

115 So. 5th Street
Gadsden, AL 35901

October 18, 2020

Gadsden First UMC

Changing Lives by Sharing Christ, Making Disciples, Serving and Giving Hope
#GFUMCConnect2020

10-18-20

Sermon Notes

"Suffering and Friends"

Job 2:11-13

Job's three friends come to comfort him

11 When Job's three friends heard about all this disaster that had happened to him, they came, each one from his home—Eliphaz from Teman, Bildad from Shuah, and Zophar from Naamah. They agreed to come so they could console and comfort him.

12 When they looked up from a distance and didn't recognize him, they wept loudly. Each one tore his garment and scattered dust above his head toward the sky.

13 They sat with Job on the ground seven days and seven nights, not speaking a word to him, for they saw that he was in excruciating pain.

Job 16:2

2 "I have heard many things like these; you are miserable comforters, all of you!"

Job 42: 7-9

7 After the LORD had spoken these words to Job, he said to Eliphaz from Teman, "I'm angry at you and your two friends because you haven't spoken about me correctly as did my servant Job."

We see Job's friends coming and bringing comfort to their friend in Job 2:11-13. They are present and remain silent, just being quiet and still with a friend who is grieving. The friends go downhill for the rest of the book of Job. They take turns giving speeches about how Job must have committed terrible sins for all of this to happen to him. They talk about God as one who is just out to harm people each time they make a mistake. Job has lost his children, his servants, his cattle, crops, and now he has sores from head to toe. His friends now tell him how terrible he must have sinned and how God is punishing him. The friends have bad theology and lack of compassion. What kind of comfort do we bring for friends? Let's talk about these passages this Sunday. I'm reminded of how Jesus sees Mary and Martha after the death of Lazarus. Jesus cries with them. Jesus brings comfort to those who mourn. Let's strive to bring comfort to those who are grieving, instead of judgement and bad theology like Job's friends.

See you Thursday or Sunday,

Pastor Andy



Worship Opportunities

- **Mosaic:** 6:30 pm, Tuesday, Church Courtyard*
- **Thursday Worship:** 5:30 pm, Thursday, Sanctuary*
- **Sunday Celebration** Worship, 9:00 am, Sanctuary* (In person & online)
- **Sunday Traditions** Worship, 11:00 am, Sanctuary* (In person & online)

***All services in person require social distancing & masks.**

Generosity

- **Give online:** www.fumcgadsden.org/give
- **Text to Give:** 256-344-8464
- **Mail your tithe or gift to the church:** 115 S. 5th Street Gadsden, AL 35901

COME HELP OUT AT THE TRUNK OR TREAT!

If your family is interested in hosting a car trunk or table to pass out candy at our Trunk or Treat event on October 25, please call or text Katharine at 256-393-3051. We are also accepting bags of individually wrapped candy!



Clothes Closet

Workday

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Open

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

9:00 am to 11:00 am

516 Broad Street

Gadsden, AL

Ladle of Love

Fridays, 11:00 am to

12:00 pm

MANNA

Monetary Donations

Monthly Sponsors

Volunteers for delivery

Church Phone

256-543-8200

Website

www.fumcgadsden.org

Email

fumc@fumcgadsden.org

Instagram

[First_umcgadsden](https://www.instagram.com/first_umcgadsden)

[#gfumcconnect2020](https://www.instagram.com/gfumcconnect2020)



MISSIONS: Supporting MANNA

The month of October has been designated to learn more about and to support the much needed organization of MANNA. Since COVID 19 hit in mid March, MANNA has not stopped. Even with fewer volunteers, 13,333 meals were delivered between March 26th and September 30th.

Due to CDC guidelines, sack lunches are being delivered. The cost of each meal is \$4.25. Clients pay based on their income. During this time they were unable to have fundraisers. They also lost donations from churches and other sources due to the pandemic. Let's take the rest of October to make a donation through our church to this very much needed organization. Volunteers are needed! If you are willing to deliver meals and would like to volunteer, please call Laura Johnson, Director, at 256-393-9090. Thanks for your continued generosity.

The Mission Team

We are here for you!

We are still taking precautions so the church office is still closed to the public. We ask that all business be conducted by email, phone or text whenever possible. In-person visits are by appointment only. You may call for an appointment or if you or someone you know has a need that we can help with, please call us or email us between 8:00 am --4:00 pm, Monday thru Friday. If no answer, please leave a message and a staff member will return your call as soon as possible.

A MASK is required If you are coming to the office for an appointment or attending any service or activity at the church. If you do not have one, we have masks available for you. *Stay Well. Stay Safe*

Your Church Staff!



follow GFUMC on Instagram:

[first_umcgadsden](https://www.instagram.com/first_umcgadsden)

Use our hashtag to Tag and Share your pictures of church activities:

[#gfumcconnect2020](https://www.instagram.com/gfumcconnect2020)

ELC News

Wednesday, October 21st
some local fire safety experts will be here to visit with 4K.

