

The Pattern for Prayer

(Part 1) Pastor Sam Hayes

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

3-27-22 Sermon Notes "The Pattern for Prayer" (Part 1)

Over and over again in Jesus' last conversation with his disciples in John chapters 14-16, Jesus told them, "Ask...and I will do." Wow! I'm thinking of the lines from an old Janis Joplin song:

*O Lord, won't you buy me a Mercedes Benz?
My friends all drive Porsches, I must make amends
Worked hard all my lifetime, no help from my friends
So Lord, won't you buy me a Mercedes Benz?*

But I'm pretty sure that's not what Jesus meant! He said, "Ask in my name," and ask "according to his will." How can we be sure we are asking in Jesus' name? Just by saying that at the end of our prayers? "In Jesus' name I pray, Amen." How can we be sure we are asking according to Jesus' will? The good news is that we don't have to just guess at it. Jesus gave us a pattern for praying, one that addresses all our needs...one that is so deep and so rich that we could never plumb its depths. It is called the Lord's Prayer. Here's what it looks like in Matthew's Gospel:

⁵ "And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁷ "When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

⁹ "Pray then in this way:

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.*

¹⁰ *Your kingdom come.*

*Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.*

¹¹ *Give us this day our daily bread.* (Matt. 6: 5-11) NRSV

This Sunday, we will talk about how NOT to pray, and then get part one of Jesus' remarkable pattern for how TO pray.

See you Sunday,
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.)

March 27

Celebration: Eric Wright,
Carmen McKiven, Jacob McKiven

Traditions: Mark Condra, Sheila Freeman

April 3

Celebration: Will Brookshire
Sheila Freeman, Zach Hilburn

Traditions: Davis Varner, 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

In the Gathering Room! Everyone Welcome

The Wednesday Evening Small Group will not meet on March 30 due to Spring Break.

Small Group Study w/ Harriet Murray

40 Days of Prayer

Wednesdays @ 6 pm

Room 110

No Wonderful Wednesday Activities or Fellowship Meal on Wednesday, March 30

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, Chapel, In person and online. Meet in the Chapel or Contact a member of the class for the link to join online! "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, in the Gathering Room
- Seekers, Discovery and The Middle Sunday School Classes are currently not meeting. Members are welcome to meet with another group until their class returns.



ELC News

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

**No Wednesday Night Dinner
 March 30th**



Youth Ministry News

Wednesday, March 30: No Wednesday Night Activities—Enjoy your Spring Break!

Wednesday, April 6: Dye Easter Eggs in the Youth Rm, Discuss Luke 19:28-40

Sunday, April 10: Palm Sunday, Between the services at 10 am—Donkeys and Donuts!

Wednesday, April 13: Youth re-creation and discussion about the Last Supper, John 13:1-17, 31-35

Saturday, April 16: Youth help with kid's Easter Egg Hunt. Come around 10 am to hide eggs. Event ends at noon.

Sunday, April 17: Easter Sunday! Join us at 9 am or 11 am!

Wednesday, April 20: Youth Gross and Weird Egg Hunt. Discussion about Luke 24:1-12

Look for info on awesome May events coming soon! A Sunday hiking trip? A camp out? And lots of fun! —Pastor Andy

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 Sunday's during each service
 in the Kid's Worship Room 9:00 and 11:00
 Room 108 Room 108



CELEBRATE

Gadsden First United Methodist Church

EASTER EGG HUNT

April 16 : 11a-12p

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**115 S. 5TH STREET
 GADSDEN, AL**

EGG HUNT REFRESHMENTS ARTS + CRAFTS

**GADSDEN FIRST UNITED METHODIST
 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**



March Mission Focus

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.*



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.

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

The UMW luncheon for April has been rescheduled from April 11th to April 18th due to a conflict with Holy Week Noon Day Services. On April 18th, the executive board will meet in room 208 at 10:30 am. The luncheon will be at 12:00 noon in the Gathering Room for lunch and speaker. Please contact Delores Abney by phone 256-458-0376 or email deloresdda53@gmail.com to make your reservation by noon on April 15th.

Watch for more news on our guest speaker



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

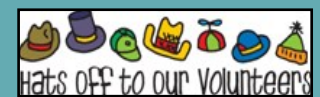
Thank you to all our volunteers for their time and service to these missions!

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

#gfumcreconnect2021

Palm Sunday, April 10

Donkeys and Donuts In the GreenSpace 10 am to 11 am



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.

