

"Praying for a Breakthrough"

Pastor Sam Hayes

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

3-13-22 Sermon Notes "Praying for a Breakthrough"

Do you remember our P.R.A.Y. acrostic from last Sunday?

P=Praise and Thanksgiving; R=Repentance; A=Ask; Y=Yield. I hope this helps you when as you grow into a deeper, richer prayer experience. This week, we will be looking at a particular kind of praying – praying for a breakthrough. Maybe you need a breakthrough right now – in your health struggles, in your finances, in your employment or in your family relationships. You feel like your back is against the wall and you need God to step in and help if you are to have any hope at all. If you don't feel like that right now, then I'm guessing you know someone who does. How do we pray for a breakthrough?

As always, we turn to the Scriptures to help us along. As Wesleyans, we use Scripture, Tradition, Experience and Reason to help us discern. Let's look at two parables and a happening in Luke's gospel that show give us some teaching about breakthrough praying.

18 Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. 2 He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. 3 In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' 4 For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' 6 And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7 And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? 8 I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' 13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' 14 I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted." 15 People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. 16 But Jesus called for them and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. 17 Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

(Luke 18: 1-17 NRSV)

Persistence, humility, and trust... These are the keys to breakthrough praying. I look forward to sharing more with you this Sunday.

See you Sunday!

Pastor Sam



Worship Opportunities

- **Thursday Worship:** 5:30 pm
In the Sanctuary
- **Mosaic:** 6:00 pm, **Thursday**,
(In person @ Back Forty Beer Company)

• Sunday Worship

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.)

March 13

Celebration: Eric Wright, Zach Hilburn,
Sheila Freeman

Traditions: Davis Varner,
Sheila Freeman

March 20

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

Traditions: Mark Condra, Tammy Hayes



Why Easter Matters

By Andy Stanley

Small Group Study on Sunday Mornings!

Sunday, February 27-March 20

In the Gathering Room @ 10 am

All Ages are Welcome! Led by Pastor Andy
(You will love the food!)

Bible Study with Pastor Sam

40 Days of Prayer

Wednesday Morning, 11 AM

& Wednesday Evening, 6 PM

In the Gathering Room

Everyone Welcome!

Small Group Study w/ Harriet Murray

40 Days of Prayer

Wednesdays @ 6 pm

Room 110

Wonderful Wednesday, Fellowship Meal, March 16:

Pizza, Salad, Fruit and Cookies

7 per person, Kids 11 & Under-\$3 (Reservations: 256.490.5018)

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. If you are interested please see the contact information below to join this discussion group. It meets each Thursday morning at 7 am. Beginning March 3rd the study will be "40 Days of Prayer" by Rick Warren

Go to www.fumcgadsden.org/menatthewell for more details.

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, Virtual/Online —Contact the church office or a member of the class for the link to join! "No Wonder They Crucified Him", Discover why Jesus was a dangerous man, by Daniel Myer
- Martin Fellowship Class, Room 116, International Bible Studies
- Pathfinders Class, "Why Easter Matters", by Andy Stanley, Gathering Room, with Pastor Andy. Everyone is welcome to come to this class.

Seekers, Discovery and The Middle Sunday School Classes are currently not meeting.
Members are welcome to meet with another group until their class returns.





Youth Ministry News

Wednesday Nights Youth Group
6:00 pm Room 211/Gym

Confirmation Class schedule:

Jan 23rd, Feb 6th, Feb 20th, March 6th, & March 13th.

Time: 5:00-7:00 pm each Sunday night.

Confirmation Sunday will be March 20th.

Wednesday Night Dinner—March 16

Pizza, Salad, Fruit, Cookies

\$7 Per Person, Kids 11 and Under-\$3

ELC News

This past week spring pictures were hosted along with cap and gown shots for 4K. Open enrollment for any remaining spots within the ELC begins Monday, March 14th. Priority is given to those on the waitlist.

