

# GOD HELP THE OUTCASTS PASTOR SAM HAYES

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

## 11-14-21 Sermon Notes "God Help the Outcasts"

Merriam-Webster dictionary defines an *outcast* as "one that is cast out or refused acceptance (by society)." And there were all sorts of reasons why society treated someone as an outcast in Jesus' day. (1) Physical uncleanness. Let's say a person had an awful disease like leprosy. According to the Jewish law (as found in Leviticus 13: 45-46), "Any person with a serious skin disease must wear torn clothes, leave his hair loose and unbrushed, cover his upper lip, and cry out, 'Unclean! Unclean!' As long as anyone has the sores, that one continues to be ritually unclean. That person must live alone; he or she must live outside the camp." Such a person was quite literally "cast out" of their home. No one would dare touch them, or else they would be considered unclean themselves...not to mention possibly contract the disease!

(2) Occupational uncleanness. Let's say a person had a job that put them on everybody's "hate" list...like, say, a tax collector. Why did Jews in Jesus' day hate tax collectors so much? Because they saw them as traitors to their own people for collaborating with the Romans, and because many of the tax collectors were dishonest and abused their position for personal gain.

We know how society treated the outcasts. How did Jesus treat them?

*<sup>12</sup> Once, when he was in one of the cities, there was a man covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he bowed with his face to the ground and begged him, "Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean." <sup>13</sup> Then Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said, "I do choose. Be made clean." Immediately the leprosy left him.*

*<sup>27</sup> After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." <sup>28</sup> And he got up, left everything, and followed him.*

*<sup>29</sup> Then Levi gave a great banquet for him in his house; and there was a large crowd of tax collectors and others sitting at the table with them. <sup>30</sup> The Pharisees and their scribes were complaining to his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>31</sup> Jesus answered, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; <sup>32</sup> I have come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance." (Luke 5: 12-13, 27-32 NRSV)*

Join us this Sunday as we continue our "Showvember" theme with "God Help The Outcasts." All are welcome...even "outcasts!"

See you Sunday,  
Pastor Sam



**We will be  
honoring Veterans  
in both services  
Sunday  
November 14**

## Worship Opportunities

- **Mosaic:** 6:00 pm, **Thursday**,  
(In person @ Back Forty Beer Company)
- **Thursday Worship:**  
5:30 pm, Sanctuary

## Sunday Worship

**Celebration Service 9:00 am**  
(In person in the Sanctuary  
and online)

**Traditions Service 11:00 am**  
(In person in the 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.)

### November 14

**Celebration** Eric Wright, Bill Haller,  
Zach Hillburn

**Traditions** Mark Condra,  
Sheila Freeman

### November 21

**Celebration** Will Brookshire,  
Brad Barnes, Liz Barnes

**Traditions** Davis Varner, Tammy Hayes

# The Amazing Chemistry Show

Sunday, November 14 @6:00 in the gym  
Food truck dinner @5:00 in the portico •

The Amazing Chemistry show is a production filled with fire, explosions and foam, all set to music. With audience involvement, laughter and fun, the message of Jesus Christ is clearly communicated using powerful illustrations!  
**Fun for all ages!**



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

## SHOWVEMBER

Sunday, November 7

"Could We Start Again, Please?"

Music from the Broadway Show, "Jesus Christ, Superstar"

Sunday, November 14

"God Help the Outcasts"

Music from the Broadway Show,  
"The Hunchback of Notre Dame"

Sunday, November 21

"All Good Gifts"

Music from the Broadway Show, "Godspell"

## SERMON SERIES

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Any questions about offerings, gifts or financial issues for the church should be directed to Sheila Witherspoon, Financial Secretary. **You can reach Sheila Witherspoon or Pam Deru in the church office at 256-543-8200 or email to [giving@fumcgadsden.org](mailto:giving@fumcgadsden.org).**

### 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
- Offering Plates are located at the entrances the sanctuary.



## Youth Ministry News

**Wednesday Nights Youth Group**  
**6:00 pm Room 211/Gym**

**CommUnity Thanksgiving** Dinner is November 25th at the Venue. On November 24th @ 11am the youth and youth parents are invited to come help set up and prepare for the next day. *Please volunteer for this mission!*

**Huntsville Hockey** - Friday, November 26th, the day after Thanksgiving, meet at the church at 4pm. RSVP with Andy.

**Confirmation Class information will be coming soon!**

## ELC News

We enjoyed our visit from **OPAC** and their show **"Mouse on the Move"**.

