard Stearns' book, "Lead Like It Matters to God" will begin on Thursday, May 5.

May 19—Excellence & Love, Mark Casey

May 26—Humility & Integrity, Eric Wright

June 2—Vision & Courage, George Varner

June 9—Generosity & Forgiveness, Group Discussion

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, 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

We welcome faculty and families to our summer 2022 session. Doors open Tuesday, June 14th at 9:00 am. We will open every Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 am to 1 pm from Tuesday, June 14th through July 27th.

—Helene Haller



Youth Ministry News

June 1, Wednesday, Youth Service Night
June 5, Youth Kayaking trip following the Celebration Service
July 11-14, Youth Service Week

—Pastor Andy

Children's Ministry

GFUMC SUMMER CALENDAR 2022

VBS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

VBS WORKDAY 3:00-6:00

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

VBS WORKDAY 12:00-3:00

JUNE 6-JUNE 9

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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

GFUMC invites you to a FOOD TRUCK PARTY!

Vacation
Bible
School
2022



Register on the
church website
or Facebook
page!

June 6- June 9



GFUMC CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Wonderful Wednesday's Sunday Children's Church

Wednesday's at 6:00 Sunday's during each service

in the Kid's Worship Room 9:00 and 11:00

Room 108 Room 108



CELEBRATE

The Clothes Closet Is DESPERATE

For Your Clothes!

The Store is Empty and
Needs to be Replenished

ALL CALL...

“Clean Out Your Closets!”

Bring them to the church with you on
Sundays during the month of June!

Thank you for your Generosity and
your Time to fill this Great Need!!!

UMW NEWS

The next UMW Luncheon is
September 12th.

However, 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.

— 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

Clothes Closet Plea for donations!

*To everyone who might
have clothes they need to
let go of, we need them
now! The clothes have been
given out and we need to
replenish our stock.*

*Summer clothes are
needed. Clean out your
closets and call your
friends. Please call the
church office Monday-
Thursday to set up a time to
bring your items. We are
ever so proud of this
ministry to our community.
Thanks from the Clothes
Closet team and volunteers.*

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

“Love and Support for Ukrainian Refugees”



On Sunday, June 5, a **Special Communion Offering** will be received during worship at Gadsden First. You may place your offering on the communion rail, give in the special baskets for this offering, or give through our online giving platform. Please mark your special offering **“Love and Support for Ukrainian Refugees”**. This special offering will be given to this year’s North Alabama Annual Conference special mission offering at Annual Conference and sent through **UMCOR’s Advance for Ukraine** with **100% going directly for United Methodist refugee support.**

Find out more... Since the 1990s, following the collapse of the Soviet Union and the 1986 Chernobyl disaster, the North Alabama Conference has reached out in love to our brothers and sisters in Eastern Europe as they have sought to restore physical health and to reclaim and rebuild Christian communities and houses of worship. This wave of care from a groundswell of churches in the North Alabama Conference changed many lives.

Over the years, the North Alabama Conference has partnered with United Methodists in the Baltics in numerous ways. We have supported two missionary families (Patrick and Hannah Friday and Dale and Kelly Clem), hosted 250 children (the Children of Chernobyl) from Belarus who spent summer weeks in North Alabama homes and churches, provided support for seminary students to lead new churches, sent numerous mission teams and funding, collected coats and supplies, sponsored pilgrims on Emmaus walks, established Baltic Chrysalis, welcomed young people as delegates to Sumatanga’s International Peace Camp and built Camp Wesley for Latvians and Lithuanians to have their own “Sumatanga”.

Millions of Ukrainians have fled their homeland and are in need of care. Each family has unique needs, and our United Methodist friends are trying to respond to their new neighbors with limited resources. Our fellow United Methodists are providing direct relief to refugees whose physical and spiritual needs are great. For example, in Lithuania, a church set up one family in a church-owned parsonage and spent \$860 to help the family to settle in. Churches are also inviting their guests to come to worship, and some refugees are actively sharing their musical gifts and presence in worship.

