

**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

May 10, 2020

## Calendar for May 10-May 16, 2020

**May 10, Sunday, 9:00 am, Celebration Worship; 10:00-10:45 am, Drive thru Portico and pick up a rose for Mother's Day; 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**

**May 11, Monday, ELC Closed through the end of the school year**

**May 12, Tuesday, 6:30 pm, Mosaic, Facebook Live Streaming with Pastor Andy; 6:30 pm, Online Bible Study, "It's Not Supposed to Be This Way" with Pastor Carrie, via gotomeeting**

**May 13, Wednesday, 6:00 pm, Online Bible Study with Pastor Sam, Facebook Live; 6:00 pm, Youth via Zoom or Instagram**

**May 14, Thursday, 7:00 pm, College Group, via Zoom**

**May 15, Friday, 11:00 am-12:00 pm, Ladle of Love, Sack Lunches, Portico entrance**

**Sunday through Friday at 10:00 am, Children and families join Pastor Carrie on Facebook**

There are no Church services or activities through May 18th per the latest NAC and CDC guidelines. The Church is closed during this time. During Office Hours (8:00am-4:00pm) Monday-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, GoToMeeting, and Zoom.

## Celebrate Mother's Day



This Sunday, May 10, drive through the GFUMC portico between 10:00 am and 10:45 am to pick up a rose as we honor women who have made a difference in our lives!

## In Memory of His Life

*Larry D. Grimes, Sr.*

*May 4, 2020*



*The ministers and congregation of First United Methodist Church of Gadsden extend Christian sympathy to Tregg and Valerie Johnson & Malone, in the death of Tregg's mother.*

*Edith "Edie" Hussey Johnson*

*April 30, 2020*



**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.

## Birthdays.....

**May 10** Ed Lindsey  
**May 11** Anita Waid, Charley Huguley  
**May 12** George Hightower  
**May 13** Paul DeJong, Bill Haller, Jr., Connor Rice  
**May 14** Lynne Frederick, Greysen Robinson  
**May 15** Ann Martin, Cathy Freeman, Margaret Lane Walton  
**May 16** Bonnie Yarnell



## Week of May 3, 2020

Total number of Live viewers: 529  
Celebration 158 Traditions 178  
Mosaic 35 Youth & College 22  
Children's Bible Story Break 35  
Bible Study Groups (4) 101  
General Offering Budget \$15,440.00  
General Offering Received \$20,655.00  
YTD General Offering Budget \$277,920.00  
YTD General Offering Received \$266,250.04  
**Text to Give: 256-344-8464**  
**Online Giving: [www.fumcgadsden.org/give](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/give)**

## Immediate Prayer Concerns

Family of Larry Grimes  
Family of Edie Johnson



## Continuing Prayer Concerns

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

# Sara Rabun Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund

Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day. Here at First United Methodist and the ELC, we usually solicit funds through our annual Roses Sale honoring Sara Rabun Johnson. These funds are then used to support ELC students with their tuition needs for the following school year. This year since we have not been able to gather for worship and the financial needs of the church are vast, the decision was made not to host this fundraiser. However, we wanted to continue to acknowledge Sara's love for children and her desire to show them Christ's love as well as instill the love of learning in them. The flowers on the altar today are in her honor and given by the ELC Board and Faculty.



If you have questions or would like to donate to this cause, please contact Helene Haller at [elc@fumcgadsden.org](mailto:elc@fumcgadsden.org).

## ELC News:

- ◆ Our children continue to redeem their coupons for two free donuts in celebration of Donuts for Dads and Divas. We thank Chris Cothran for working with us on this project. Keep tagging us in your pictures.
- ◆ This week has been teacher appreciation week. We hope you have taken your time to contact and thank your ELC teachers. The ELC Board gifted them with Visa gift cards as an extra thank you for their continued love and loyalty to all our families.
- ◆ May 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, & 21<sup>st</sup>, the ELC will host spring pictures along with 4K cap and gown shots. These will be by appointment only. Call or text Helene at 256/458-2812 to schedule your time. Safer at Home guidelines will be enforced.
- ◆ The ELC Board will be reviewing CDC and Alabama Department of Human Resources guidelines regarding opening for Summer 2020 session. The current plan is to make a decision by May 15<sup>th</sup>. If the decision to open is made, all families who originally committed to Summer 2020 will be given the option to participate or not. More details to come.

**All Services, Sunday School and Wonderful Wednesday and activities for children are postponed through May 18.**



Hey Families! We find ourselves in an interesting place right now, however my prayer is that we can approach it as an opportunity to strengthen our families and our faith, rather than allowing fear or frustration to overtake us.



Join Pastor Carrie for a daily "Bible Break" at 10:00am, Sunday to Friday on FacebookLive. Together, we will sing some songs and read a Bible story. There will also be an interactive component, so be prepared to draw something, do something or search for something. My prayer is that we can cherish this unplanned time with our children, and spend some quality time together with Lord

## This Just In

**For the Record Books: GFUMC Youth beat Pell City UMC Youth in a Family Feud Challenge Match on April 29!**

**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!



**Sunday & Wednesdays, 6 pm**  
Join Andy on Facebook Live or Instagram.

## United Methodist Women

**UMW Luncheon**

May 11 has been cancelled.

**Circle Meeting:**

LuVerna Waid Circle will meet via gotomeeting on Tuesday, May 19 at 6:00 pm.

