

# THE TIME HAS COME

Pastor Sam Hayes

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

11/13/22

Sermon Notes

"The Time Has Come"

Sometimes the meaning of Jesus' actions and parables in the Gospel of Luke are easy to interpret. For instance, in Luke 21: 1-4, there is the time when Jesus and his disciples were in the Temple, and people were putting their offerings in the collection boxes. Some were giving large offerings in with great fanfare. A poor widow came in and put in two very small copper coins – two "mites." Jesus said, "This widow has put in more than all the others." How could that be? Well, the rich folks had given something that didn't cost them that much. The widow had given everything she had. Pretty easy to understand the message.

And then comes verses 5-19 in Luke 21...

<sup>5</sup> When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, <sup>6</sup> "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

<sup>7</sup> They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" <sup>8</sup> And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them."

<sup>9</sup> "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." <sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup> there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven."

<sup>12</sup> "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup> This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup> So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, <sup>15</sup> for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup> You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup> You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup> But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup> By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Multiple things are going on in this passage: The Second Coming of Christ; prediction of the Fall of Jerusalem; the persecution of the early Church; and the Jewish concept of "The Day of the Lord." Most of the theme is "The time will come when..."

This Sunday we will look at the Scripture from the angle of "The time HAS come..." Knowing that Jesus will return... knowing that times are changing... The time has come for us to (1) Get our priorities in order; (2) Prepare to be tested; (3) Engage in ministry.

See you Sunday,  
Pastor Sam

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## Worship Opportunities

Thursday Worship: 5:30 pm, Sanctuary

## 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

## ACOLYTES

November 13: Anna Kate Casey & Sara Kate Thornburg

November 20: Liam Humphries & Quinn Darden

## Tech Team Schedule

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

**November 13**

**Celebration:** Joe Pritchard, Sheila Freeman

**Traditions:** Mark Casey, Parker Casey, Sheila Freeman

**November 20**

**Celebration:** Will Brookshire, Bill Haller, Brad Barnes

**Traditions:** Mark Condra, Tammy Hayes

**November 16, 2022  
RSVP by Tuesday at noon.**

**Chicken Fingers**

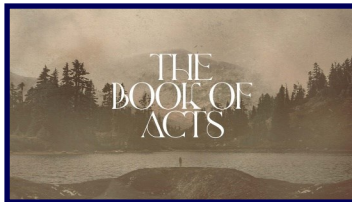
**\$7 per person, \$3 for 11 & Under  
\$20 Max per family**

**Out of Town on the Weekend?**

**Come to Thursday Worship!**

**5:30 to 6:00 pm each week**

**In the Sanctuary**



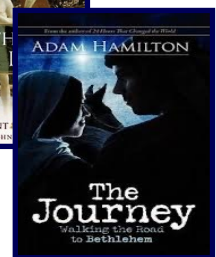
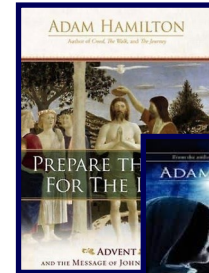
## Bible Study with Pastor Sam

**Wednesday Mornings**

**11 am In Person Bible Study**

**Room 208, The Book of Acts**

**Facebook Live @ 6 pm or on demand-via  
the FUMC APP or website**



**Small Groups at Wonderful Wednesday, 6 pm**

**Room 110 –Harriet Murray Room 208-Mark Condra**

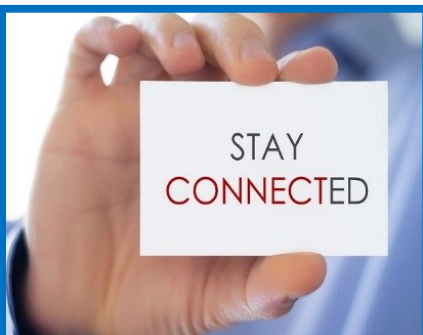
## Men at the Well Thursday Mornings 7:00 am

You are invited to join the weekly Bible study with the Men at the Well small group. They are currently meeting at the Choice Restaurant. "A Guide to Prayer for All Who Seek God" by Norman Shawchuck and Rueben P. Job.

