



Confirmation Sunday

Pastor Andy Yarnell

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

3-20-22

Sermon Notes

"Confirmation Sunday"

Confirmation Sunday is awesome! We celebrate young people who are confessing Jesus as savior and the desire to love God and be representatives for Christ in the world. We also remind ourselves of the commitments we have made to Christ.

Scripture

(1) At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. (2) He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? (3) No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. (4) Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? (5) No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree (6) Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. (7) So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' (8) He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. (9) If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'" **Luke 13:1-9 NRSV**

In the lectionary passage we are discussing on Sunday morning, Jesus is asked some questions by the people in attendance. They share stories of two events in which people died terrible deaths. They want to know if it was because they sinned more or did something terrible to deserve it. The answer is no. We are reminded that we all need to repent. We need to be humble and remind ourselves we aren't better than anyone else, we all need to repent of sin and acknowledge our need for Jesus. The second part of the passage talks about a tree and our need to bear fruit. On Sunday we will ask ourselves if we are bearing fruit. Are we growing in our spiritual lives and are we helping others to grow? I cannot wait to see everyone on Sunday!

Pastor Andy

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 20

Celebration: Will Brookshire, Bill Haller,
Brad Barnes, Elizabeth Barnes
Traditions: Mark Condra, Tammy Hayes

March 27

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



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 23

Chicken Fingers, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans

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, In person, Chapel and online. Contact 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, **meet in Room 208 this week!**
- 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:

Confirmation Sunday will be March 20th.

There will be a brunch for confirmands and their families in the Gathering Room at 10 am.

Wednesday Night Dinner—March 23

Chicken Fingers, Mac&Cheese, Green Beans

\$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 began 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 April 8th and April 9th.

The Sale has been cancelled due to the low number of consignors and volunteers who have signed up. We will be considering options for a fundraiser and maybe a consignment sale at another time. If you have questions, please 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. Ruth Adcock will join us in our worship Services on March 27 to share more about The Love Center.**



Remote Area Medical: RAM Clinic, April 22-24, 2022

Volunteer

Dental

Vision

Medical

Gadsden City High School
1917 Black Creek Pkwy
Gadsden, AL 35904

To find out more information on how you can volunteer go to volunteer.ramusa.org and select event: Gadsden, AL @ Gadsden City High School.

UMW NEWS

Where is a woman's place?
Anywhere God wants her to be!

If you would like to become a member of UMW contact Delores Abney by phone 256-458-0376 or email deloresdda53@gmail.com.

Watch for upcoming activities.



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
February 2022

Ladle of Love	345
Clothes Closet	205



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

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

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...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

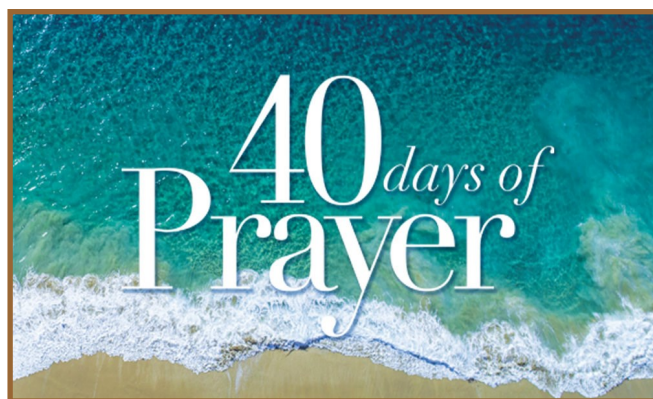
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March 27

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.



Palm Sunday, April 10

Donkeys and Donuts In the GreenSpace 10 am to 11 am



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 20-26, 2022

March 20, 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 21, Monday

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

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

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

March 22, Tuesday

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

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

5:00 pm, **Finance Team Meeting, Gathering Room**

6:00 pm, **Board of Stewards, Sanctuary**

March 23, Wednesday

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

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 24, 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, Back Forty**

Honorariums and Memorials

General Budget Fund

In memory of George Langstaff, given by Mr. & Mrs. Bob Sisson.

In memory of Joyce Sington, given by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Oltman.

In memory of Joyce Sington, given by Mr. & Mrs. Jackie Brechin.

In memory of Joyce Sington, given by Peggy, Laure, & Trey Butler.

In memory of Joyce Sington, given by Diana Rampey.

In memory of Tom Quinn, given by Pat Walker.

In honor of Sharon Quinn, given by Pat Walker.

In memory of Tomilyn Isbell, given by Pat Walker.

Howell Erwin Fund

In memory of Ellen Cummans, given by Christie Moody.

Music Fund

In memory of Joyce Sington, given by Marian Ford.

UMCOR In memory of Joyce Sington, given by Dotty Ivey.

Caring Angels

In honor of Caring Angels Team Members, given by June Longshore.

In honor of Eileen Graham, given by Benny & Gail McNair.

Immediate Prayer Concerns

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.



Birthdays

Mar 20 Barbara Bennett,
Tricia Blount, Dr. Rex Wilson,
John Floyd, Zach Hilburn,
Rebecca Abel, Todd McKiven,
Kennedy Jackson, Harrison Phillips

Mar 21 James Earl Worthington,
Rob Wilson, Tripp Martin

Mar 22 Mary Hager, James Waid,
Harrison Jones, Brooks Bone

Mar 23 Paige Dawson,
Christian Rice

Mar 24 Lynn King, Jamie Payton

Mar 26 James Kelley, Jay Dial



Week of March 20, 2022

*In Person Total *254 Overall Total 542
Online Viewer Total 288 Mosaic *10/6
Thursday *6 Children *20 Youth *15
Celebration *38/141 Traditions *94/119
Bible Study Groups *22/24 Other *0
Adult Sunday School *39/13
Children's Sunday School *10
General Offering Budget \$15,200.00
General Offering Received \$35,637.00
YTD General Offering Budget \$167,200.00
YTD General Offering Rec'd \$170,657.85

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

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.