Tuesday, October 27th
The Dog House will be here for our monthly lunchbox revolt.

Thursday, October 29th
ELC will host its annual Halloween Parade (through halls and church office)

Helene Haller

Youth News

October 17th at 5:30 pm
Trip to Haunted Chicken House

October 21st at 6:00 pm
"Fear Not" & Pumpkin Carving

The Youth ministry will continue to provide online devotionals for those who aren't able to make it on Wednesday night in person.

Virtual Sunday School
Sundays at 10:00 am

Former Youth- check out our college and career Instagram page to stay up to date with future social distancing gatherings.



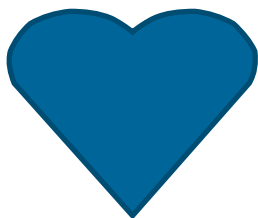
Join Andy on Facebook Live
or Instagram
Sunday & Wednesdays, 6pm

Children's Ministry News

Children's Sabbath

Sunday, October 11

Children will take part in the worship services as we celebrate with our Children.



First United Methodist Church of Gadsden invites you to our

**The Children's Ministry team is taking donations of individually wrapped candy!*



TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 25
2:00-4:00

The home of Mark and Allison Casey
108 Casey Drive
Glencoe, Alabama 35903

For any questions, call Katharine at 256-393-3051

Free hot dogs, drinks, treats, petting zoo, and bouncy house! Bring your family!

Children are meeting in the Green Space with Social Distancing on Wednesday nights at 6 pm. Parents are required to attend with their child/children. The nursery is open during this time.

See you on the Green!

Children's Break continues on Facebook on Sundays and Wednesdays!





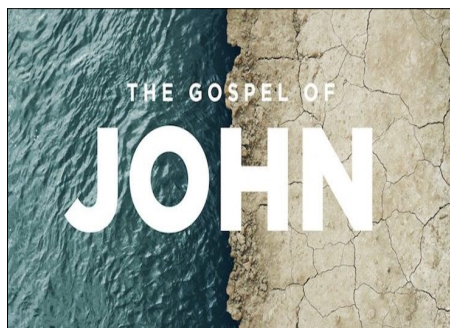
Sunday Morning w/Ken Casey and George Varner, 10:00 am, GoToMeeting

Thursday, Men at the Well, 7:00 am, Zoom, Mark Condra, Todd Rains, Bob Blount or Mark Casey

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. All Journey Groups are currently meeting virtually. #GFUMCConnect2020

Interested in leading or teaching a journey group? Contact one of the pastors or Sheila Freeman at 256-490-5018 or Sheila@fumcgadsden.org



Bible Study w/Pastor Sam

A Study of the Gospel of John

Join Pastor Sam online each Wednesday night at 6:00 pm for a study of the *Gospel of John*.

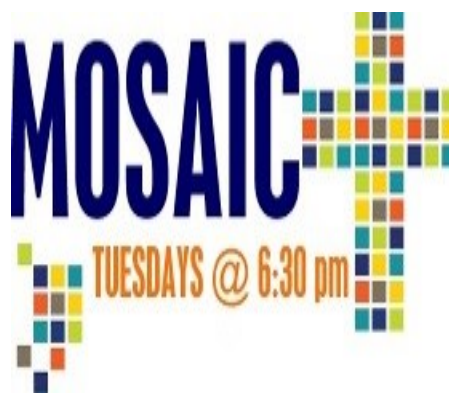
Facebook Live

Wednesdays @ 6 pm

(You can watch the weekly episodes "on-demand" via the church app or website. Each lesson is uploaded to the church app and website following the live broadcast.)

Join Pastor Andy for Mosaic

—A unique worship experience that includes a homily, discussion, and prayer. This service is open to everyone, but is particularly designed for those who have felt hurt or rejected. Come meet with us outside the church in the Courtyard facing 5th Street near the sanctuary on Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm! Social distancing is required. (In case of rain, Mosaic will meet in the gym.)





The UMW Luncheon on October 12 was fun for everyone. Our program was by Michelle Turk the owner of “**Fifteen 25**”. This ladies boutique is located at **408 Broad Street**. Check out the Facebook website: **Fifteen 25**.

The November luncheon will be November 9. Watch for details coming about the program.

Circle Meetings

Jean Holtsford-Second Monday-**October 12th**-meet following luncheon
Stevens Circle-Second Tuesday-**October 13th** at noon

LuVerna Waid Circle-Third Tuesday-**October 20th** at 6:00 pm

Dear friends, if God loved us this way, we also ought to love each other. 1 John 4:11

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Worship with GFUMC on Sunday mornings online Live:

9:00 am Celebration and 11:00 am Traditions

Where to connect:

Church Website: www.fumcgadsden.org/media

Facebook Live: @FUMCGadsden

Church YouTube Channel: Gadsden First UMC

Sermon.net:

First United Methodist Church of Gadsden (search ministries)

Watch on demand:

Church App: **FUMCGadsden**

Church Website: www.fumcgadsden.org/media



Ready to get started with Text to Give?