*Contact Todd Rains, Mark Condra, Mark Casey, or any of the Men at the Well for more information.*

## RECONNECT with the Sunday School Class of Your Choice!

- Living Waters Sunday School Class, "Everybody's Normal Till You Get to Know Them", by John Ortberg, **Room 112, In person and online. Contact a member of the class for the link to join online!**
- Martin Fellowship Class, International Bible Studies, **Room 116**
- Multi-Age Sunday School, with Eric Wright and Harriet Murray, **Room 208**
- Pathfinders Class is currently meeting with the Multi-Age Sunday School Class, **Room 208**



## Sign Up to Receive Emails from the Church

Sign up to receive emails from the church including the Weekly News, Devotionals, Ministry and Mission Notes, and Sermon Notes.

Go to: <http://www.fumcgadsden.org/sign-up-to-receive-emails>

**Need Help: Contact Sheila Freeman @ 256-490-5018**

# Jesus Is...

"Get Ready"	Sun. 11/27	9 am & 11 am
"Jesus is...Emmanuel"	Sun. 12/4	9 am & 11 am
Choir Cantata	Sun. 12/11	11 am-One Service
"Jesus is...Son of Man"	Sun. 12/18	9 am & 11 am
"Jesus is...Lord"	Sat. 12/24	4 pm & 6 pm
"Jesus is...Savior"	Sun. 12/25	10 am-One Service

**P A S T O R   S A M   H A Y E S**

**SERMON SERIES FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS**

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GADSDEN**

## Save the Dates

Dec. 4- Children's Christmas Musical, 3:00 pm, "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Dec. 11- One Worship Service, 11 am, Cantata

Dec. 22- "Christmas in Gadsden- Cookies and Carols", 5:30 pm  
In the Chestnut, Street Lobby and the Sanctuary

Dec. 24- Christmas Eve  
4 pm, Candlelight Worship and Holy Communion  
5 pm, Live Nativity presented by UMYF  
6 pm, Candlelight Worship and Holy Communion

December 25-Christmas Day Worship, One Service, 10 am  
January 1- New Year's Day Worship, One Service, 10 am

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### ELC News

On Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, ELC students will participate in our November Lunchbox Revolt. This month we will have Chick-Fil-A and the cost is \$6.00. 4K students will also have Show and Tell on this day. Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> will be our annual Team Spirit Day at the ELC. Come dressed your favorite team colors. The ELC will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving from Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> through Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

—Helene Haller



### Youth Ministry News

Wonderful Wednesdays are back!  
Dinner at 5:15, please make a reservation!

**Sunday School is back for Youth! Room 210  
10 am on Sunday mornings.**

**November 23** The youth and youth parents will be helping with the CommUnity Thanksgiving preparation from 10:00am -12:00pm .

**December 31st-New Year's Eve-** Lock-in at the church.

—*Pastor Andy*

**Wonderful Wednesday Fellowship Dinner—Don't forget to make a reservation by Tues. @ noon.**

**November 16— Chicken Fingers \$7 Per person, \$3 for Under 11 Max \$20 per Family**

## Children's Ministry



## November Mission Focus

### CommUnity Thanksgiving Meal

It is that time of year when we begin preparing for the **CommUnity Thanksgiving** event. As in the past, our church will provide the money to purchase the desserts for the meal. They are planning on feeding 8,000 people this year. We are going to have individually wrapped Cakes (Little Debbie) for the pick-up and delivered meals. Then, the usual pound cakes for those eating in the Venue. If you would like to make a donation, please send a check or e-give and mark it for CommUnity Thanksgiving. Donations of approximately \$1200.00 are needed to provide these cakes. Thanks, as always, for your unending generosity! There will also be an opportunity for you to sign up to volunteer prior to Thanksgiving Day to slice cakes or help in other ways.