Thank you to Molly Page and friends for coming to perform for us and let us take part in the show. Our next Lunchbox Revolt is Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> and we will have Burger King (Cost is 4.50). Scholastic Book Orders are due Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Also on Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, we will have Team Spirit Day.

Christmas Pajama Day will be Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and our annual Christmas Program will be Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

—Helene Haller

**Dinner: Chicken Fingers, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans**

**\$7 per person \$3 for Ages 11 and under**

**Please text your reservation to 256.490.5018 by noon on Mondays.**

## Children's Ministry

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**Food Truck Dinner @ 5:00 pm in the Portico**

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**November 14 @ 6:00**

### Christmas Play Practice

**Wednesday's 6:45-7:00:**

- October 6, 13, 20, and 27
- November 3, 10, and 17
- December 1 and 8

### Dress Rehearsal

**Sunday, December 12 at 3:00**  
**Performance at 5:00**



### "Celebrate Wonder"

**Children's Church**

**In-Person, Sundays 9 am and 11 am**  
**during Worship**

**Children's Worship Room (Room 108)**





Life is a journey. The most important part of the journey is our relationship with God and with others. A Journey Group is a small gathering of individuals who help you grow in your loving relationship with both. We invite all people into a relationship with God and seek to create an outwardly focused community of Christ-followers. Journey Groups are a great way to stay connected to God and with your church family.

## Wednesday Night Supper

November 17 Menu:  
Chicken Fingers, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans

Make a reservation by noon on Monday for each Wednesday nights' fellowship meal by text: 256.490.5018.  
\$7 Per Person.  
Children 11 and Under \$3.

## No In-Person Bible Study this Wednesday ,November 10. "The Gospel of Luke" w/Pastor Sam

**In-person**  
**Pastor Sam**  
**Wednesday**  
**Mornings @ 11 am**  
**Gathering Room**



**Online**  
**Pastor Sam**  
**Wednesdays @ 6 pm,**  
**online, FACEBOOK Live**  
(Also, available on-demand on the GFUMC website or church app under the media tab.)

## Thursdays, Men at the Well, 7:00 am via Zoom– A Study of Genesis

You are invited to join the weekly ZOOM bible study with the Men at the Well small group. Everyone is invited to join this discussion group. It meets each Thursday morning at 7 am. Tammy Jackson is leading the current study of Genesis 1-11, pre-history and what it means to us.

Go to [www.fumcgadsden.org/menatthewell](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/menatthewell) for more details.

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

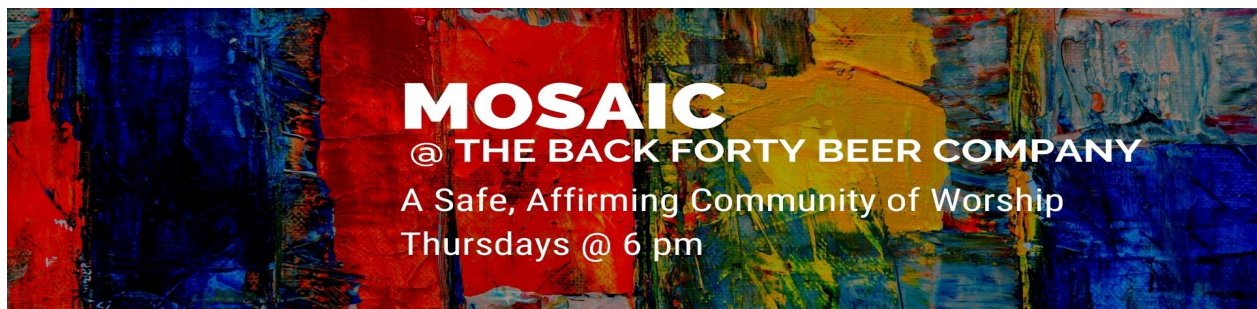
## Sunday School Classes

Living Water Sunday School Class, "Simon Peter: Flawed But Faithful Disciple" by Adam Hamilton, Chapel (118)  
Martin Fellowship Class, "International Sunday School Lessons", Room 116.