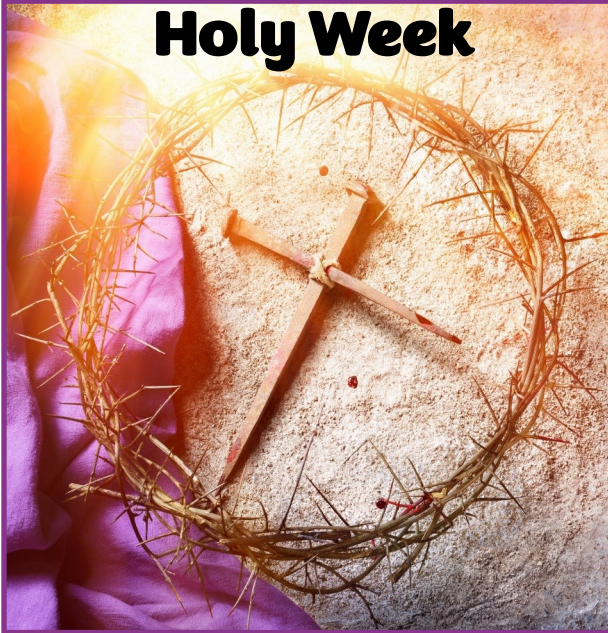
Join us this Sunday!

*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!*

We can't wait to see everyone back!

Holy Week



Sunday, April 10 - Palm Sunday, Mark 11: 1-11,
"When Jesus Comes to Town"

Noon Holy Week Worship, 12:05 pm Each Day

Monday April 11 – Noon Worship Service & Lunch*

Rev. Woody Woodin, Upper Sand Mountain Parrish

Tuesday, April 12 – Noon Worship Service & Lunch*,

Rev. Tony Jones, Camp Sumatanga

Wednesday, April 13 – Noon Worship Service & Lunch*

Rev. Terry Bentley, Mountain Lakes District Superintendent

Thursday, April 14 – Noon Worship Service & Lunch*

Laura Satterfield, Children's Ministry Christ Central UMC

Friday, April 15 – Noon Worship Service & Lunch*

Mitchell Johnson, Youth Minister, Christ Central UMC

**Noon Day Services are at 12:05 pm followed by lunch in the Gathering Room at 12:35 pm. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Everyone is invited! No reservation is needed.*



Thursday, 6:00 pm – Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion

John 13: 1-17, 31-35, "Wiping Mirrors and Washing Feet"

TENEBRAE SERVICE

Friday, April 15, 6:00 pm

(Readings and extinguishing candles,
hymns, prayers, stripping of the altar)

HE IS RISEN

CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

Easter Sunday, April 17 Sermon: "E.A.S.T.E.R. People" Pastor Sam Hayes

40 Days of Prayer Sermon Series

March 27- The Pattern for Prayer (Part 1) Pastor Sam Hayes

April 3- The Pattern for Prayer (Part 2) Pastor Sam Hayes

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.



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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Order an Easter Lily by Monday, 4/11/22

Lilies will be placed on the altar, in honor or memory of a loved one, for Easter Sunday Worship in both services.

Cost: \$22.00 ☐ In Honor of ☐ In Memory of

Name (s): _____

Given by: _____

Calendar for March 27-April 2, 2022

March 27, Sunday

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

10:00 am, Adult Sunday School Classes

10:00 am-11:00 am, "He Brews Coffee Ministry"

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

March 28, Monday

ELC closed

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

March 29, Tuesday

ELC closed

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

March 30, Wednesday

ELC closed

11:00 am, Wednesday Bible Study, Gathering Room

6:00 pm, Choir Practice

No Children or Youth Activities

No Wednesday Night Meal or Adult Bible Study

March 31, Thursday

ELC closed

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

5:30 pm, Thursday Worship

6:00 pm, Mosaic Worship, Back Forty

April 1, Friday

11:00 am, Ladle of Love, Portico

Holy Week Schedule

April 11th-15th, Monday through Friday

Noon Day Service, 12:05-12:35 pm

Lunch 12:35- 1:00 pm

Maundy Thursday Service 6:00 pm

Holy Communion

Tenebrae Service

6:00 pm, Friday

Stripping of the Altar



Honorariums and Memorials

General Budget Fund

In memory of Joyce Sington, given by

Mark & Barbara Condra.

In memory of Joyce Sington, given by Ruth Chandler.

In memory of Joyce Sington, given by Betsy B. D'Acierno

In memory of Joyce Sington, given by Lisa Schewe.

In memory of Joyce Sington, given by Sonya Nesbitt.

Immediate Prayer Concerns

Lisa Dobbins

Anne Elizabeth Casey

(great-granddaughter of Dotty Ivey)

Continued Prayer Concerns

Alice Hayes (mother of Sam Hayes)

Jerry McGinnis Dottie Rogers



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 27 Caroline Calhoun,
Keegan Powell, Beth Kelley,

David Ross

Mar 28 Cathy Lowe,

Caroline Knowles

Mar 29 Romy Megois

Mar 31 Jennifer Smith

Apr 1 Barbara Sheffield

Apr 2 Mike McCartney, Kathy Sisson,

Lucca McNair

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

Thank you!



Week of March 20, 2022

*In Person Total *393 Overall Total 848

Online Viewer Total 455 Mosaic *40

Thursday *8 Children *32 Youth *15

Celebration *66/167 Traditions *126/257

Bible Study Groups *24/28 UMW *25

Adult Sunday School *49/3

Children's Sunday School *8

General Offering Budget \$15,200.00

General Offering Received \$9,108.00

YTD General Offering Budget \$182,400.00

YTD General Offering Rec'd \$179,765.85

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.