

# One Worship Service, 10 am

**Rev. Keith Elder**

**Preaching and Singing**

***Followed by hotdogs & Ice Cream on the Portico***

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

## Sunday, May 29

## Rev. Keith Elder

Singer, songwriter, retreat leader--Keith Elder has spoken and performed for thirty-plus years in a wide variety of church, conference, and community settings. While serving local churches in North Alabama, first as a youth director then as a pastor, Keith continued to write and record, play small concert venues, and provide leadership for special events. As of July, 2020, he is officially retired from pastoral ministry, which makes him even more available to sing and speak for local churches and special events.



Keith has recorded seven full album projects, with his latest, "Mine that Mountain," being released in August, 2014. He has numerous new projects in the works including "Good Life" (due for release, Fall of 2021), and an acoustic Christmas project. Besides many theme songs for camps, service organizations, and special events, he has also written and produced several small-scale musicals.

Keith's songs are life/people songs crossing the lines of Christian, Folk/Americana, Musical Theater, and contemporary Bluegrass. When asked about his genre, he likes to say that he just writes what comes out on a given day. These days he is shooting for an honest word, a compelling story, and a fitting musical form to carry the message. No doubt, his favorite songwriter quote comes from the legendary Roger Miller: *"Songwriting is easy. It's like taking candy...from a bear."*

Because the new songs continue to surface, Keith's concerts and Sunday morning messages-in-song are ever-evolving, but all include songs that ring true, stories that draw the listener in, and food for thought works on people long after Keith has left the building. If you hear echoes of James Taylor, John Denver, or Larry Gatlin, you won't be the first.

Keith and his wife Jean have been married 42 years and currently reside in Vestavia Hills, Alabama.

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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](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/media) or

on Facebook Live: @FUMCgadsden

## Tech Team Schedule

(Please arrive 45 minutes  
 prior to the start of the service)

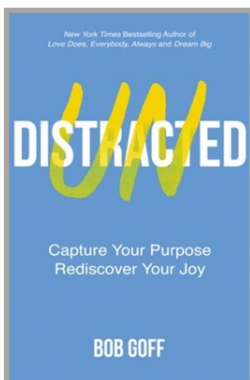
### May 29

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

### June 5

**Celebration:** Eric Wright, Bill Haller,  
 Sheila Freeman

**Traditions:** Brynn Crain, Sheila Freeman



By Bob Goff

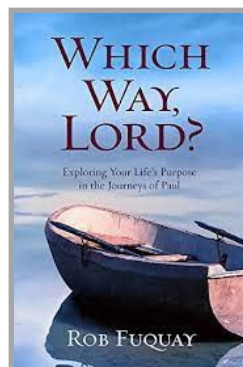
**STARTS June 5**

**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** **Summer on Wednesday Mornings** **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](mailto:sheila@fumcgadsden.org)*





## ELC News

On Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 14<sup>th</sup> and will be every Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 am to 1 pm through Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>.

—Helene Haller



## Youth Ministry News

June 1, Wednesday, Youth Service Night

June 5, Youth Kayaking trip following the Celebration Service

July 11-14, Youth Service Week

—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



Patrick Booth is a United Methodist missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries serving as the co-director of Project ARK (Advancing Resilient Khmer) in Cambodia.

With a background in counseling, Mr. Booth has worked with young adults dealing with substance. He enjoys building rapport and strengthening relationships with the community. He has participated in mission trips to Latin America and Africa. He is from Rainsville, OH.

**On 5/26/22, GFUMC's Mission Team hosted a Teacher Appreciation Luncheon for 60 Teachers and Staff at Striplin Elementary School.**



## 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](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/serve)

Church Phone 256-543-8200  
[fumc@fumcgadsden.org](mailto: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 special baskets for this offering, 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”.