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.**

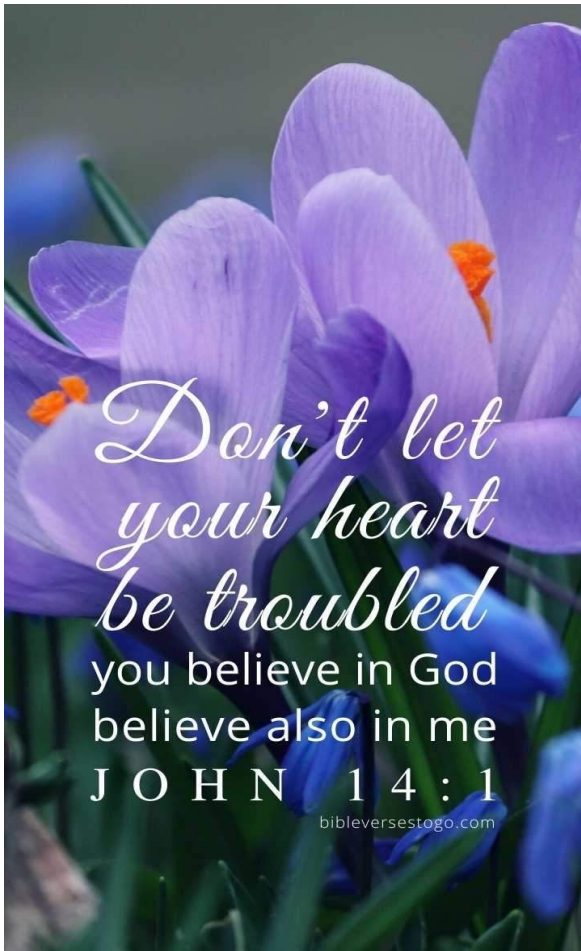
*Let us go forward together to know Christ and make him known throughout the world.*



**Senior Recognition Sunday** for graduating high school seniors will be Sunday, May 17. We will honor our seniors in both of our online worship services that Sunday.

**Please submit 10-12 photos (from birth to present) of your high school senior for the Senior Slide Show.** Email photos to [Andy@fumcgadsden.org](mailto:Andy@fumcgadsden.org) by Friday, May 8. If you need help please let Andy know.





# "The Gift of Presence"

**Pastor Sam Hayes**

**May 10, 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 Broadcast: Go to [www.fumcgadsden.org/media](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/media).

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!

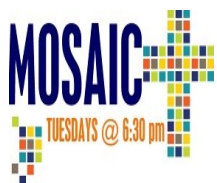
**Our theme for 2020 is #Connect2020.** How do we reach out to each other and stay connected when we are in quarantine and being asked to practice social distancing? It's definitely a challenge, and it can be a bit overwhelming to think of the entire scope of this challenge. We can't reach out to *everybody*. 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 Facebook Live on Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm!**



# Journey Groups

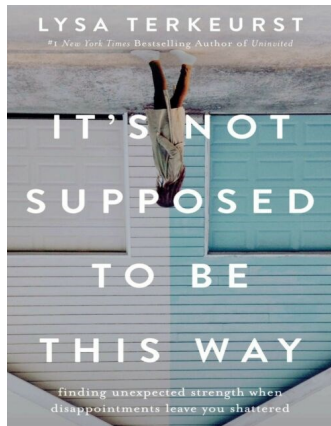
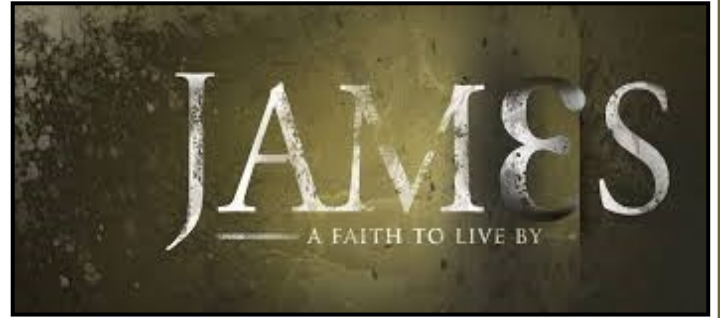
All "In-Person" Small Groups are Postponed through May 18.

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

## A Study of the Book of James

Join Pastor Sam each Wednesday night at 6:00 for a study of the *Book of James*. This controversial, power-packed book is filled with practical instructions on Christian living, along with sharp challenges that every Christ-follower needs to take to heart.

Facebook Live  
Wednesdays @ 6 pm



**Beginning Tuesday, April 21 @ 6:30 pm**

**"It's Not Supposed to Be This Way" by Lysa Terkeurst**

On Tuesdays at 6:30pm, beginning April 21, I will lead a 6-week online study of Lysa Terkeurst's book, "It's Not Supposed to Be This Way: Finding Unexpected Strength When Disappointments Leave You Shattered." Just like many of us, Lysa & I both understand daily disappointments and life-altering loss. The study will walk us through our valleys, and help us discover that in God, we can find unexpected strength as we wrestle well between our faith and our feelings.

The study's video will be shown in each session, however for deeper study, you are invited to purchase a copy of the book. It seems Target and Walmart have the best price (\$12.46) and shipping time at the moment.

Our online platform will be GoToMeeting, which will allow for some limited discussion, which I feel is important in a study like this. If you are interested, please email [carrie@fumcgadsden.org](mailto:carrie@fumcgadsden.org) and I will invite you to join the private Facebook page which includes all the details. —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:**

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Pastor Carrie, Journey Group

Sundays, 10:00 am, Living Water Sunday School (Seekers and Martin Fellowship are invited to join, too!)

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