Wednesday, March 23rd will be our next Lunchbox Revolt. Papa John's Pizza will be served. Scholastic Book orders are due Thursday, March 24th.

Spring Break week is March 28th-April 1st.

We wish everyone safe travels. Easter parties and egg hunts will be Wednesday, April 13th.

Friends of the ELC Consignment Sale:

Spring 2022 Dates: Friday, April 8th and Saturday, April 9th. Sign ups for consignors and volunteers opened Sunday, February 20th. We have plenty of space for Volunteers and consignors. Please go to fumcgadsden.org/elc for more details or contact Helene.

—Helene Haller

GFUMC Children's Spring Calendar

February	9 Valentine's Party 6:00	13 Valentine's Sunday!	23 National Dog Biscuit Day [Let's make dog biscuits!]
March	2 Ash Wednesday	23 Popcorn and Pajamas!	30 Happy Spring Break!
April	10 Palm Sunday 1st-5th play handbells	13 Nachos and Nerf War!	16 Easter Egg Hunt
May	4 Glow for Jesus! Party @6:00	11 CHURCH PICNIC	17 EASTER

GFUMC CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Wonderful Wednesday's Sunday Children's Church

Wednesday's at 6:00
in the Kid's Worship Room
Room 108

Sunday's during each service
9:00 and 11:00
Room 108



CELEBRATE

Gadsden First United Methodist Church

EASTER EGG HUNT

April 16 : 11a-12p

GFUMC

115 S. 5TH STREET

GADSDEN, AL

EGG HUNT REFRESHMENTS ARTS + CRAFTS

GADSDEN FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



March Mission Focus

The Love Center (TLC)

gives hope to the homeless of Etowah County, Alabama by providing temporary housing and food to those in dire need.

TLC was opened in 1982, and each year has been able to provide hundreds of people in need from Etowah County with food, shelter, basic necessities, help them find more permanent residence, and provide assistance with securing employment. Counseling is provided by qualified volunteers. The Love Center is a non-profit shelter and relies primarily on donations from the community, along with some grants for funding. First UMC Gadsden supports The Love Center through our Mission Budget, as well as with special projects. ***Look for more news to come for our March Mission Focus for The Love Center and find out how you can help.***



Thank you to everyone who filled a tornado bucket for UMCOR during the month of March. They have been delivered to the UMCOR Disaster Relief Warehouse in Decatur.

UMW NEWS

UMW Luncheon, March 14, at 12:00 noon in Gathering Room

Get Your Spring On!

UMW Program for March 14:

Suzanne Scharfenberg of Habitat for Humanity

For a reservation for lunch, please contact Delores Abney at 256-458-0376 or deloresdda53@gmail.com by noon on Friday, March 11.



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

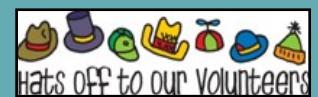
Thank you to all our volunteers for their time and service to these missions!

Ladle of Love

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

Clients served in
January 2022

Ladle of Love	317
Clothes Closet	131



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

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

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He Brews

...where your cup runneth over



FIRST UMC GADSDEN

**Inviting Ministries welcomes
you to our new 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!*



40 Days of Prayer Sermon Series

March 6

Let us P.R.A.Y. Pastor Sam Hayes

March 13

Praying for a Breakthrough, Pastor Sam Hayes

March 20

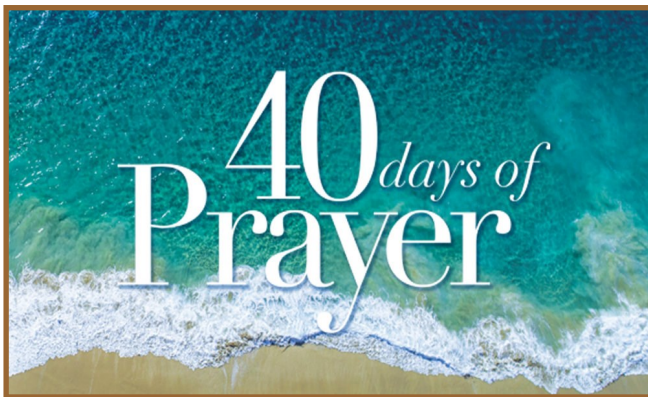
Confirmation Sunday, Pastor Andy Yarnell

