

# ALL GOOD GIFTS

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

## 11-21-21 Sermon Notes "All Good Gifts"

Psalm 100

All Lands Summoned to Praise God

A Psalm of thanksgiving.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;

come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

Can you believe that it is almost Thanksgiving? This is that time of year when we recognize those things that we are thankful for. On Sunday we will sing songs and hymns of praise. We will also hear and see a dance of "All Good Gifts" from the Broadway Show, Godspell. Did you ever see the show or the movie from 1973? I loved seeing this show a couple of times. The parables from the book of Matthew are presented in a fun and exciting way. Some people ended up being offended that Jesus and the disciples are seen as hippies and even have some clown make up on. From everything I can find about the show, it always says that it was done so Jesus would be seen with a joyful spirit. In the song, All Good Gifts, we hear and see this group of people with joyful spirits singing praise to God.

It's been a tough couple of years, but may we remember we have a lot to be thankful for. With joyful spirits may we enter worship this Sunday. May we make a joyful noise and be thankful to be the sheep of his pasture. May we follow to the places that the shepherd leads us. Join us this Sunday as we dig deeper into Psalm 100 and some great parallels, we see in Godspell.

"All Good Gifts" from Godspell

*We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land. But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand. He sends us snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain...The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain...All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above So thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love...We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good, The seedtime and the harvest, our life our health our food, No gifts have we to offer for all thy love imparts But that which thou desirest, our humble thankful hearts! All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above.. So thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love.. I really wanna thank you Lord!*

See you Sunday,

Pastor Andy Yarnell

## 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 21**

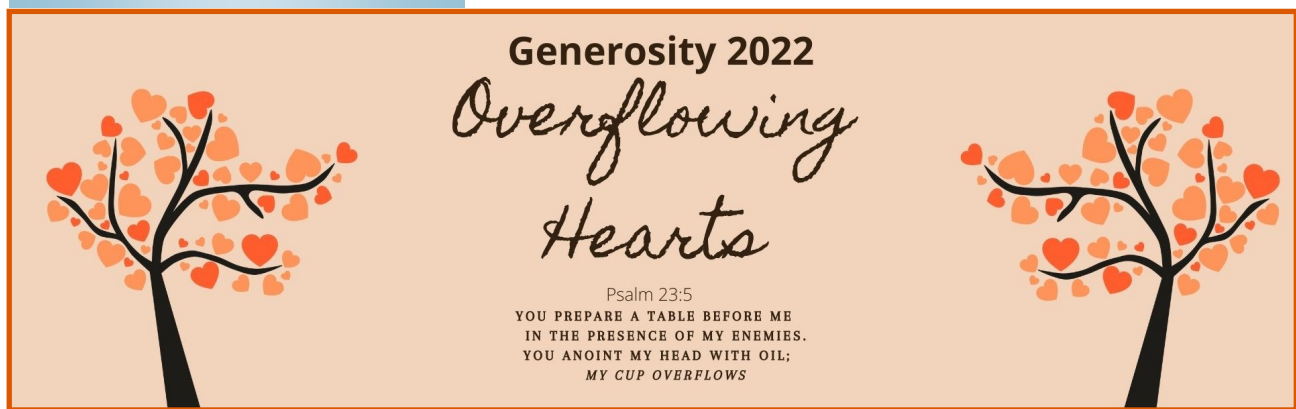
**Celebration** Will Brookshire,  
Brad Barnes, Sheila Freeman

**Traditions** Davis Varner, Tammy Hayes

**November 28**

**Celebration** Mark Condra,  
Carmen McKiven, Jacob McKiven

**Traditions** Tammy Hayes,  
Sheila Freeman



One of the beautiful images from Psalm 23 is found at the end of verse 5. David writes, “my cup overflows.” This comes after David remembers how the Lord has been his shepherd – provided his every need, restored his soul, comforted him, anointed his head with oil... No wonder David’s cup overflowed with thankfulness!

Grateful hearts overflowing are found again and again in the New Testament. In his letter to the Colossians, the Apostle Paul tells them, “In our prayers for you we always thank God...” Paul encourages them to continue to live their lives in Christ Jesus, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith...*overflowing with thankfulness*.

It reminds me of an old song, written by Michael Combs.... “Drinking From the Saucer”

I've never made a fortune  
It's probably too late now  
Oh but I don't worry about that much  
'Cause I'm happy anyhow  
As I go along life's journey  
I'm reaping better than I sow  
I'm drinking from my saucer  
*'Cause my cup has overflowed*

This is what I felt when we celebrated our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year on September 26 – like I was drinking from my saucer! We asked for members to give reasons why Gadsden FUMC was special to them. Your hearts overflowed about your church! I can’t share them all with you, but here are a few snippets:

“Every significant event of my life has involved the church and reminds me of my life...”