Pathfinders Class, "Incarnation-Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas" by Adam Hamilton, Room 208

Seekers, Discovery and The Middle Sunday School Classes are currently not meeting.

*Members are welcome to meet with another group until their class returns.*



## Missions for November

**Thanksgiving Bags**.....are ready at the Chestnut Street Lobby to pick up and fill with food for the Salvation Army to distribute to families. Attached to the bag is a list of suggested items to help someone make a nice meal for their family. These will need to be returned to the church by Friday, November 19, in order to get them to the Salvation Army to be distributed to families.

*Thank you! Mission Team*



CommUnity  
Thanksgiving  
Dinner

It is that time of year when we begin preparing for the **CommUnity Thanksgiving** event. It WILL go on this year with some changes due to Covid 19 guidelines. As in the past, our church will provide the money to purchase the desserts for the meal. They are planning on feeding 7,000 people this year. We are going to have individually wrapped Cakes (Little Debbie) instead of the usual pound cakes. If you would like to make a donation, please send a check or e-give and mark it for CommUnity Thanksgiving. Thanks for your unending generosity.

There are many Volunteer Opportunities for Thanksgiving week for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. To sign up for a time convenient for you please call: 256-459-5255 or log-in to Facebook: CommUnity-Thanksgiving-Celebration. —Your Mission Team

## Serving As Disciples through Missions

Thank you to Jack's on Rainbow Drive for providing (a portion free and others at a great discount). 175 Breakfast Biscuits for Riverview Hospital workers and 130 for Gadsden Regional workers! Please go by to eat and thank them for helping us show "our love" to the healthcare workers. A big "thank you" to mission team member, Nan MacFadyen, for setting up and delivering this expression of love from all of us at GFUMC! *Your Mission Team*

**Don't forget our ongoing missions at Striplin Elementary School!**

## 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

## 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)

[#gfumcreconnect2021](https://www.instagram.com/gfumcreconnect2021)



**UMW Luncheon** will be Monday, December 6 at 12:00 (noon) in the gathering room. The ELC children will be singing as our special guests. We will serve a catered lunch. Please call in your reservation by noon on Friday, December 3, to Delores Abney at 256-458-0376 or email to [deloresdda53@gmail.com](mailto:deloresdda53@gmail.com).

We will have our poinsettias that are purchased each year available after the meeting for volunteers to take to our homebound members.

**The UMW program for November was MAXimizing Mental Health.** Kelly & David Cochran presented a program on the journey they had with their son and his mental illness.

This is a non-profit foundation that was formed in his honor to bring awareness to Mental Health issues.

The goals are to offer free counseling and make a positive difference in someone's life. See Facebook page or Instagram for more information.



**Instagram:** [maximizingmentalhealthinc](https://www.instagram.com/maximizingmentalhealthinc)

**Facebook:** [MAXimizing Mental Health](https://www.facebook.com/MAXimizingMentalHealth)

## UMW NEWS

## Calendar for November 14-November 20, 2021

### Nov 14, Sunday

9:00 am, **Celebration Service, in Sanctuary & live stream**  
 10:00 am, Adult Sunday School Classes  
 11:00 am, **Traditions Service, in Sanctuary & live stream**  
 6:00 pm, **Amazing Chemistry Show, Gym**

### Nov 15, Monday

9:00am-1:00pm, ELC Fall Schedule  
 9:00 am-10:00 am, **Exercise Group, Gym**  
 6:00 pm, **Choir Practice, Choir Room**

