

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

10-17-21 Sermon Notes "Answers From A Whirlwind"

With all the problems Job had (and there were many), he really didn't need long-winded speeches from his friends. But that's exactly what he got from them. One of his friends, Elihu, was particularly long-winded. Mostly Elihu was not that helpful; however, he actually did use some rhetorical questions in Job 37: 14-18 that might have actually helped prepare Job for the questions that God would ask of Job in chapters 38-41. In addition, Elihu's speech may have helped Job see that even though Job's actions might have been right (he was not the sinful person that his friends accused him of being), Job's attitude was out of whack. Maybe Job was not the "sinner" his friends described...but neither was he the "saint" that he saw himself to be. Job actually sort of had a "know-it-all" attitude. Haven't we all thought that we knew more than we actually did?

Job wanted answers. Understandable. Job would have preferred that God speak to him in the "sunshine." Instead, God spoke to Job out of a "storm" (a whirlwind). And God's *answer* came in the form of...*questions*. Here's the sample of the questions (77 in all) God addressed to Job that we will be looking at this Sunday in Traditions worship service:

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

² *"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?"*

³ *Gird up your loins like a man,*

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴ *"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?"*

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵ *Who determined its measurements—surely you know!*

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶ *On what were its bases sunk,*

or who laid its cornerstone

⁷ *when the morning stars sang together*

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? (Job 38: 1-7 NRSV)

We want answers, too...don't we? Maybe the answer that God wants to give us will come out like a question. Let's seek God this Sunday together. If we seek God (and not just answers) then the answers will seek us.

See you Sunday,
Pastor Sam



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 or
on Facebook Live: @fumcgadsden

Tech Team Schedule

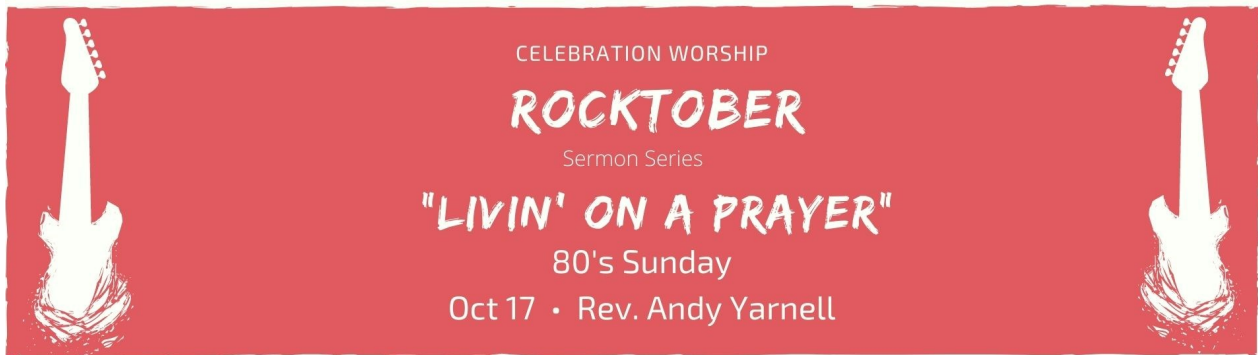
(Please arrive 45 minutes
prior to the start of the service.)

October 17

Celebration Will Brookshire,
Sheila Freeman, Mark Condra
Traditions Tammy Hayes,
Sheila Freeman

October 24

Celebration Eric Wright, Bill Haller,
Brynn Crain
Traditions Tammy Hayes,
Brad Barnes, Liz Barnes



10-17-21 Sermon Notes

Do you remember the song "Living on a Prayer" by Bon Jovi? Have you ever felt like you were living on a prayer? A lot of believers fall back to the Lord's Prayer in times when they are not sure how to pray. The disciples asked Jesus how they should pray and this is the prayer he taught them. Join us on Sunday at the Celebration Service at 9am as we discuss some of the sections of this prayer.

Our Father (not my father, this is a community. We have unity with people around the world. People who worship in different styles than us, people who vote different than us, have different opinions and theologies, our God is the loving God of all of us. This reminds us of our Christian family.)

Hallowed be Thy name (God is worthy of our honor, respect)

Thy Kingdom Come on earth as it is in heaven (what is the kingdom of God like? Are we supposed to be working to bring about that Kingdom on earth? We have a lot to discuss about this on Sunday)

Give us this day our daily bread. (We ask for our daily needs to be met)

Forgive us as we forgive others. (Forgiving others can be hard to do. It is helpful to remember the grace and forgiveness God extends to us. We are told to do the same for others.)