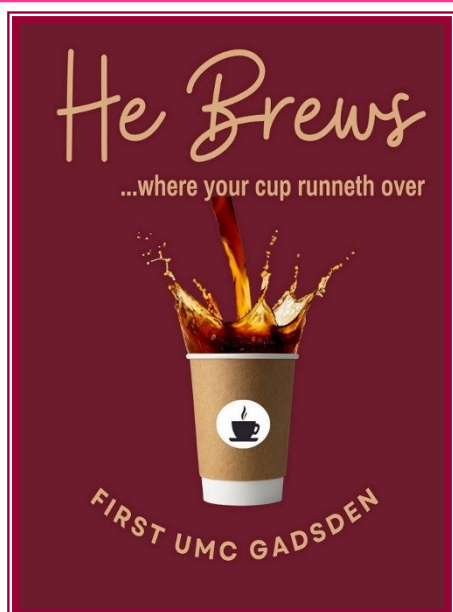
Now we have another opportunity to partner through our financial and spiritual support. We are being invited to reach out to our neighbors to support their ministries and witness in this time of dire emergency and great opportunity to extend the love of Christ.



Bake Sale

Thank you so much for supporting me and the youth with all your donations for Camp Sumatanga and future youth camps. I look forward to attending the camp in a couple of weeks and appreciate your generosity and kindness.

-Parker Casey



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, June 12– Current Market & Deli @ River Rocks Landing

**All Young Adults and
Families Welcome!**

Gadsden First UMC Alleluia Offering for Easter.

Gifts to the Alleluia Offering so far this year, total

\$38,165.00

Thank you very much!!!!

Your gifts make growth for many new ministries and missions at Gadsden First UMC possible.

This year's Alleluia Offering will help fund special music and choir needs, as well as new outreach ministries for our online ministries and our inviting ministries team. Gifts may still be given to this special offering.

Thank you for your gifts to the Alleluia Offering.

—The Generosity Team



First UMC Gadsden

Generosity 2022

Overflowing
Hearts

Psalms 23:5

YOU PREPARE A TABLE BEFORE ME
IN THE PRESENCE OF MY ENEMIES.
YOU ANOINT MY HEAD WITH OIL;
MY CUP OVERFLOWS

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



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Calendar for June 5-11, 2022

June 5, Sunday

9:00 am, Celebration Service, Sanctuary

10:00 am, Sunday School

11:00 am, Traditional Service

12:00-3:00 pm, VBS Workshop

June 6, Monday

9:00 am-12:00 pm, VBS, Children's Worship room & classrooms on 1st floor

June 7, Tuesday

9:00 am-12:00 pm, VBS

5:00 pm, Yoga, Gym



June 8, Wednesday

9:00 am-12:00 pm, VBS

11:00 am, Wednesday Bible Study, Gathering room

6:00 pm, Choir Practice

June 9, Thursday

9:00 am-12:00 pm, VBS

5:30 pm, Thursday Worship, Sanctuary

6:00 pm, Mosaic Service, Back Forty Warehouse

June 10, Friday

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

June 6-9, 9:00am-12:00 pm Vacation Bible School

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.

In Memory of Her Life
Sue Powell Roberts
May 30, 2022



Honorariums and Memorials

General Budget Fund

In memory of Katie Grimes, given by Ruth Chandler.

In memory of Betty Echols, given by Ruth Chandler.

Howell Erwin Medical Fund

In memory of Betty Echols, given by Beth S. Taylor.

Ladle of Love

In memory of Katie Grimes given by Mark & Barbara Condra..

Immediate Prayer Concerns

Family of Sue Roberts

Continued Prayer Concerns

Regina Holloway Winnie Mae Beasley

Lisa Dobbins Jeannie Cosper

Alice Hayes (mother of Sam Hayes)

Anne Elizabeth Casey

(great-granddaughter of Dotty Ivey)



Birthdays

Jun 5 Wells Ford

Jun 6 Sally Page

Jun 7 Danny Long, Valerie Johnson,
Jay Hedgpeth, Alley Sizemore

Jun 8 George Varner, Mark Whitt,
Owen Trotter

Jun 9 Dr. Alejandro Hornik,
Jud Burford, Emily Riley,
Patrick Watkins

Jun 10 Allison Casey

Jun 11 Tammy Hayes, Ruthie Hornik



Week of May 29, 2022

*In Person Total *142 Overall Total 313

Online Viewer Total 171

Mosaic *13 Thursday *7

Bible Study Groups *5/24

Adult Sunday School 0 Children *8

Children's Sunday School *0

One United Service *95/147

Youth *14

General Offering Budget \$13,175.00

General Offering Received \$3,022.00

YTD General Offering Budget \$289,850.00

YTD General Offering Rec'd \$302,859.00

2022 Pledges 82 for \$420,924.85

2022 Alleluia Offering \$38,165.00

Text to Give: 256.344.8464

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.

Subscribe to the Weekly Church News

You can submit your email to
the church office to receive
the weekly announcements
on Friday.