

Healing and Moving On

Pastor Sam Hayes

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

10-9-22 Sermon Notes "Healing and Moving On"

It would start with brownish-red spots on the face, ears, forearms, and thighs. These spots would later become nodules, which eventually would lose their covering and become ulcers. After that, there would be loss of tissue, contraction, and deformity. Sometimes parts of the body would literally drop off before the person finally died. I'm talking about leprosy. Is there any wonder that leprosy was the most feared disease in Jesus' day?

Because people were so afraid of catching leprosy, those who had this awful disease were banished – separated from the rest of society. They had to stay at least 50 yards away, keep their faces covered, and if someone approached them, they were required to shout, "Unclean! Unclean!" (Lev. 13: 45-46; Num. 5: 2)

Their shared misery would cause those with leprosy to band together. In Luke 17, we see a band of 10 lepers. Jesus is on the border between Galilee and Samaria when he was approached by the band of lepers. Here's what happened:

11 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. **12** As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, **13** they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" **14** When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. **15** Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. **16** He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. **17** Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? **18** Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" **19** Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well." (Luke 17: 11-19 NRSV)

Ten lepers were told by Jesus to go and show themselves to the priests. They moved on, which took a step of faith. Ten lepers were "made clean" as they moved on. One leper came back, falling at Jesus' feet praising God and thanking Jesus. When he moved on after that, he was not only made clean...he was made "well."

There are different ways to heal and move on, and this Sunday we will look at them. I hope you will join us!

See you Sunday,
Pastor Sam

Blessing of the Animals: October 16, 10 am
Fall Fest: October 19, 5 pm

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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 or
on Facebook Live: @FUMCGadsden

ACOLYTES

October 9:

Luke Barnes & Hadley Hedgspeth

October 16:

Liam Humphreys & Anna Kate Casey

Tech Team Schedule

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

October 9

Celebration: Eric Wright, Bill Haller, Brad Barnes

Traditions: Mike Self, Tammy Hayes

October 16

Celebration: Joe Pritchard, Carmen McKiven,

Jacob McKiven, Sheila Freeman

Traditions: Davis Varner, Sheila Freeman

October 12 Wonderful Wednesday

5:15 pm– Wonderful Wednesday Fellowship Dinner

6:00 pm- Bible Study and Activities for Adults, Youth and Children

Please make a reservation by Tuesday @ Noon! Call the church office @ 256-543-8200

Menu: Barbecue

\$7 per person/\$3 under 11/\$20 max per family

Small Group Study on Sunday Mornings!

Meets in Room 208 @ 10 am

All Ages are Welcome!

“Un-Distracted”

By Bob Goff

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

Pastor Sam –The Book of Acts, Room 208

Harriet Murray –Forgiveness, Room 110

Men at the Well Thursday Mornings 7:00 am

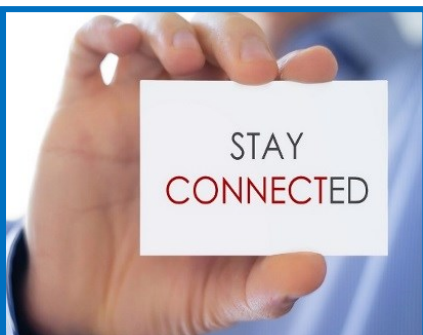
You are invited to join the weekly Bible study with the Men at the Well small group.

Currently meeting at the Choice Restaurant. “A Guide to Prayer for All Who Seek God” by Norman Shawchuck & Rueben P. Job is the current study.

Contact Todd Rains, Mark Condra or 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, Sermon Notes, and Ministry and Mission Notes.

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

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

ELC News

Fall pictures were taken and we enjoyed so many sweet outfits. The ELC will be closed Monday, October 10th for Fall Break. We hope you all enjoy this day of rest. On Wednesday, October 19th, 4K will visit Fire Station #1 and we hope to meet Sparky. Our next lunchbox revolt will be Wednesday, October 26th and we will have Papa John's Pizza.

Helene Haller



Youth Ministry News

Wonderful Wednesdays are back!
Dinner at 5:15, please make a reservation!
UMYF @ 6pm

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

October 5, Wednesday, Haunted Ginger Bread
House competition.

October 16 "Blessing of the Animals" @ 10:00 am

October 19, Falls Fest 5-7pm "Come and Help!"

October 23, Haunted Chicken House

Wonderful Wednesday Fellowship Dinner, 5:15 pm Please Make a Reservation!

Wednesday, October 12, Menu: Barbecue \$7.00 ea/\$3.00 under 11 (Max 20.00 per family)

Children's Ministry



October Mission Focus

MANNA

MANNA is a non-profit corporation, organized by local people. It's purpose is to meet the nutritional needs of housebound people who are unable to provide an adequate diet for themselves and have no one else to do it for them. Find out more or volunteer: <https://mannagadsden.org/>

September Mission:

Etowah Free Community Clinic



There is still time to make a donation! Look for the **red buckets** at the church entrances to receive your donation. Lets fill the **red buckets** and help EFCC! **Here is a list of needed items:**

Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Copy Paper
Trash Bags (large black, for trash can on wheels)
Wide Ace Bandages
Band-Aids
Bandages
Rubbing Alcohol
Peroxide
Fungal Cream (tube)
Tylenol (large size)

Thank you for your gifts to GFUMC which makes support of this and other important service agencies in our community possible.