### Nov 16, Tuesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Fall Schedule  
 9:00 am-11:00 am, **Clothes Closet workday**  
 5:00-6:00 pm, **Yoga, Gym**

### Nov 17, Wednesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Fall Schedule  
 9:00 am-11:00 am, **Clothes Closet open**  
 11:00 am, **Bible Study, Pastor Sam, Room 208**  
 5:15 pm, **Wednesday night meal, Gathering Room**  
 6:00 pm, **Bible Study, Pastor Sam, Room 208**  
 6:00 pm, **Children's activities, Room 108**  
 6:00 pm, **Youth activities, Room 211 & Gym**

### Nov 18, Thursday

7:00 am, **Men at the Well Journey Group, Zoom**  
 9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Fall Schedule  
 9:00 am-10:00 am, **Exercise Group, Gym**  
 5:30 pm, **Thursday Worship, Sanctuary**  
 6:00 pm, **Mosaic, @ Back Forty Warehouse**

### Nov 19, Friday

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

*The Flowers in the sanctuary  
 today are given by  
 Harriet & Keith Murray in honor of the  
 marriage of their daughter  
 Hannah Murray to Blake Badgett  
 November 13, 2021*

### Immediate Prayer Concerns

*Prayers for all our members, their loved ones,  
 and friends in our community who are dealing  
 with difficult health issues.*

### Continued Prayer Concerns

Lisa Dobbins Stan Walker Carma Rayburn  
 Martha Bullock Jan Humphrey  
 Ann Elizabeth Casey  
 (great-granddaughter of Dotty Ivey)  
 Mikey Tonagel  
 (Collins & Belinda Tackaberry's son-in-law)



### Honorariums and Memorials

#### General Budget Fund:

In memory of Tomilyn Isbell, given by Dr. James Isbell & Family.  
 In memory of Tomilyn Isbell, given by C.W. Jermyn.  
 In memory of Tomilyn Isbell, given by Marian Ford.  
 In memory of Bill Campbell, given by Marian Ford.  
 In memory of Tomilyn Isbell, given by Scott & Ingrid Easter.  
 In memory of Tomilyn Isbell, given by Carol Vasher & James Boyle.  
 In memory of Tomilyn Isbell, given by Edward & Katherine Loeb.  
 In memory of Tomilyn Isbell, given by Ronald & Polly Schambeau.  
 In memory of Tomilyn Isbell, given by Charles & Joyce Lee.  
 In memory of Tomilyn Isbell, given by James & Katherine Feeny.  
 In memory of Tomilyn Isbell, given by Thomas & Catherine Hughes.  
 In memory of Tomilyn Isbell, given by Laura & Don Bobski.  
 In memory of Tomilyn Isbell, given by Sandra Sabo.  
 In memory of Tomilyn Isbell, given by Carla Vinson.

**Building Fund** In memory of Tomilyn Isbell, given by Jeffrey Rowell.

#### Ladle of Love:

In memory of Bill Campbell, given by James & Suzanne McRae.

#### UMCOR:

In memory of Tomilyn Isbell, given by Dotty Ivey.

### November Birthdays.....

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



### Prayer Concerns

Are for our members and  
 their families. Please notify  
 the pastors or church office  
 with any updates on  
 Prayer Concerns...

**Information for the weekly  
 announcement sheet is due  
 each Wednesday by noon.**  
**Events for the church calendar  
 are needed one month prior to  
 the event.**

### Week of November 7, 2021

\*In Person Total \*250 Overall Total 575  
 Online Viewer Total 325 Mosaic \*8  
 Thursday \*9 Adult Sunday School \*23  
 Celebration \*63/143 Traditions \*90/157  
 Children \*22 Youth \*26  
 Bible Study Groups \*9/25  
 General Offering Budget \$15,200.00  
 General Offering Received \$16,009.00  
 YTD General Offering Budget \$684,000.00  
 YTD General Offering Rec'd \$592,472.00

**Text to Give: 256.344.8464**