### Thanksgiving Bags for Salvation Army

**Now is the time** to fill a bag with non-perishable groceries for a family who has applied through Salvation Army for help with a meal for Thanksgiving. The bags are located at each entrance to the sanctuary and in the Chestnut Street lobby for you to pick up. **The deadline to return them is Nov. 16.**

**List of Suggested Items** (You don't need to purchase every item on the list.)

- Canned Hams (*Make sure does not need refrigeration.*)
- Canned Chicken or Tuna
- Flour, Sugar, Corn Meal Mix, Rice, Pasta, Instant Potatoes
- Canned Pumpkin & Cranberries, and other Canned Fruits & Vegetables
- Jell-O and Pudding Mixes, Cereals, Crackers, Cake Mixes & Canned Frosting
- Canned or Powdered Milk, Tea Bags, Coffee

## UMW News

**November UMW Luncheon will be November 14th at 12:00 noon.**

The cost is \$15.00 per person. Our guest speaker will be Lori Lee with Rococo Floral Studio. There will be a door prize! Bring a guest! Call your lunch reservation in to Delores Abney by noon on Friday, Nov. 11th. 256-458-0376

**UMW Bake Sale Sunday, November 20**

It's back! We are going to have casseroles, cakes, pies and more for everyone to buy for Thanksgiving, etc. for sale in the Chestnut Street Lobby Look for us between the worship services until gone! All proceeds go to missions. All ladies need to bring 3 items to sell. **See page 6 for details.**

**Decorate the Chrismon Tree Monday, November 21**

Our beautiful Chrismon Tree will be put up on Monday, November 21. We will be fluffing our "new tree" beginning at 10:00 am. We will go to lunch at Gadsden Variety at noon, then we will come back to put the Chrismons on the tree at 1:00 pm. LuVerna Waid Circle members, we need you. The Peggy Casey Circle has been asked to help also. Thank you in advance for coming to help decorate our new tree so it can be ready on the **1st Sunday of Advent, November 27th.**

—Barbara Bennett, President



## 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

**November dates are 11/2 and 11/16**

**9:00 am to 11:00 am**

516 Broad Street Gadsden

### Ladle of Love

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

### Clients served in October 2022

Ladle of Love 372

Clothes Closet 237

*Thank you to all our volunteers for their time and service to these missions!*

**Find out more about mission and service opportunities @ [www.fumcgadsden.org/serve](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/serve)**

**Phone: 256-543-8200**

**Email:**

**[fumc@fumcgadsden.org](mailto:fumc@fumcgadsden.org)**

**#gfumcreconnect2022**





**The UMW  
Bake Sale  
is Back!**

**Calling all  
Bakers and Buyers!**

# **BAKE SALE**

**8:30 AM TO 12:30 PM**

**Sunday, November 20  
Chestnut Street Lobby**



For  
UMW  
Missions

# **& SILENT AUCTION**

**Some of our most Treasured Classic Old Time  
Homemade Baked Goods will be available at our  
Silent Auction Table for you to bid on!**

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**Open Your Hearts  
Open Your Pocket Books  
for UMW Missions**



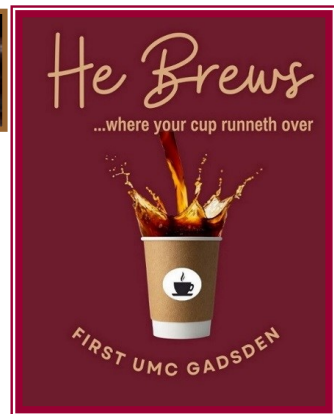
## ROBBIE'S OF FAYETTE TRUNK SHOW

Tues. November 15th 10:00am-3:00pm  
In the Gathering Room @ FUMC Gadsden

*Come and shop with us just in time for Christmas!*  
*A portion of your purchase benefits the GFUMC Children's Ministry!*

## Inviting Ministries

**Please join us for HeBrews Coffee Café  
Between the Sunday morning worship  
services, from 10 am to 11 am.  
We can't wait to see you there!!!**



