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First United Methodist Church of Gadsden

## What Are We So Afraid Of?

Pastor Andy Yarnell

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

10-30-22

Sermon Notes

"What Are We So Afraid Of?"

<sup>5</sup> When Jesus came to that spot, he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down at once. I must stay in your home today."<sup>6</sup> So Zacchaeus came down at once, happy to welcome Jesus. <sup>7</sup> Everyone who saw this grumbled, saying, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

I attended an extremely strict Christian School. Looking back, they always tried to keep us in a bubble from the outside world. What were they so afraid of? Halloween is a great example. They would tell us at school not to participate, do not trick or treat, dress up, etc. Of course, I did not listen to that advice. It's one of my favorite days of the year. You dress up, meet all your neighbors, and get candy. This was often the normal advice from the school: hang out on your free time with other kids from this school only, don't hang out with people who might have a different opinion or who might not attend church. It was a bubble to protect us, but I never understood it because it did not look like Jesus.

In the passage for this week, the religious folks are worried about who Jesus is going to have dinner with. Why would Jesus want to eat with a tax collector? Why would Jesus hang out with "sinners". Doesn't Jesus know we have made a nice, safe little bubble of who is and isn't welcome to join us in our faith journey? Do we ever want to exclude anyone from the good news of Jesus? How do we change that? How do we bust the doors wide open and boldly proclaim, "God's love is for everyone." We all know our church recently took a vote to remain or leave the denomination. It's a strange time filled with some fear and anxiety. Bob Goff has a quote that's perfect for us this week, "quit waiting for a plan, just go love everybody."

Pastor, Andy



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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

October 30:

Quinn Darden & Marit Norris

November 6:

Silas Hosey, Luke Barnes, & Brooks Bone

### Tech Team Schedule

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

**October 30**

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

**Traditions:** Mark Condra, Sheila Freeman

**November 6**

**Celebration:** Eric Wright, Bill Haller, Sheila Freeman

**Traditions:** Davis Varner, Brad Barnes

**November 2, 2022  
RSVP by Tuesday at noon.**

**Italian Night**

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



## Advent Small Groups Start Soon

*Prepare Ye The Way for the Lord* by Adam Hamilton,  
Wednesday @ 6 PM, Harriet Murray, 4 Sessions,  
November 9-December 7

*The Journey* by Adam Hamilton, Wednesday @ 6 pm,  
Mark Condra, 5 Sessions, November 9-December 14

*Prepare Ye The Way for the Lord* by Adam Hamilton,  
Wednesday Morning @ 11 am, Pastor Sam,  
4 Sessions, December 30-December 21

## Bible Study with Pastor Sam

**Wednesday Mornings**

**11 am In Person Bible Study**

**Gathering Room, 201 The Book of Acts**

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

**6:00 pm Small Groups  
Harriet Murray – Room 110**

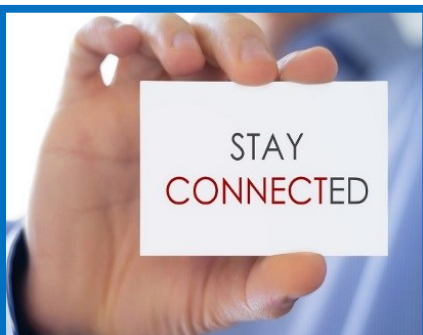
## Men at the Well Thursday Mornings 7:00 am

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**

## ELC News

Our 4K class enjoyed meeting Sparky, climbing on fire trucks and meeting the firemen at Fire Station #1, Wednesday, October 19th. Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> is Lunchbox Revolt. We will have Papa John's pizza and the cost is \$3.50. Our annual Halloween Parade is Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. We will start our trick or treating at 9:30 am. If you would like to help, please contact Helene at [elc@fumcgadsden.org](mailto:elc@fumcgadsden.org).

*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.

**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 2—Italian Night \$7 Per person, \$3 for Under 11 Max \$20 per Family**

# Children's Ministry



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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

# FALL 2022

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES  
6:00PM ROOM 108

AUG 17	WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES RESUME W/ ICE CREAM SOCIAL
OCT 19	FALL FESTIVAL AT GFUMC 
NOV 16	FRIENDSGIVING! 
DEC 4	 LUNCH WITH SANTA AT 12:00 
DEC 4	CHRISTMAS PLAY AT 3:00 
DEC 14	 UGLY SWEATER PARTY 

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## 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

### CLOTHES CLOSET

The season is changing, so we are ready for you to send us your fall and winter clothing. The racks are looking empty in all areas, but especially in the Men's Department!

