

"Our Inheritance"

Pastor Sam Hayes

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

5-22-22

Sermon Notes

"Our Inheritance"

How important is it in the Bible for someone to have an "heir?" It was of extreme importance. All we have to do is go back to Abraham. God called Abraham (then Abram) to leave his country and his kindred and to go to a land that God would show him. God promised to make of Abraham a "great nation." So...lots of people. After a while, Abraham was wondering about God's promise. His and Sarah's biological clocks were about run down, and nothing was happening in the "heir" department. In Genesis 15, Abraham has heard God's promise of an heir three times, but unless he had a child of his own, Abraham's inheritance would pass from his family to the family of his servant, Eliezer. Abraham says, "Lord, where is the heir you promised me?" Abraham had faith...he was just not always patient. (I can relate!). Abraham had questions, and maybe even some doubts, so he asked God. You and I can also go to God with our doubts, fears, and questions. The Lord is faithful and has perfect timing. In the Gospel reading for this week, we see a group of disciples who also have questions and doubts. Jesus has told them of his impending death, resurrection, and ascension. Jesus also promised them an inheritance. Jesus was going to pass something on to them (and by extension, to all those who follow Jesus as his disciples). The Lord is faithful and has perfect timing. See if you can find what our inheritance is from Jesus' words in John 14: 23-29.

²³ Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵ "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe.

Join us this Sunday as we take a closer look at our wonderful inheritance as followers of Jesus!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Sam

Save these Sunday Dates:

May 22, Bake Sale for Jr. High Campers, Chestnut Lobby

May 29, One Service, Rev. Keith Elder, Preaching and Singing

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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.)

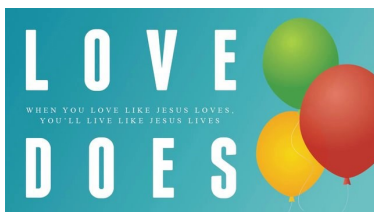
May 22

Celebration: Eric Wright, Bill Haller, Carmen McKiven, Jacob McKiven

Traditions: Tammy Hayes, Brad Barnes, Mark Casey and Parker Casey

May 29

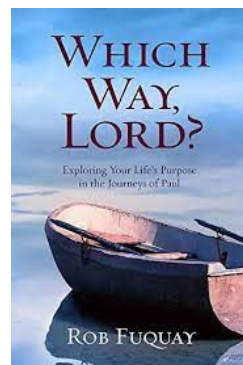
ONE Service at 10 am: Will Brookshire, Sheila Freeman, Brad Barnes, Liz Barnes



**LOVE
DOES**
By Bob Goff

Small Group Study on Sunday Mornings!
Will meet in Room 208 @ 10 am
All Ages are Welcome! Led by Pastor Andy
(You will love the food!)

Bible Study with Pastor Sam
Wednesday, May 18th
11 am Bible Study



Wednesday Morning
Bible Study will be at
11:00 am during the
summer months or you
may join Pastor Sam
online on Facebook Live
Wednesdays @ 6 pm.

Wonderful Wednesday is taking a break for Summer!
See you in August!
Check Out Youth and Children's Ministry this Summer!

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.

A new 10 week study based on Richard Stearns' book, "Lead Like It Matters to God" will begin on Thursday, May 5.

May 19—Excellence & Love, Mark Casey

May 26—Humility & Integrity, Eric Wright

June 2—Vision & Courage, George Varner

June 9—Generosity & Forgiveness, Group Discussion

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, "Eternity is in Session", **Room 112, In person and online.** **Contact a member of the class for the link to join online!**
- Martin Fellowship Class, **Room 116,** International Bible Studies
- Pathfinders Class, **Room 208**
- **Looking for a Sunday School Class?** We can help. Contact Pastor Sam Hayes, Pastor Andy Yarnell or Sheila Freeman, Director of Connectional Ministries, for help!
Email: sheila@fumcgadsden.org



ELC News

On Thursday, May 12th, we ended our 2021-2022 school year with our annual End of Year Program, Class Parties, 4K graduation and reception. We all had a fun time and are looking forward to a little rest and relaxation.

Summer session will start Tuesday, June 14th and will be every Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 am to 1 pm through Wednesday, July 27th.

—Helene Haller



Youth Ministry News

May 18, Wednesday: Youth Hike at Noccalula Falls.

May 22, Sunday: Youth Kayak Trip.

Leave after Celebration Service, Bus Trip

May 25, Wednesday: Youth are cooking dinner!

