

**Gadsden  
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# First United Methodist Church of Gadsden

The People of Gadsden First United Methodist Church  
Changing Lives by *Sharing Christ, Making Disciples,*  
*Serving and Giving Hope*



[www.fumcgadsden.org](http://www.fumcgadsden.org)

115 So. 5th St. Gadsden, AL 35901

June 7, 2020

## Calendar for June 7-June 13, 2020

**June 7, Sunday**, 9:00 am, Celebration Worship; 10:00 am, Living Waters Sunday School, GoToMeeting; 11:00 am, Traditional Worship, Live Streaming, (join us for Facebook Live or on the church website for livestream audio broadcast); 6:00 pm, Youth via Zoom or Instagram  
**June 8, Monday**, 6:30 pm, Bible Study with Pastor Carrie, via Zoom  
**June 9, Tuesday**, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Summer Schedule; 6:30 pm, Mosaic, Outside in the Green Space (corner of 6th & Chestnut)  
**June 10, Wednesday**, 6:00 pm, Online Bible Study with Pastor Sam, Facebook Live; 6:00 pm, Youth via Zoom or Instagram  
**June 11, Thursday**, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Summer Schedule; 5:30 pm, Thursday Worship, Sanctuary; 7:00 pm, College Group, via Zoom  
**June 12, Friday**, 11:00 am-12:00 pm, Ladle of Love, Sack Lunches, Portico entrance

**A letter was mailed this week to everyone explaining our phase-in worship activity. If you have not received your letter by Saturday, please contact the church office.**

**During Office Hours (8:00am-4:00pm) Monday thru Friday, you may call if you have a need that we can help with. If no answer, please leave a message and a staff member will return your call. Refer to the schedule of worship and times on the calendar via Facebook Live, Zoom, and GoToMeeting. Stay Well. Stay Safe.**

*Sunday through Friday at 10:00 am, Children and families join Pastor Carrie on Facebook Live for singing and a Bible Story.*

**Give!** Your church needs your support now more than ever! Since we have had to suspend in-person worship service, we haven't been able to receive offerings (obviously). We still need your support to keep our awesome church going. You can always do online giving through our secure e-giving site. Go to our church website [www.fumcgadsden.org/give](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/give) or to the App: FUMC Gadsden to find out how or drop a check in the mail to 115 S. 5th street, Gadsden, AL 35901. If you can give something extra during this time, it would really help and be much appreciated! Call 256-543-8200 (church office) if you need any assistance.



The family of Mark Swann would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all of you for the many acts of kindness and love shown to us during this time.

*Susan, Jennifer, Melanie & Rina,  
Bob and Jack Swann*

## Honorariums and Memorials

### General Budget Fund

In memory of Dr. Larry Grimes, given by Larry & Jane Hughes. In memory of Dr. Larry Grimes, Given by Susan Little. In memory of Dr. Larry Grimes, given by Corporate Pharmacy Services.

### Ladle of Love

In memory of Willene Griffith, given by Frank & Judy Dressman.

## In Memory of His Life

*Dr. Adrian Chandler*

*May 31, 2020*



## Birthdays.....

**Jun 7** Danny Long, Valerie Johnson, Jay Hedgspeth, Alley Sizemore  
**Jun 8** George Varner, Mark Whitt, Owen Trotter  
**Jun 9** Dr. Alejandro Hornik, Jud Burford, Emily Smith Riley, Patrick Watkins  
**Jun 10** Allison Casey  
**Jun 11** Tammy Hayes, Ruthie Hornik  
**Jun 12** Dot Thompson, Tyler Darden, Connor Jarecki  
**Jun 13** Gary Dial, Gail Spotnitz, Steve Roach



## Week of May 31, 2020

Total number of Live viewers: 493  
Celebration 142 Traditions 154  
Mosaic 42 Youth & College 15  
Children's Bible Story Break 63  
Bible Study Groups (4) 77  
General Offering Budget \$15,440.00  
General Offering Received \$6,205.00  
YTD General Offering Budget \$339,680.00  
YTD General Offering Received \$316,256.04  
Special Easter Offering: \$8,220.00

**Text to Give: 256-344-8464**

**Online Giving: [www.fumcgadsden.org/give](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/give)**

## Immediate Prayer Concerns

Family of Dr. Adrian Chandler  
DeLeath Rives



**For all families who have lost a loved one due to COVID-19. For peace to be restored to our Nation. For ongoing healing.**

