

# First United Methodist Church of Gadsden

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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 31, 2020

## Calendar for May 31-June 6, 2020

**May 31, 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  
**June 1, Monday,** No Activities  
**June 2, Tuesday,** 9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Summer Schedule; 6:30 pm, Mosaic, Facebook Live Streaming with Pastor Andy;  
**June 3, Wednesday,** 6:00 pm, Online Bible Study with Pastor Sam, Facebook Live; 6:00 pm, Youth via Zoom or Instagram  
**June 4, Thursday,** 9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Summer Schedule; 7:00 pm, College Group, via Zoom  
**June 5, 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 Jim & Barbara Bennett. In memory of Dr. Larry Grimes, given by Judy & Mandell Tillman. In memory of Holley Freeman Sparks, given by Judy & Mandell Tillman.

### Ladle of Love

In memory of Mark Swann, given by Judy & Mandell Tillman. In memory of Willene Griffith, given by Judy & Mandell Tillman. In memory of Dr. Larry Grimes, given by John & Margie Freeman. In memory of Mark Swann, given by Sam & Leone Norris. In memory of Carlton "Dale" Harper given by Gene & Danna Dean. In memory of Dr. Larry Grimes, given by the Sington Family.

### Benevolence Fund

In memory of Mark Swann, given by Alex Holtsford. In memory of Mark Swann, given by Craig and Linda Marble.

## The Johnson Family Children's Library

The following DVD's were donated to the Children's Library in honor of Marj Ross and DeLeath Rives by Jack Pierce.

November Christmas, Hallmark Hall of Fame; The Secret Garden, Hallmark Hall of Fame; The Shack, based on the best selling book; 10 Animated Bible Stories, for ages 4-10; Animated Bible Stories, "Jesus for Kids".

## Immediate Prayer Concerns

Adrian Chandler  
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)

## Birthdays.....

**May 31** Alan Ross  
**Jun 1** Clate McGwier,  
Carter Thornburg  
**Jun 2** Sara Holland,  
Rebecca Horst, Carter Rains,  
Bailey Womack, Carter Womack  
**Jun 3** Dick McCoy, Greg Griffin  
**Jun 4** Mary Cowart, Tyler Roberts  
**Jun 5** Wells Ford  
**Jun 6** Sally Page



## Week of May 24, 2020

Total number of Live viewers: 452  
Celebration 136 Traditions 141  
Mosaic 42 Youth & College 13  
Children's Bible Story Break 38  
Bible Study Groups (4) 82  
General Offering Budget \$15,440.00  
General Offering Received \$6,130.00  
YTD General Offering Budget \$324,240.00  
YTD General Offering Received \$310,091.04  
**Text to Give: 256-344-8464**  
**Online Giving: [www.fumcgadsden.org/give](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/give)**

## 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!



All Services, Sunday School and Wonderful Wednesday and activities for children are postponed through June 30.



VBS will take place virtually during the week of June 22-26, beginning at 9:30am. Our theme is *Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor*, which uses various Bible Studies to build the Armor of God. All participants will receive a Theme T-shirt, Lanyard and Bag, a Bible, a lesson activity book, and all Craft Supplies. These will be picked up at the Portico on a date and time to be announced. Please encourage all the children you know from Pre-K to 5th Grade to participate. Registration is online at [2020.cokesbury.vbs.com/gadsdenfumc](http://2020.cokesbury.vbs.com/gadsdenfumc).

**Bible Break: 10 am**  
Sunday through Friday



## ELC News

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.

### 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.**

### UMW Online Auction for Local Missions

Gadsden First's UMW is having an online Auction on June 25 from 6 pm to 9 pm to raise money for local missions. This auction will be open for the entire congregation to participate! Each circle is being asked to donate at least 4 items for the auction, including one "higher value" item or basket that can be used for the "Facebook Live" portion of the Auction. We need your help in gathering some great items to donate for the auction. Please contact Eileen Graham or your Circle Leader if you are willing to purchase or create and donate an item for our auction. Several of you might have fun collaborating on a basket to donate! Auction items must be dropped off at the church portico by Monday, June 15 between 12 pm and 3 pm. It's going to be a lot of fun and support local missions plus we can support some of our local businesses as we gather items for the auction!







# "Are You Thirsty for More"

Pastor Sam Hayes

May 31, 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?"

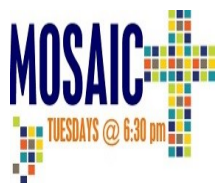
When Mother Teresa saw the incredible problems on the streets of Calcutta – people being left on the streets to die alone...lepers not receiving care at all – she would say this to herself: *"Ek, ek, ek!"* It is Hindi for *"One, one, one..."* She didn't look at the masses of need. She looked at one.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

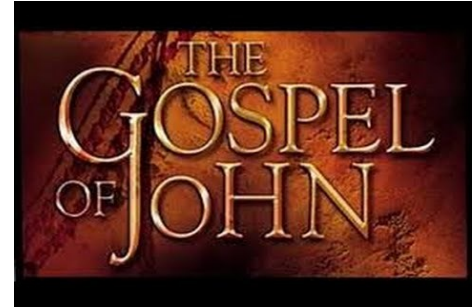
All "In-Person" Small Groups are Postponed through June 30.

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

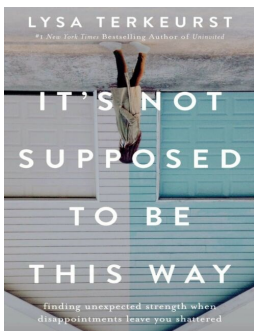
## A Study of the Gospel of John

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



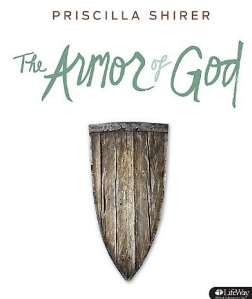
## Women's Bible Study



Tuesday, May 26 completed the 6-week study of *It's Not Supposed to Be This Way*, which I have been leading on Tuesdays at 6:30pm through GoToMeeting. Throughout the study, 48 women have participated (20 from our church & 28 who attend elsewhere or are without a church home).

Participants have expressed an interest in doing another study, therefore beginning June 8, I will lead a 7-week study of Priscilla Shirer's *Armor of God* on Mondays at 6:30pm. Per the participants request, we will use ZOOM as our online platform. Anyone interested in participating in the study can contact the Church Office or contact me directly via e-mail or Facebook.

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:

Sundays, 10:00 am, Living Water Sunday School (Seekers and Martin Fellowship are invited to join, too!)  
Tuesday, June 30 at 6:00 pm, Board of Stewards

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