June 1, Wednesday: Youth Service Night

—Pastor Andy

Children's Ministry

GFUMC SUMMER CALENDAR 2022

VBS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

VBS WORKDAY 3:00-6:00

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

VBS WORKDAY 12:00-3:00

JUNE 6-JUNE 9

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22 @ 6:00

S'MORES NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13 @ 6:00

GRILLIN' AND CHILLIN'

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27 @ 6:00

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

*WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17 @ 6:00

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES RETURN

GFUMC invites you to a FOOD TRUCK PARTY!

Vacation
Bible
School
2022



Register on the
church website
or Facebook
page!

June 6- June 9



GFUMC CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Wonderful Wednesday's

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

Sunday Children's Church

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



CELEBRATE

May Mission Focus

350 UMC Missionaries in 60 Countries



Trisha Manns is a missionary with the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries serving as an advocate for young adult mission service. She is a former Global Mission Fellow and served at the National Council of Churches in Korea, based in Seoul. Trisha is from Atlanta, GA.



Striplin Adopt-a-School Mission Project

The “Teacher Appreciation” lunch for our Striplin Teachers will be on Thursday, May 26th to say “Thank You!”. Because of your gifts, we are once again able to give “Thank you” letters, Certificates of Appreciation, and Gift cards to the Teacher of the Year and nine Teachers of the Month. *Gadsden First UMC’s Mission Team will host the luncheon. Thank you for all your donations to this wonderful mission.*

UMW NEWS

The next UMW Luncheon is September 12th.

However, Summer “Dutch Treat” outings will begin June 21st at 6 pm at the Downtown Chief restaurant. No reservations or “passwords” required. Frowns are tolerated but smiles are celebrated.

—Barbara Bennett



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

Clothes Closet Plea for donations!

To everyone who might have clothes they need to let go of, we need them now! The clothes have been given out and we need to replenish our stock.

Summer clothes are needed. Clean out your closets and call your friends. Please call the church office Monday-Thursday to set up a time to bring your items. We are ever so proud of this ministry to our community. Thanks from the Clothes Closet team and volunteers.

Ladle of Love

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

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

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



“Love and Support for Ukrainian Refugees”

On Sunday, June 5, a [Special Communion Offering](#) will be received during worship at Gadsden First. You may place your offering on the communion rail, give in the offering plate, or give through our online giving platform. Please mark your special offering [“Love and Support for Ukrainian Refugees”](#). This special offering will be given to this year’s North Alabama Annual Conference special mission offering at Annual Conference and sent through [UMCOR’s Advance for Ukraine](#) with [100% going directly for United Methodist refugee support](#).

Find out more... Since the 1990s, following the collapse of the Soviet Union and the 1986 Chernobyl disaster, the North Alabama Conference has reached out in love to our brothers and sisters in Eastern Europe as they have sought to restore physical health and to reclaim and rebuild Christian communities and houses of worship. This wave of care from a groundswell of churches in the North Alabama Conference changed many lives.

Over the years, the North Alabama Conference has partnered with United Methodists in the Baltics in numerous ways. We have supported two missionary families (Patrick and Hannah Friday and Dale and Kelly Clem), hosted 250 children (the Children of Chernobyl) from Belarus who spent summer weeks in North Alabama homes and churches, provided support for seminary students to lead new churches, sent numerous mission teams and funding, collected coats and supplies, sponsored pilgrims on Emmaus walks, established Baltic Chrysalis, welcomed young people as delegates to Sumatanga’s International Peace Camp and built Camp Wesley for Latvians and Lithuanians to have their own “Sumatanga”.

Millions of Ukrainians have fled their homeland and are in need of care. Each family has unique needs, and our United Methodist friends are trying to respond to their new neighbors with limited resources. Our fellow United Methodists are providing direct relief to refugees whose physical and spiritual needs are great. For example, in Lithuania, a church set up one family in a church-owned parsonage and spent \$860 to help the family to settle in. Churches are also inviting their guests to come to worship, and some refugees are actively sharing their musical gifts and presence in worship.

Now we have another opportunity to partner through our financial and spiritual support. We are being invited to reach out to our neighbors to support their ministries and witness in this time of dire emergency and great opportunity to extend the love of Christ.

Rev. Keith Elder

MUSIC & PREACHING

SUNDAY, MAY 29

First United Methodist Church of Gadsden

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE 10 AM

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

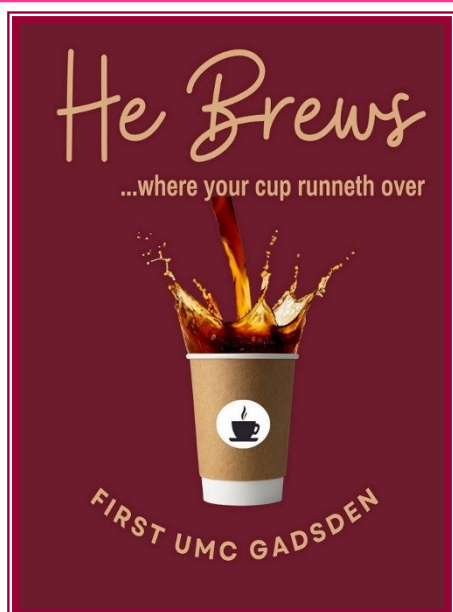
HOTDOGS & ICE CREAM ON THE PORTICO FOLLOWING WORSHIP