## Continuing Prayer Concerns

Doug Martin DeLeath Rives  
Joanne Hightower Ina Davis  
Marj Ross Mary Freeman  
Herman Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's father)  
Carolyn Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's mother)



**COKEBURY'S VBS**

**KNIGHTS OF NORTH CASTLE**

**GADSDEN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**  
[WWW.FUMCGADSDEN.ORG](http://WWW.FUMCGADSDEN.ORG)

**JUNE 22-26**  
**9:30 - 11:00AM DAILY**  
**VIRTUAL VBS ON FACEBOOK LIVE**

**SUPPLY PICK UP:**  
**FRIDAY, JUNE 19 & SUNDAY, JUNE 21**  
**10:00AM-12:00NOON**


**TO REGISTER, GO TO**  
[2020.COKEBURYVBS.COM/GADSDENFUMC](http://2020.COKEBURYVBS.COM/GADSDENFUMC)




VBS will take place virtually during the week of June 22-26, beginning at 9:30am. Our theme is *Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor*, which uses various Bible Studies to build the Armor of God. All participants will receive a Theme T-shirt, Lanyard and Bag, a Bible, a lesson activity book, and all Craft Supplies. These will be picked up at the Portico on a date and time to be announced. Please encourage all the children you know from Pre-K to 5th Grade to participate. Registration is online at [2020.cokesbury.vbs.com/gadsdenfumc](http://2020.cokesbury.vbs.com/gadsdenfumc).

**All Services, Sunday School and Wonderful Wednesday and activities for children are postponed through June 30.**

**Bible Break: 10 am**  
**Sunday through Friday**  
**Facebook Live**






**Attention: All Youth, College students, and parents!**  
 Send a message of encouragement to the youth during this time. You can send Andy a letter, a video message or record yourself singing a song. They will be posted on the GFUMC Facebook page and Instagram pages. Let us encourage one another! You can even send a message to the younger elementary age kids at church! Invite your friends to join us during our zoom meetings too! Don't miss out on the fun!


**ELC News**

We are excited to announce that the Summer 2020 season is scheduled to open on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and run through July 23. We will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 1pm. Extra pre-cautions and cleaning procedures are being put into place. We look forward to a great summer session and are ready to welcome our families back to school. More details to come.



**Sunday & Wednesdays, 6 pm**

**Join Andy on Facebook Live or Instagram.**




**United Methodist Women**

Pending the opening of restaurants this summer, the plan is to have a "Summer Fun Night" each month so all the ladies can get together for fellowship. This is the normal way to connect during the summer months.

**If you would like to set up a GoToMeeting for your circle, please contact Sheila Freeman @ 256-490-5018.**

**UMW Online Auction for Local Missions**

**Gadsden First's UMW is having an online Auction on June 25 from 6 pm to 9 pm to raise money for local missions.** This auction will be open for the entire congregation to participate! Each circle is being asked to donate at least 4 items for the auction, including one "higher value" item or basket that can be used for the "Facebook Live" portion of the Auction. We need your help in gathering some great items to donate for the auction. Please contact Eileen Graham or your Circle Leader if you are willing to purchase or create and donate an item for our auction. Several of you might have fun collaborating on a basket to donate! Auction items must be dropped off at the church portico by Monday, June 15 between 12 pm and 3 pm. It's going to be a lot of fun and support local missions plus we can support some of our local businesses as we gather items for the auction!







# "Peace with Justice"

Pastor Sam Hayes

June 7, 2020

9 am Celebration

11 am Traditions

Facebook Live (video) Broadcast: Search for the church Facebook page: @FUMCGadsden on Facebook. Like or follow GFUMC on Facebook and allow "notifications" in order to receive an alert when the church is broadcasting on FacebookLive.

Live "Audio Only" Broadcast: Go to [www.fumcgadsden.org/media](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/media) and look for the "sermon player".

On Demand Video & Audio of each of the worship services will generally be available on the church app and website within one hour of services.

## One, one, one... Challenge!

Our theme for 2020 is #Connect2020. How do we reach out to each other and stay connected when we are in quarantine and being asked to practice social distancing? It's definitely a challenge, and it can be a bit overwhelming to think of the entire scope of this challenge. We can't reach out to *everybody*. But what if we could do for "one" what we wish that we could do for "everyone?"