Let's clean out our closets and get our clothes closet stocked again! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



### UMW News

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

### 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.

—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

#### October dates are:

10/5 and 10/19

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 September 2022

Ladle of Love 390

Clothes Closet 229

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


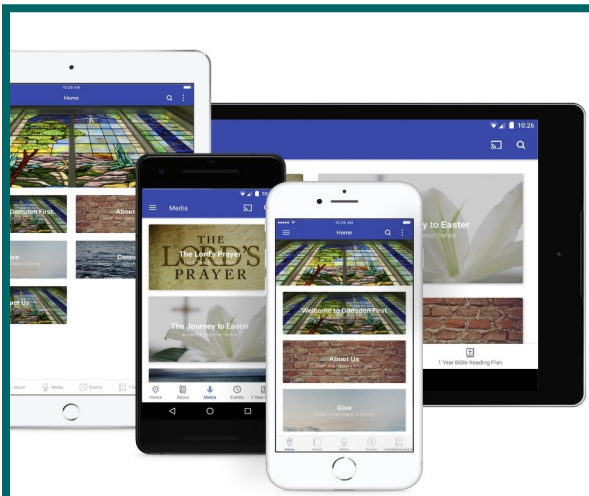
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[#gfumcreconnect2022](https://www.instagram.com/gfumcreconnect2022)




# 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, November 6 at Villa Fiesta  
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 October 30-November 5, 2022

### Oct 30, Sunday

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

### Oct 31, Monday

9:00 am-1:00 pm ELC Fall Schedule  
9:00 am-10:00 am Exercise Group, Gym  
9:30 am ELC Halloween Parade

### Nov 1, Tuesday

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

### Nov 2, Wednesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm ELC Fall Schedule  
9:00 am-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 3, 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 4, Friday

11:00 am-12:00 pm Ladle of Love

*The rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of*

*Elliotte Catherine Pate*

*Born: October 16, 2022*

*Parents: Madison & Caden*

*Grandparents: Richard & Ciara Caldwell*

*Given by the Children's Ministry and the ELC*



### **ROBBIE'S OF FAYETTE TRUNK SHOW**

Tues. November 15th 10:00am-3:00pm

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

### **Honorariums and Memorials**

#### General Budget Fund

In memory of Judy Dressman, given by Ruth Chandler.  
In memory of Bob Williams given by Ruth Chandler.

#### Ladle of Love Fund

In memory of Judy Dressman, given by Holly Simmons.  
In memory of Judy Dressman, given by The Don & Sandy Murphy Fund.  
In memory of Judy Dressman, given by the Ladies Golf Association.



#### Immediate Prayer Concerns

Alex Holtsford Pat Martin  
June Longshore

#### Continued Prayer Concerns

Jerry Casey  
John Jones (Dottie Roger's son)

### **Birthdays**

**Oct 30** Katlyn Leach  
**Oct 31** Harriet Murray  
**Nov 1** Martha Bullock, David Livingston  
**Nov 2** Regina Holloway,  
Tregg Johnson, Bob McElroy,  
Dr. Stephen Blackstock,  
Brody Ostendorf  
**Nov 3** Jeff Blackwood, Sam Sollie  
**Nov 4** Kelley Branch, Gray Skelton,  
Laney Claire Wigley  
**Nov 5** Becky Owen, Beth Day,  
Vicki Kirk, Daniel Whisenant,  
Robert Branch, William Branch,  
Fletcher Beckett



### **Week of October 23, 2022**

In Person Total \*123 Online 340  
Worship Total 463 Thursday Worship \*3  
Celebration Service \*46/123  
Traditional Worship \*74/188  
Adult Sunday School \*25 Children \*2  
Bible Study Groups \*20/29  
Children \*29 Youth \*24 Nursery \*6  
Total Small Group Attendance \*106/29  
\*In Person

General Offering Budget \$13,175.00  
General Offering Received \$10,309.00  
YTD General Offering Budget \$566,525.00  
YTD General Offering Rec'd \$552,070.00

**Text to Give: 256.344.8464**

### **Update Your Contact Information**

*Please help us update the membership records in the church office with your current mailing address, phone number, email address and birthdays for all family members.*

*Updates may be sent to [susan@fumcgadsden.org](mailto:susan@fumcgadsden.org) or call Susan @ 256-543-8200.*