

# First United Methodist Church of Gadsden

**Gadsden  
First**

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 24, 2020

## Calendar for May 24-May 30, 2020

**May 24, Sunday,** 9:00 am, Celebration Worship; 10:00 am, Living Waters Sunday School, GoToMeeting; 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 25, Monday, Memorial Day Holiday**

**May 26, Tuesday, GoToMeetings:** 4:00 pm, Trustees Team, 5:00 pm Finance Team; 6:00 pm, Board of Stewards; 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 27, Wednesday,** 6:00 pm, Online Bible Study with Pastor Sam, Facebook Live; 6:00 pm, Youth via Zoom or Instagram

**May 28, Thursday,** 7:00 pm, College Group, via Zoom

**May 29, 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 Live for singing and a Bible Story.*

There are no in-person worship or activities through June 1 per the latest NAC and CDC guidelines. 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. Stay Well. Stay Safe.



**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.

## Honorariums and Memorials

### General Budget Fund

In memory of Dr. Larry Grimes, given by Faye Graves; In memory of Dr. Larry Grimes, given by Dr. and Mrs. Roger Suttle.

### Ladle of Love

In memory of Dr. Larry Grimes, given by Cleve and Bess Estis; In memory of Dr. Larry Grimes, given by Bill and Donna Campbell; In memory of Dr. Larry Grimes, given Steve and Lynne Frederick.

### UMCOR

In memory of Dr. Larry Grimes and Mark Swann, give by Dotty Ivey.

### Benevolence Fund

In memory of Mark Swann, given by Steve and Lynne Frederick

## Birthdays.....

**May 24** JT Harrell,  
Megan Salazar

**May 25** Janis Hudak

**May 26** Betty Echols,  
Joyce Simpson, Ava Staton

**May 27** Otis Deason, Joseph Jackson,  
Emily Sollie

**May 28** Jennifer Swann, Anna Harrell,  
Asher Mae Collins

**May 29** Tamiah Hood

**May 30** Jason Knowles, Grace Page



## Week of May 24, 2020

Total number of Live viewers: 472

Celebration 158 Traditions 155  
Mosaic 29 Youth & College 10

Children's Bible Story Break 32

Bible Study Groups (4) 88

General Offering Budget \$15,440.00

General Offering Received \$3,935.00

YTD General Offering Budget \$308,800.00

YTD General Offering Received \$303,921.04

**Text to Give: 256-344-8464**

**Online Giving: [www.fumcgadsden.org/give](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/give)**

*In Memory of His Life*

*Chris Harris*

*May 20, 2020*



*The ministers and congregation of First  
United Methodist Church of Gadsden  
extend Christian sympathy to  
Michael Fortenberry in the death  
of his stepmother  
Janice Fortenberry*

*May 14, 2020*



## Immediate Prayer Concerns

- | Family of Larry Grimes
- | Family of Edie Johnson (Tregg Johnson's mother)
- | Family of Lucille Chumley (Dee Porter's mother)
- | Family of Mark Swann
- | Family of Janice Fortenberry  
(Michael Fortenberry's stepmother)
- | Family of Chris Harris

## Continuing Prayer Concerns

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

## Calling all Graduates!

If you have a graduate in your household—from preschool, elementary, middle, high school, college or graduate school, please submit up to 3 pictures of your graduate to [andy@fumcgadsden.org](mailto:andy@fumcgadsden.org) by June 1. We will have a special slideshow presentation honoring all our graduates!



### 2020 High School Graduates

Mary Clare Bone	Sara Catheryne Freeman
Michael Hayes	Kara Livesay
Ava Malone	Drew McNair
Cortland Phillips	Jackson Skelton
Sara Margaret Waits	

## Congratulations!

Did you get married during the last three months? We would love to share your special day! Please be sure to send the date of your wedding along with up to three pictures to [andy@fumcgadsden.org](mailto:andy@fumcgadsden.org) by June 1! We would love to celebrate with you!



## ELC News:

- ◆ Spring Picture Make Up Days went well. Thank you to everyone that participated. We will let you know how to order soon.
- ◆ We are excited to announce that the Summer 2020 season is scheduled to open on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and run through July 23. We will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 1pm. Extra pre-cautions and cleaning procedures are being put into place. We look forward to a great summer session and are ready to welcome our families back to school. More details to come.

**All Services, Sunday School and Wonderful Wednesday and activities for children are postponed through June 1.**



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 each day!

—Pastor Carrie



**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

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.*



# "Left Behind"

Pastor Sam Hayes

May 24, 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 Only" Broadcast:** Go to [www.fumcgadsden.org/media](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/media) and look for the "sermon player".

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?"

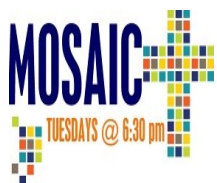
**When Mother Teresa saw the incredible problems** on the streets of Calcutta – people being left on the streets to die alone...lepers not receiving care at all – she would say this to herself: *"Ek, ek, ek!"* It is Hindi for *"One, one, one..."* **She didn't look at the masses of need. She looked at 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

ONE		Call ONE
ONE		Text ONE
ONE		Write ONE
#GFUMCCONNECT2020		



**Join Pastor Andy for Mosaic  
on Facebook Live on Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm!**



# Journey Groups

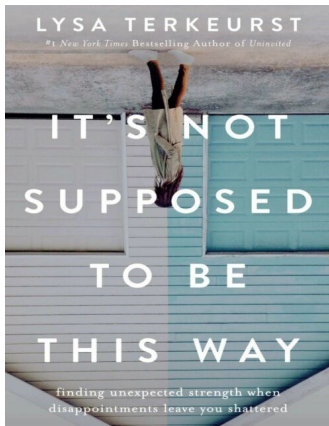
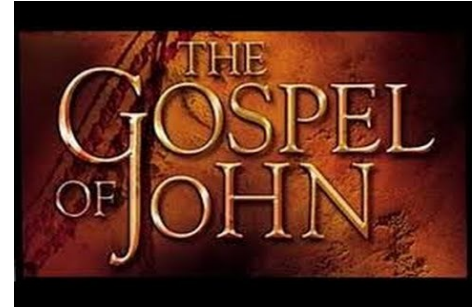
All "In-Person" Small Groups are Postponed through June 1.

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

## A Study of the Gospel of John

Join Pastor Sam each Wednesday night at 6:00 pm beginning May 27 for a study of the *Gospel of John*.

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.**