March 27

The Pattern for Prayer (Part 1) Pastor Sam Hayes

April 3

The Pattern for Prayer (Part 2) Pastor Sam Hayes



40 Days of Prayer Challenge

Go to www.fumcgadsden.org/pray40days

Wednesday Mornings and Wednesday Nights

If you would like a Study guide/prayer journals
please email sheila@fumcgadsden.org

(If you are interested in starting a small group for 40 Days of Prayer, please contact Sheila Freeman in the church office for information on this opportunity and the materials.)

Bereavement Care Ministry

A special thanks to ladies who helped recently on two occasions to prepare a meal for families after a memorial service in our church. Formerly, there were teams to call, but due to time passing there is a need to update these lists. Cathea Poland has taken the lead for the Bereavement Care Ministry and is in the process of making new team rosters. If you would like to serve on a team for this ministry, please contact Cathea Poland.





CELEBRATE WITH MOSAIC

6 PM

IN THE GYM

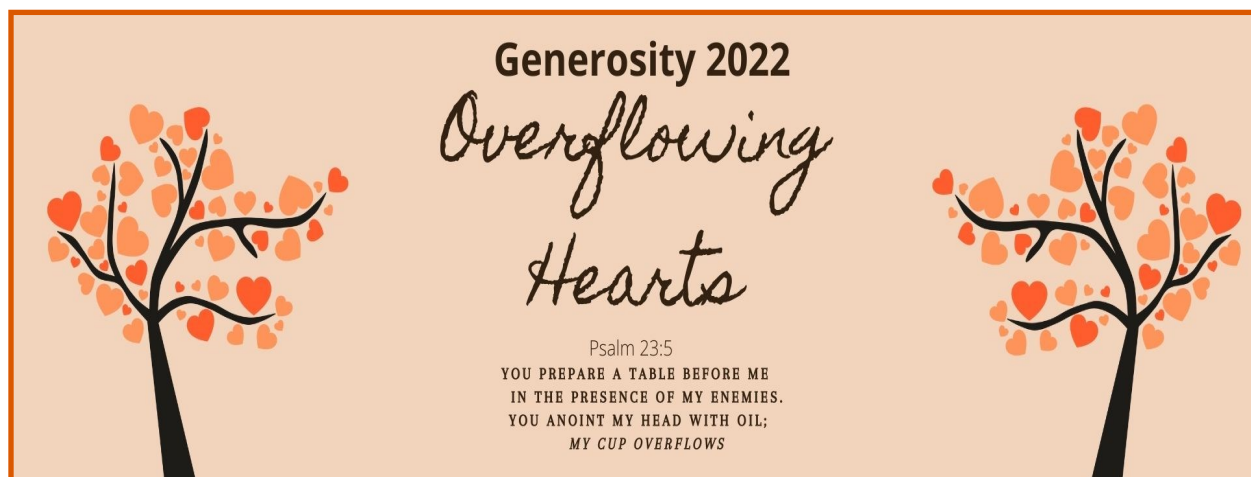
BARBECUE AND MISSIONS

BRING A "GREEN" SIDE DISH OR DESSERT TO SHARE.

Everyone is Invited

We will pack hygiene bags for The Love Center and the new Jail Mission. Watch for more details!