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FUMC  
Brunch  
Club

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

**Sunday, December 11 at The Rail  
All Young Adults and Families Welcome!**



### 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 November 13–19, 2022

### Nov 13, Sunday

9:00 am Celebration Service, Sanctuary  
10:00 am Sunday School; HeBrews Coffee Ministry  
11:00 am Traditional Service, Sanctuary

### Nov 14, Monday

9:00 am-1:00 pm ELC Fall Schedule  
9:00 am-10:00 am Exercise Group, Gym  
10:30 am UMW Board meeting, Room 208  
12:00 pm UMW Luncheon, Gathering Room



### Nov 15, Tuesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm ELC Fall Schedule  
9:00-11:00 am Clothes Closet workday  
10:00 am-3:00 pm Robbie's of Fayette Trunk Show

### Nov 16, Wednesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm ELC Fall Schedule  
9:00-11:00 am Clothes Closet open  
11:00am Bible Study Room 208 (Facebook Live @ 6pm)  
5:15 pm Wednesday Night meal, Gathering Room  
6:00 pm Adult Bible Study, Room 208 and 110  
6:00 pm Children activities, Room 108  
6:00 pm Youth activities, Gym & Room 211  
6:00 pm Choir Practice, Choir Room

### Nov 17, Thursday

9:00 am-1:00 pm ELC Fall Schedule  
9:00 am-10:00 am Exercise Group, Gym  
5:30 pm Thursday Worship, Sanctuary

Nov 18 Friday 11:00 am-12:00 pm Ladle of Love

### Honorariums and Memorials

#### General Budget Fund

In memory of Alex Holtsford, given by Mr. & Mrs. Dick McCoy.  
In memory of Alex Holtsford, given by Mr. & Mrs. James Henderson.  
In memory of Alex Holtsford, given by Mr. & Mrs. Barbara Condra.  
In memory of Alex Holtsford, given by Novus Sunday School Class.  
In memory of Alex Holtsford, given by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Frazier.  
In memory of Alex Holtsford, given by Jim & Teresa Bigbie.  
In memory of Alex Holtsford, given by Billy & Leura Canary.  
In memory of Alex Holtsford, given by Baptist Health Business, The Office Group.

In memory of Alex Holtsford, given by Gloria Rives.  
In memory of Alex Holtsford, given by Diana Rampey.  
In memory of Dick Phillips, given by Ruth Chandler.  
In memory of Paula Beck, given by Ruth Chandler.  
In memory of Alex Holtsford, given by Ruth Chandler.  
In memory of Alex Holtsford, given by Marcia Hudson.

#### Ladle of Love Fund

In memory of Stan Walker, given by Pat Walker.  
In memory of Judy Dressman, given by Jane Mann.

### Birthdays

**Nov 13** Wesley Shumate  
**Nov 14** Juanita Hammons  
**Nov 15** Shelby Smith,  
Catherine Harrison  
**Nov 17** Zane Lindsey, Will Roach,  
Liz Barnes  
**Nov 19** Connie McEwen,  
Rev. Sam Hayes, Adam Walton,  
Malone Johnson

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



### Week of November 6, 2022

In Person Total \*234 Online 352  
Worship Total 420 Thursday Worship \*6  
Celebration Service \*60/166  
Traditional Worship \*108/186  
Adult Sunday School \*38 Children \*2  
Bible Study Groups \*18/27  
Children \*20 Youth \*9 Nursery \*8  
Total Small Group Attendance \*92/27  
\*In Person

General Offering Budget \$13,175.00  
General Offering Received \$19,870.00  
YTD General Offering Budget \$592,875.00  
YTD General Offering Rec'd \$581,569.00

**Text to Give: 256.344.8464**



### Immediate Prayer Concerns

Lisa Dobbins  
Chris Gunnels  
(Gail McNair's nephew)  
Pat Martin  
Jackie Herlong

### Continued Prayer Concerns

Jerry Casey  
June Longshore  
John Jones (Dottie Roger's son)