Bake Sale

May 22

*In the Chestnut Street
Lobby (near HeBrews Cafe)*
**Benefitting Jr. High
Youth who are going to
Camp Sumatanga for
Jr. High Week in June!**



**Inviting Ministries welcomes
you to our 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!

**G FUMC
Brunch
Club**

**MONTHLY LUNCH/BRUNCH
AT 12:30 FOLLOWING
TRADITIONAL SERVICE.**

**Wednesday, May 11- 6:00 pm, Church Picnic
Sunday, June 12- Current Market & Deli @ River Rocks Landing**

**All Young Adults and
Families Welcome!**

Gadsden First UMC Alleluia Offering for Easter.

Gifts to the Alleluia Offering so far this year, total

\$38,165.00

Thank you very much!!!!

Your gifts make growth for many new ministries and missions at Gadsden First UMC possible.

This year's Alleluia Offering will help fund special music and choir needs, as well as new outreach ministries for our online ministries and our inviting ministries team. Gifts may still be given to this special offering.

Thank you for your gifts to the Alleluia Offering.

—The Generosity Team



First UMC Gadsden

Generosity 2022

Overflowing Hearts

Psalms 23:5

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

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 May 22-May 28, 2022

May 22, 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

May 23, Monday 9:00 am-10:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym

5:00 pm, Trustees meeting, via gotomeeting.com

May 24, Tuesday 5:00 pm, Yoga, Gym

5:00 pm, Finance Team Meeting, Parlor

6:00 pm, Board of Stewards, Gathering Room

May 25, Wednesday

11:00 am, Wednesday Bible Study, Gathering room

6:00 pm, Choir Practice

May 26, Thursday

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

5:30 pm, Thursday Worship, Sanctuary

6:00 pm, Mosaic Service, Back Forty Warehouse

May 27, Friday

11:00 am-12:00 pm, Ladle of Love, Portico



May 22, Bake Sale for Jr. High Campers, Chestnut Lobby

May 29, One Service at 10:00 am, Rev. Keith Elder, Preaching and Singing, Hot Dogs & Ice Cream following service

The flowers on the altar today
are in memory of
Robert G. & Charlie Nell Johnson
for their birthdays this month
given by their family.



*The ministers and congregation of
First United Methodist Church of Gadsden,
extend Christian sympathy to
Mac & Jana Downs
in the death of her mother
Ilene Pearman Pentecost May 18, 2022*

Honorariums and Memorials

Howell Erwin Medical Fund

In memory of Katie Grimes, given by Mr. & Mrs. Bob Sisson. In memory of Betty Echols, given by Leslie, Randy, Claire, David, Megan, Harper, and Mae Cosby.

Special Music Fund

In memory of Katie Grimes, given by Judy Dawson.



*The ministers and congregation of
First United Methodist Church of Gadsden,
extend Christian sympathy to
Joseph & Rev. Tammy Jackson
in the death of his father
Curtis Norris Jackson, Sr. May 11, 2022*

Birthdays

May 23 Don Hiltz, Dallas Moran,
Owen Scott White

May 24 J.T. Harrell

May 25 Janis Hudak

May 27 Otis Deason, Joseph Jackson

May 28 Jennifer Swann,
Anna Harrell, Asher Mae Collins



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

Week of May 15, 2022

*In Person Total *393 Overall Total 596

Online Viewer Total 203

Mosaic *9/10 Thursday *2

Bible Study Groups *0/6 UMW *22

Adult Sunday School *34 Children *36

Children's Sunday School *0

Celebration *64/165 Traditions *79/122

Youth *17 Church Picnic *130

General Offering Budget \$13,175.00

General Offering Received \$5,267.00

YTD General Offering Budget \$263,500.00

YTD General Offering Rec'd \$283,304.00

2022 Pledges 82 for \$420,924.85

2022 Alleluia Offering \$38,165.00

Text to Give: 256.344.8464

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Immediate Prayer Concerns

Family of Curtis Jackson

Family of Ilene Pentecost

Continued Prayer Concerns

Winnie Mae Beasley

Lisa Dobbins

Jeannie Cosper

Alice Hayes

(mother of Sam Hayes)

Anne Elizabeth Casey

(great-granddaughter of Dotty Ivey)