1. Text 256-344-8464
2. For your first time click “SIGN IN” then “REGISTER FOR AN ACCOUNT”.
3. Complete the registration to receive your secure PIN
4. Select the fund, enter the donation amount and payment information.
5. Tap “Save Payment” to use it for future gifts!

It's that easy!

Other text commands:

EDIT— Update your account and payment information

KEYWORD — See a list of Keywords (funds) you can give toward.

REFUND — Made a mistake? Refund your last gift. (15 min. expiry.)

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Calendar for week of October 18-October 24, 2020

Oct 18, Sunday

9:00 am, Celebration Worship; Sanctuary
 10:00 am, Sunday School, Ken Casey & George Varner, GoToMeeting
 10:00 am, Children's Bible Study, Facebook
 10:00 am, Youth Sunday School, Online
 11:00 am, Traditional Worship; Sanctuary
 6:00 pm, Youth; via Zoom or Instagram

Oct 19, Monday

9:00 am- 1:00 pm, ELC Fall Schedule
 9:00 am-10:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym

Oct 20, Tuesday

9:00 am- 1:00 pm, ELC Fall Schedule
 9:00 am-11:00 am, Clothes Closet workday
 6:30 pm, Mosaic, Courtyard

Oct 21, Wednesday

9:00 am- 1:00 pm, ELC Fall Schedule
 9:00 am-11:00 am, Clothes Closet open
 6:00 pm, Children's Ministry, Greenspace;
 Youth Ministry, Courtyard
 6:00 pm, Bible Study with Pastor Sam; Online

Oct 22, 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
 7:00 pm, College Group, via Zoom or Instagram

Oct 23, Friday, 11:00-12:00, Ladle of Love, Portico

Subscribe to the Weekly Church News

You can submit your email to the church office to receive the weekly announcements on Friday.

Immediate Prayer Concerns

Bessie Crow Dr. Chip Griffith
 Leda Taylor Judy Dressman
 Bob Sisson Leslie Johnson



Continued Prayer Concerns

Ronald Garry Trish Harrell
 John Hatfield Joanne Hightower
 Herman Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's father)

Pray for our fellow Americans and our nation!

Honorariums and Memorials

Benevolence Fund: In memory of Jim Bennett given by Bill and Helene Haller.

Howell Erwin Medical Fund: In memory of Dr. Larry Grimes, Dr. Adrian Chandler, Willene Griffith, and Hanky MacFadyen given by Bill and Debbie Leach

Ladle of Love Fund: In memory of Doug Martin given by Sonya Nesbitt.

In memory of Kathy Kulas given by Sonya Nesbitt and family.

Music Fund: In memory of Jim Bennett, DeLeath Rives, Mark Swann, and Doug Martin given by Bill and Debbie Leach.

The Adult Library

The following DVD's were donated to the Adult Library in memory of DeLeath Rives by Jack Pierce:

George Frideric Handel's "Messiah"; "Amazing Grace", (the stories, music and words of America's Most Beloved Hymns); "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" (Great Hymns of the Church).

The following DVD's were donated to the Adult Library in memory of Dr. Adrian Chandler by Jack Pierce.

"The Living Bible Collection" (the Greatest Stories Ever Told!); Billy Graham "An Extraordinary Journey"; The Billy Graham Crusades "A Gathering of Souls";

"My Hope America" with Billy Graham.

Birthdays.....

Oct 18 Bob Blount
 Oct 19 Rex Pruett, Brandi Martin
 Oct 20 Bubba Masters, Dane Hyatt, Reagan Mullin, Allison Haller
 Oct 21 Bess Estis, Mandell Tillman, Zackery Jones
 Oct 23 Jack Brookshire, Hadley Hedgspeth
 Oct 24 Sonya Nesbitt, Jennifer Brookshire, Samuel Dabbs, Anna Kate Casey, Charlie Hilburn, Josephine (JoJo) Leach



Week of October 11, 2020

Online Viewer Total 334
 *In Person Total *139 Total overall 473
 Celebration *51/119 Traditions *49/156
 Mosaic *10 Thursday *6
 Youth *11 Bible Study Groups 44
 Children *12/15
 General Offering Budget \$15,440.00
 General Offering Received \$9,667.00
 YTD General Offering Budget \$633,040.00
 YTD General Offering Received \$599,236.99

Benevolence Fund

The "Benevolence" offering fund is very low. This fund is from offering donations we receive during communion. Since our schedule for communion has changed we have experienced a decrease in these donations. If you would like to make a donation to this fund, please send this along with your regular offering. Thank you!