“When I lost my son, I was comforted by my church family...”

“GFUMC has been my church home for my entire adult life. It molded my children, who are both very active in their own church in other cities now...”

“When I moved to Gadsden, GFUMC felt like home. Surely the Lord is in this place!”

“My family is deeply rooted in FUMC Gadsden as we are now 5 generations as members...what a cherished blessing FUMC is for us!”

“The spiritual growth, love and friendships I have experienced at GFUMC during my lifetime mean the world to me. This is a special place.”

“Gadsden FUMC is a place of solitude and tranquility in a chaotic world.”

“Gadsden FUMC is an affirming faith community.”

My own heart overflows with gratitude at how this church continues to grow disciples, grow community, and how it continues to reach out locally and abroad in mission and ministry. I love how Gadsden FUMC continues to provide vibrant worship experiences both in person and online. I’m just so very thankful!

If your heart is also thankful, would you please prayerfully consider expressing your overflowing gratitude by giving your *service*, and by *praying* for your church, and by *supporting* its ministries financially in 2022? A card is enclosed for you to estimate your giving for 2022 and for you to say how you’d like to serve. This helps our church plan for the coming year! We will collect these cards throughout November, and announce our total received on the first Sunday of December. Let’s make it a celebration of our overflowing hearts!

Your fellow “saucer sippers,”

*Pastor Sam*

Pastor Sam Hayes

*Jay*

Jay Hedgspeth, Generosity Chairman



## 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

- ◇ This week we enjoyed Burger King for Lunchbox Revolt and our we also had our annual Team Spirit Day.
- ◇ We hope everyone will enjoy their Thanksgiving Break and look forward to our return to normal schedule on Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.
- ◇ Our 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

No Wednesday Night Supper on November 24. Enjoy the Thanksgiving Holidays with your family! We will see you on December 1.  
 \$7 per person \$3 for Ages 11 and under

## Children's Ministry



**"Celebrate Wonder"**  
**Children's Church**  
**In-Person, Sundays**  
**9 am and 11 am during Worship**  
**Children's Worship Room (Room 108)**





## The Heart that Grew Three Sizes starts Wednesday, December 1

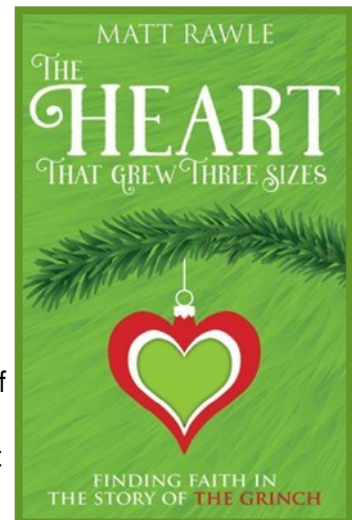


Rediscover the gift of Advent that comes without packages, ribbons, and bows.

We don't know why the Grinch hated Christmas. We just know he did. In this new Advent study, Matt Rawle explores the faith themes in the Christmas classic, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* including, how did the Grinch's heart grow three sizes come Christmas morning? How did Christmas save

the Grinch? Could it be that the very thing we think we hate is the one thing that changes our lives? This Advent and Christmas season, look at a familiar classic through the lens of faith and see how Christ speaks to us through our culture.

Join Pastor Sam on Wednesday mornings at 11 am in person or on Wednesday Nights at 6 pm, beginning Wednesday, December 1, in the Gathering Room.



**No In-Person Bible Study this Wednesday, November 24**  
**Happy Thanksgiving**

## 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.

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

- 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



Thank you to everyone who shopped for a family and filled a bag with groceries to be distributed by the Salvation Army. Your time and effort are greatly appreciated! Also a Big Thank you goes out to all who gave so generously to purchase the cakes for the CommUnity Thanksgiving Celebration. This kindness shown by our congregation shines Christ Love to all who receive it!

*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*

## Striplin Elementary School

The A/B Honor Roll Bags were given to students recently and the \$50.00 Visa cards for the "Teacher's of the Month" will be given out soon. It takes \$600.00 to fulfill our commitment to all of the Teachers' cards. PLEASE give to support our adopted school so we can help make a difference in the lives of our children.

Thank you for your continued generosity, *Your Mission Team*

## UMW NEWS

### December Calendar 2021

**UMW Luncheon** will be **Monday, December 6 at 12:00 (noon)** in the gathering room. We will have a delicious meal of a Greek Chicken salad from Little Bridge Marina along with tea, lemonade, water and a chocolate chip cookie.