Matthew 6:9-13

New International Version

9 "This, then, is how you should pray:

"Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

10 your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

11 Give us today our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation,[a]

but deliver us from the evil one.[b]"

—Pastor Andy Yarnell

Order Your GFUMC T-Shirt Today

You can order online on the church website @ www.fumcgadsden.org or by calling the church office to place an order. T-shirts will have a special Celebrate -175 front pocket design and our "Show Love" 13:35 logo on the back.

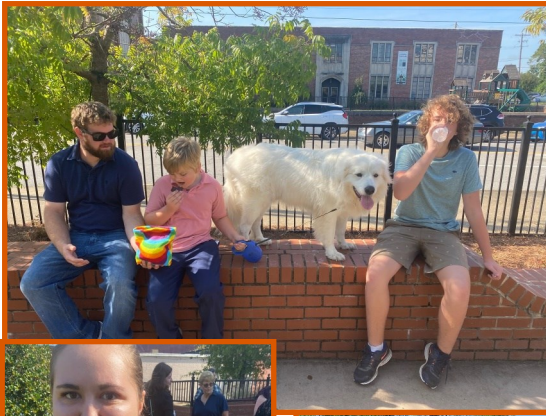
Sizes are Y-XS through Adult-4X.

The cost is \$15.00 for Short-Sleeve and \$25.00 for Long-Sleeve. Payment may be made by check or through GFUMC's secure E-Giving site, marked "T-Shirts".

Email Sheila@fumcgadsden.org if you have any questions about your order.



Blessing of the Animals October 10



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.**

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
- Offering Plates are located at the entrances the sanctuary.

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Youth Ministry News

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

Youth are working at Trunk or Treat on October 31
 from 2:00-4:00 pm.

Wednesday, October 27th, at 6:00 pm, be sure to
 wear a costume to youth group.

The youth made 50 dog treats for the "Blessing of the
 Animals" service on October 10. They packed 100 bags
 for Ladle of Love this month.

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

ELC News

- This past Wednesday we enjoyed Papa John's Pizza for our lunchbox revolt.
- On Tuesday, October 19th the 4K class will visit the Walnut Street Fire Station and review fire safety.
- Our annual Halloween Parade will be Thursday, October 28th; details on this special morning will come home soon.

—Helene Haller

Dinner: Wednesday, Oct 20 • \$7 per person • \$3 for 11 & Under
Menu: Chick-fil-A

Children's Ministry

"Celebrate Wonder"

Children's Church
In-Person, Sundays

9 am and 11 am during Worship
Children's Worship Room

gfumc Kid's Fall Calendar

EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT
6:00-7:00

KID'S SING IN ONE SERVICE SUNDAY 9/26 10:00	THE AMAZING CHEMISTRY SHOW SUNDAY 11/14 6:00-7:00
FALL FESTIVAL SUNDAY 10/31 2:00-4:00	CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SUNDAY 12/12 TBD

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GADSDEN
 115 S. 5TH STREET, GADSDEN
 WWW.FUMCGADSDEN.ORG

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Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 31
2:00-4:00
108 Casey Drive
Gadsden, AL 35903

costumes games food



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

October 20, 5:15 pm

Chick-fil-A

Dinner: \$7 per person

Children 11 and under: \$3

(Max \$20 per family.)

Make a reservation by

Monday, Sept 20 by calling the church

office @ 256.543.8200 or email:

sheila@fumcgadsden.org

In-Person Bible Study on Wednesday Nights @ 6:00 pm "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

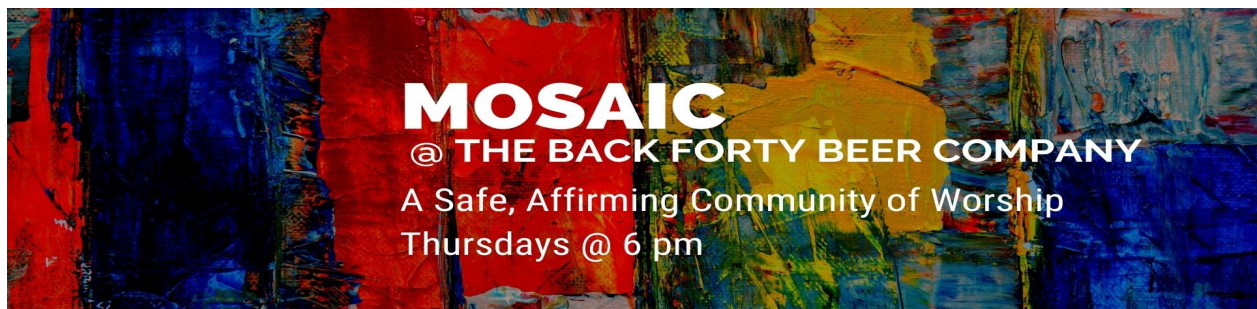
You are invited to join the weekly ZOOM bible study with the Men at the Well small group. Everyone is invited to join this discussion group. It meets each Thursday morning at 7 am. Tammy Jackson will begin Leading us October 7th in a study of Genesis 1-11. Pre-history and what it means to us.