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

October 10: UMW Luncheon at 12:00 noon.

Our guests will be part of the Youth Symphony Orchestra who will play for us. We will meet in the gym and lunch will be catered. Please mark your calendar and come. Bring a friend. Call your reservation for lunch in to Delores Abney by Friday, October 7 at noon. 256-458-0376

UMW Circles

LuVerna Waid Circle, Susan Copeland, Leader
Stevens Circle, Regina Holloway, Leader
Peggy Casey Circle, Jenn Yarnell, Leader
Jean Holtsford Circle, Cherie Cornelius, Leader

If you wish to visit a circle meeting, contact the leader for time and place. Thank you.

—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!*

**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**

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Blessing OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, Oct 16

10:00 AM

West Lawn
(Greenspace)



On Sunday, October 16, you are warmly invited to join us at 10 am on the West Lawn (near the portico entrance) for the "Blessing of the Animals". Pets of all sizes, shapes, and varieties are welcome! Please ensure that your pet is secured in a way that provides safety for them and for the other pets present. You are welcome to bring a photo of your pet if they are unable to accompany you.

For those who have lost a pet recently, you are invited to bring a photo to place on our Memorial Wall.

This blessing event is a chance to give thanks for all God's Creation, especially our pets and the special place they hold in our hearts and lives. We look forward to seeing you and your pet.

Fall Fest donations

- Snack cakes for cake walk
- Individually wrapped candy
- **Volunteers** to serve food
- **Volunteers** for Trunk or treat (tables)
- **VOLUNTEERS**



Fall Festival will be at GFUMC on Oct 19

Gadsden First United Methodist
Church invites you to

Fall Fest & Chili Supper

Wednesday,
October 19th

GFUMC 5:00

inflatables
fun games
FREE food



He Brews

...where your cup runneth over



FIRST UMC GADSDEN

Please join us
for HeBrews
Coffee Café
Between the
Sunday morning
worship
services, from
10 am to 11 am.

GFUMC Brunch Club

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

Sunday, October 9 –Back Forty
All Young Adults and Families Welcome!



Generosity: Ways to Give

www.fumcgadsden.org/give

Text to Give:
256-344-8464

Mail your tithe or gift:
115 S. 5th Street
Gadsden, AL 35901

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NCS SERVICES

Calendar for October 9-15, 2022

Oct 9, Sunday

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

Oct 10, Monday

ELC Closed
9:00 am-10:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym
10:30 am, UMW Executive Board meeting
12:00 pm, UMW Luncheon, Gym

Oct 11, Tuesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Fall Schedule
5:00 pm, Yoga, Gym

Oct 12, Wednesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Fall Schedule
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

Oct 13, 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

Oct 14, Friday 11:00 am-12:00 pm, Ladle of Love

*The flowers on the altar are in memory
of Barry W. Phillips given by
Bob & Becky Oltman.*

*The ministers and congregation of
First United Methodist Church of Gadsden,
extend Christian sympathy to
Bob & Becky Oltman
In the death of her brother
Barry W. Phillips October 3, 2022*

*The ministers and congregation of First United
Methodist Church of Gadsden, extend Christian
sympathy to
George & Jane Fant
In the death of her mother
Jean Hardy October 3, 2022*

*The ministers and congregation of
First United Methodist Church of Gadsden,
extend Christian sympathy to
Bryant Grizzell
In the death of his father
Lionel D. Grizzell September 27, 2022*

Honorariums and Memorials

General Budget Fund

In memory of Darrell Yarnell, given by Dick & Dee McCoy.
In memory of Mike McCartney, given by Dick & Dee McCoy.

Birthdays

Oct 9 Kinley Freeman
Oct 10 Cynthia Whitt, Abby Ross
Oct 12 Dotty Ivey
Oct 13 Mary Gomillion
Oct 14 Alana Woodall Clemens,
Addison Rains, John Riley
Oct 15 Ken Davis, Dr. Mike McEwen,
Robin Wilson, Anna Catherine Edwards



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

Week of October 2, 2022

In Person Total *152 Online 267
Worship Total 419 Thursday Worship *8
Celebration Service *62/130
Traditional Worship *82/137
Adult Sunday School *43 Children *2
Bible Study Groups *25/34 UMW 0
Children *23 Youth *22 Nursery *6
Total Small Group Attendance *122/34
*In Person

General Offering Budget \$13,175.00
General Offering Received \$13,897.00
YTD General Offering Budget \$527,000.00
YTD General Offering Rec'd \$526,490.00

Text to Give: 256.344.8464



Immediate Prayer Concerns

Alex Holtsford Albert Gibson
Family of Lionel Grizzell
Family of Barry Phillips
Family of Jean Hardy

Continued Prayer Concerns

Jerry Casey Jane Gardner
John Jones (Dottie Roger's son)