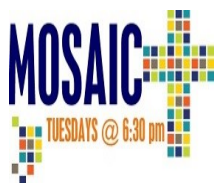
When Mother Teresa saw the incredible problems on the streets of Calcutta – people being left on the streets to die alone...lepers not receiving care at all – she would say this to herself:

*"Ek, ek, ek!"* It is Hindi for "One, one, one..." *She didn't look at the masses of need. She looked at one. She said, "I can only love one person at a time – just one, one, one. So you begin. I begin. I picked up one person... Just begin – one, one, one."*

The one, one, one challenge is simple: Make one phone call a day to check on somebody. Just see how they are holding up. Send one text a day to someone just to encourage them. It could be a friend, a family member...anyone whom the Lord puts on your heart. And then write one note a day. It could be a thank-you card, a "thinking-of-you" note...a sticky note you put on your spouse's mirror that reminds them that you care.

Sound simple? It is. Will it make a difference? I believe it will! I would like to see 111 of our church members take the one, one, one challenge. Just think of the power of that connection! If you would like to take this challenge and sign up for one, one, one – please call the church office. I'll be giving updates as we go along. How long will the challenge last? As long as we are being asked to quarantine and practice social distancing. But who knows...we might decide we like doing this so much that we keep it going!

—Pastor Sam



## Join Pastor Andy for Mosaic

On June 9, we will meet outside the church in the Green Space area on the corner of Chestnut & 6th Street, Tuesday @ 6:30 pm!

# Journey Groups

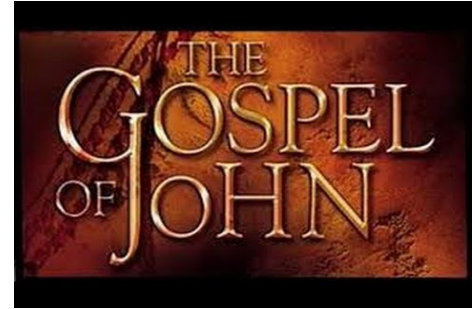
All "In-Person" Small Groups are Postponed through June 30.

*Watch for updates as some small groups, Sunday school classes and Bible Studies will be offering, FacebookLive or online GoToMeetings.*

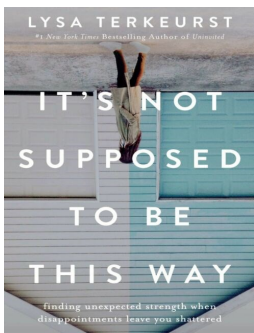
## A Study of the Gospel of John

Join Pastor Sam each Wednesday night at 6:00 pm beginning May 27 for a study of the *Gospel of John*.

Facebook Live  
Wednesdays @ 6 pm



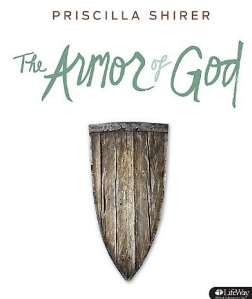
## Women's Bible Study



Tuesday, May 26 completed the 6-week study of *It's Not Supposed to Be This Way*, which I have been leading on Tuesdays at 6:30pm through GoToMeeting. Throughout the study, 48 women have participated (20 from our church & 28 who attend elsewhere or are without a church home).

Participants have expressed an interest in doing another study, therefore beginning June 8, I will lead a 7-week study of Priscilla Shirer's *Armor of God* on Mondays at 6:30pm. Per the participants request, we will use ZOOM as our online platform. Anyone interested in participating in the study can contact the Church Office or contact me directly via e-mail or Facebook.

Pastor Carrie



# GoToMeeting

GoToMeeting is a web-hosted service created and marketed by LogMeIn. It is an online meeting, desktop sharing, and video conferencing software package that enables the user to meet with other computer users, customers, clients or colleagues via the Internet in real time.

**This is a super easy way for GFUMC groups to stay connected, meet for fellowship, prayer and Bible Study during this time.**

- A GoToMeeting can be joined on your computer, tablet, or smartphone through a web browser or app.
- Participants DO NOT even have to have a computer to be able to participate. A phone number is also provided to call into the meeting.
- Invitations to join the meeting are sent out via email to members.

**If your small group or Sunday School Class would be interested in doing a "GoToMeeting" and inviting members to come together online, please contact Sheila Freeman @ 256-490-5018.**

We can easily set up a meeting for your small group, circle or Sunday school.  
Each group will need to select a moderator or leader and this role can be shared.

### Scheduled GoToMeetings:

Sundays, 10:00 am, Living Water Sunday School (Seekers and Martin Fellowship are invited to join, too!)  
Tuesday, June 30 at 6:00 pm, Board of Stewards

**Email [sheila@fumcgadsden.org](mailto:sheila@fumcgadsden.org) if you need the link or meeting id.**