**The Early Learning Center (ELC) children** will be our very special program.

We will also have the annual poinsettias to distribute to our at home members. Remember to make your reservations with your circle leaders or contact Delores Abney at 256-458-0376 or email to deloresdda53@gmail.com by noon on Friday, December 3.

**The Executive Board will meet at 10:30 am in Room 208.** Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. This will be the last board meeting of 2021. We have several items on our agenda. Come and greet our new UMW Executive Board Members.

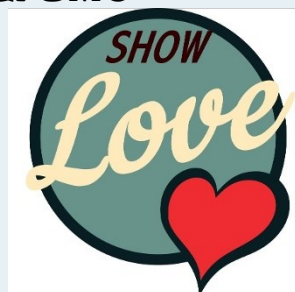
President, Barbara Bennett Vice President, Delores Abney Treasurer, Jamie Payton  
Secretary, Dotty Ivey Parliamentarian, Eileen Graham Historian, Susan Copeland  
Secretary of Howell Erwin Fund, Debbie Hiltz

Secretary of Program Resources, Debbie Leach.

A big thank you to the Nominating Committee for contacting all our new executive members. Thank you to UMW ladies for approval at the November meeting.



## 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

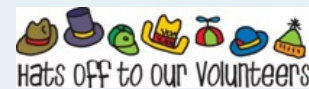
## Ladle of Love

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

Clients served in  
October

Ladle of Love 403

Clothes Closet 210



*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)

### Church Phone

**256-543-8200**

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

**#gfumcreconnect2021**

## Calendar for November 21-November 27, 2021

### Nov 21, 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**

### Nov 22, Monday

ELC Closed

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

6:00 pm, Choir Practice, Choir Room

### Nov 23, Tuesday

ELC Closed

5:00-6:00 pm, Yoga, Gym

### Nov 24, Wednesday

ELC Closed

12:00 Noon, Church Office Closed

### Nov 25, Thursday

ELC Closed

Church Office closed

No Thursday Worship

No Mosaic Worship

### Nov 26, Friday

Church Office closed

No Ladle of Love

*The Flowers in the sanctuary today are in memory of James B. Condra in celebration of his 84th Birthday on Thursday, November 19th. They are given by his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.*

Celebration of Life honoring  
**Jack Floyd**  
(October 9, 1928-August 24, 2021)  
Friday November 19, 2021  
From 5 to 7 pm  
The Venue at Coosa Landing  
Room #2

### Immediate Prayer Concerns

Ken Davis Jan Humphrey Jerry McGinnis

### Continued Prayer Concerns

Lisa Dobbins Stan Walker Carma Rayburn  
Martha Bullock  
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 John & Constance Brechin.

In memory of Tomilyn Isbell, given by Ruth Chandler.

In memory of Charles Huguley, given by David & Rose Schmuck.

In memory of Tomilyn Isbell, given by Doug & Becky Malone Morgan.

In memory of Jack Floyd, given by Joyce Singleton.

#### Howell Erwin Fund:

In memory of Wanda Hemby, given by Dorothy Moran.

#### Caring Angels:

In memory of Wanda Hemby, given by Karen Willingham.

In memory of Wanda Hemby, given by Tanna & Bobby Phillips family, Ricky & Amy Wilson family, and Ben Old.

### November Birthdays.....

**Nov 21** Charles Cantrell, Tommy Lowe, Jamie Kelley

**Nov 22** Bill Cornett

**Nov 23** Jane Norris, Lisa Thornburg

**Nov 24** Lori Varner, Dele Cannon

**Nov 25** Sandy Self

**Nov 26** Butch Herb, Inga Livingston

**Nov 27** Jane Jones



### **ATTENTION**

**The church office will be closed Nov. 24th at noon and all day Nov 25th & Nov. 26th.**

**Any information for the weekly announcement sheet will be due on Monday, Nov. 22 by noon.**

### **Week of November 14, 2021**

\*In Person Total \*275 Overall Total 555  
Online Viewer Total 280 Mosaic \*0  
Thursday \*9 Adult Sunday School \*32  
Celebration \*37/128 Traditions \*62/149  
Children \*10 Youth \*18 UMW \*22  
Bible Study Groups \*0/3 Other \*85  
General Offering Budget \$15,200.00  
General Offering Received \$5,222.00  
YTD General Offering Budget \$699,200.00  
YTD General Offering Rec'd \$597,694.00

**Text to Give: 256.344.8464**