ST PATRICK'S DAY, THURSDAY MARCH 17



Generosity 2022

Overflowing Hearts

Psalm 23:5
 YOU PREPARE A TABLE BEFORE ME
 IN THE PRESENCE OF MY ENEMIES.
 YOU ANOINT MY HEAD WITH OIL;
 MY CUP OVERFLOWS

Thank you for your gifts that make possible, the ministries and missions of First UMC Gadsden.



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



Calendar for March 13-19, 2022

March 13, Sunday

9:00 am, Celebration Service, in Sanctuary & livestream

10:00 am, Adult Sunday School Classes

11:00 am, Traditional Service, in Sanctuary & livestream

March 14, Monday

9:00-1:00 pm, ELC Winter Schedule

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

10:30 am, UMW Executive Board, Room 208

12:00 pm, UMW Luncheon, Gathering Room

March 15, Tuesday

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

9:00 am-11:00 am, Clothes Closet workday

5:00-6:00 pm, Yoga, Gym

March 16, Wednesday

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

9:00 am-11:00 am, Clothes Closet open

March 16, Wednesday, cont'd

11:00 am, Wednesday Bible Study, Gathering Room

5:15 pm, Wednesday night meal, Gathering Room

6:00 pm, Bible Study, Gathering Room & online.

6:00 pm, Childrens' activities, Room 108;

Youth activities, Gym and Room 211

March 17, Thursday

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

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

5:30 pm, Thursday Worship

6:00 pm, Mosaic Worship, Gym,

St. Patrick's Day Celebration, Barbecue and Missions

March 18, Friday

11:00 am, Ladle of Love, Portico

*In Memory of Her Life
Joyce Weatherly Sington*



March 3, 2022

Honorariums and Memorials

General Budget Fund

In memory of Ellen Cummans given by Anthony & Amy Feitl.

In memory of Ellen Cummans given by Ken & Jennifer Swank.

In memory of Joyce Sington given by Evelyn Pierson.

Ladle of Love

In memory of Stan Walker given by Charles & Mary Moore.

In memory of Tom Quinn given by Charles & Mary Moore.

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

Aly Lipscomb

Born: March 7, 2022

Parents: Jordan & Blake

Big Brother: Anderson (Andy)

Given by the Children's Ministry and the ELC



*The ministers and congregation of
First United Methodist Church of Gadsden,
extend Christian sympathy
to J.T. Harrell and Trish*



In the death of his father

John Morgan Harrell February 11, 2022

Birthdays

Mar 13 Dr. Jess Hester,
Claire Bone

Mar 14 Delilah Ogletree

Mar 15 Barbara Roberts,
Parker Jarecki, G.W. Leach

Mar 16 Hannah Torbert Kennedy

Mar 17 Holly Whitt, Chuck Herb,
Eli Hornik

Mar 18 Dr. Fred Feist,
Adrian Leach, Mary Elizabeth
Edmondson, Benjamin Cornett



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

Week of March 6, 2022

*In Person Total *319 Overall Total 672

Online Viewer Total 353 Mosaic 8

Thursday *4 Children *23 Youth *8

Celebration *41/209 Traditions *67/134

Bible Study Groups *17/26 Other *104

Adult Sunday School *34/11

Children's Sunday School *11

General Offering Budget \$15,200.00

General Offering Received \$18,828.00

YTD General Offering Budget \$152,000.00

YTD General Offering Rec'd \$135,020.85

2022 "Overflowing Hearts"

Estimate of Giving Cards Returned:

2022 80 for \$417,624.85

2021 72 for \$300,076.00

Text to Give: 256.344.8464

Immediate Prayer Concerns

Family of Joyce Sington

Lisa Dobbins Dottie Rogers

Anne Elizabeth Casey

(great-granddaughter of Dotty Ivey)

Continued Prayer Concerns

Louie Loveman Leslie Johnson

Alice Hayes (mother of Sam Hayes)

Jerry McGinnis

Prayer Concerns

Are for our members and
their families. Please notify
the pastors or church office
with any updates on
Prayer Concerns...
Ongoing or New.