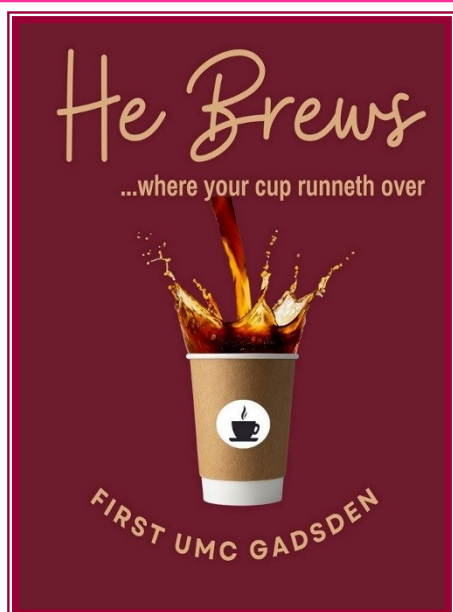
Millions of Ukrainians have fled their homeland and are in need of care. Each family has unique needs, and our United Methodist friends are trying to respond to their new neighbors with limited resources. Our fellow United Methodists are providing direct relief to refugees whose physical and spiritual 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.



## Bake Sale

*Thank You Very Much!*

For supporting the Bake Sale Benefitting Jr. High Youth who are going to Camp Sumatanga for Jr. High Week in June!



## "Please Note"

Sunday, May 29th, HeBrews Coffee Café will be closed due to the special Memorial Day Sunday activities.

There will only be one service at 10:00 am.  
*After the service, everyone is invited to go to the Portico for fellowship and enjoy Hotdogs and Ice Cream!*

**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](http://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 29-June 4, 2022

### May 29, Sunday

One United Service, 10:00 am, Sanctuary

No Sunday School

Hot dogs & Ice Cream, 11:00 am, Portico Entrance

### May 30, Monday

Office Closed for Holiday

### May 31, Tuesday

9:00-11:00 am, Clothes Closet Workday

5:00 pm, Yoga, Gym

### June 1, Wednesday

9:00-11:00 am, Clothes Closet Open

11:00 am, Wednesday Bible Study, Gathering room

12:00-3:00 pm, VBS Workday

6:00 pm, Choir Practice

### June 2, Thursday

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

5:30 pm, Thursday Worship, Sanctuary

6:00 pm, Mosaic Service, Back Forty Warehouse

### June 3, Friday

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



## June 6-9, 9:00am-12:00 pm, Vacation Bible School

### Honorariums and Memorials

#### General Budget Fund

In memory of Katie Grimes, given by Julia Nolen Knox.

In memory of Katie Grimes, given by Mr. & Mrs. Mandell Tillman.

In memory of Betty Echols, given by Mr. & Mrs. Mandell Tillman.

#### Howell Erwin Medical Fund

In memory of Betty Echols, given by Kim & Cynthia Whitt.

In memory of Betty Echols, given by Julia Nolen Knox.

In memory of Ilene Pentecost, given by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Frederick.

In memory of Katie Grimes, given by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Frederick.

In memory of Katie Grimes, given by Mr & Mrs. Richard McCoy.

In memory of Betty Echols, given by Mr. & Mrs. Richard McCoy.

In memory of Joyce Sington, given by Mr. & Mrs. Richard McCoy.

In memory of Betty Echols, given by Mr. & Mrs. Jackie Brechin.

In memory of Katie Grimes given by Mr. & Mrs. Jackie Brechin.



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### Birthdays

**May 29** Tamiah Hood, Torrance Hood

**May 30** Jason Knowles,

Sheila Witherspoon, Kennedy Selsor,

Grace Anne Page

**May 31** Alan Ross

**Jun 1** Clate McGwier,

Carter Thornburg

**Jun 2** Sarah Holland, Rebecca Horst,

Carter Rains

**Jun 3** Dick McCoy, Greg Griffin,

Amelia Hedgspeth

**Jun 4** Mary Cowart, Tyler Roberts,

Jack Kennedy



### Week of May 22, 2022

\*In Person Total \*247 Overall Total 576

Online Viewer Total 329

Mosaic \*9/11 Thursday \*7

Bible Study Groups \*7/27

Adult Sunday School \*53/3 Children \*7

Children's Sunday School \*0

Celebration \*46/145 Traditions \*84/143

Youth \*17 VBS workshop \*17

General Offering Budget \$13,175.00

General Offering Received \$16,533.00

YTD General Offering Budget \$276,675.00

YTD General Offering Rec'd \$299,837.00

**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

Regina Holloway

#### Continued Prayer Concerns

Winnie Mae Beasley

Lisa Dobbins

Jeannie Cosper

Alice Hayes

(mother of Sam Hayes)

Anne Elizabeth Casey

(great-granddaughter of Dotty Ivey)