Go to 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, "The Difficult Words of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to His Most Perplexing Teachings" by Amy-Jill Levine, Chapel, Room 118.
- Martin Fellowship Class, "International Sunday School Lessons", Room 116.
- Pathfinders Class, "The God We Can Know" by Rob Fuquay, Room 208, Starts Sunday, September 12.
- Seekers, Discovery and The Middle Sunday School Classes are currently not meeting.



September Missions

C.L.I.C.K. 2021-2022

Children Learning in Christ's Kingdom

GFUMC is once again providing snacks for the CLICK Program.

CLICK is an after school day care for East Gadsden Community Children who attend Donohoo Elementary School. This ministry charges parents a minimal fee and is supplemented by a number of United Methodist Churches in our city. Originally housed at East Gadsden United Methodist, 201 South 8th Street, due to COVID and other circumstances the program ended in 2020. The church building was recently purchased by a congregation that desires to continue this outreach.

God's answer to our prayers and extravagant love for His children will allow us to continue monthly giving to this program through our mission fund. He is a Good, Good, Father!

Children are a gift from The Lord; they are a reward from him. Psalm 127:3

CommUnity Thanksgiving Meal

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, as always, for your unending generosity.

Your Mission Team.



United
Methodist
Women

UMW NEWS

UMW Luncheon for November

will be Monday, November 8 at 12:00 noon
The program will be "Maximizing Mental Health"
presented by Kelly Waits Cochran.

The luncheon will be catered by Chicken Salad Chick.

Please call in your reservation by noon on Friday, November 5 to
Delores Abney at 256-458-0376 or email to
deloresdda53@gmail.com

Honorariums & Memorials

Special donations may be made, in honor or memory of a loved one, to the General Budget Fund or other designated funds. You can send a check by mail, drop in the offering plate, or use e-giving. Be sure to include the name of the person you want to be remembered.

Altar Flower Fund

Gifts to this fund are used to place flowers on the altar for special worship days throughout the year. Flowers may also be placed on the altar in honor or in memory of a loved one by personal request. Contact Susan Swann in the church office for available dates and more information.

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"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

Clients served in
September

Ladle of Love	404
Clothes Closet	200



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

Ladle of Love

Fridays, 11:00am-12:00pm,

at the Portico entrance

Find out more about mission
and service opportunities @
www.fumcgadsden.org/serve

Church Phone

256-543-8200

fumc@fumcgadsden.org

[#gfumcreconnect2021](https://www.fumcgadsden.org/serve)

Calendar for October 17-23, 2021

Oct 17, 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**
 12:00 pm-1:30 pm, **Children, Rake & Run**
 5:00 pm, Vision Team & Board Members, Gotomeeting

Oct 18, Monday

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

Oct 19, Tuesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Fall Schedule
 5:00-6:00 pm, Yoga, Gym
 6:00 pm, **Charge Conference, Gathering Room**

Board of Stewards, October 26 at 6:00 pm

Oct 20, Wednesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Fall Schedule
 11:00 am, **Wednesday Morning Bible Study, w/Pastor Sam**
 5:15 pm, Wednesday Night Meal, Gathering Room
 6:00 pm, **Bible Study w/Pastor Sam, Rm 208/live stream**
 6:00 pm, **Children's Activities, Room 108**
 Youth Activities, Room 211 & Gym

6:00 pm, **Choir Practice, Choir Room**

Oct 21, 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, @ Women's Club**

Oct 22, Friday

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

*The ministers and congregation of
 First United Methodist Church
 of Gadsden, extend Christian
 sympathy to
 Jan Humphrey
 in the death of her step-mother,
 Yvonne Humphrey
 October 12, 2021*



*In Memory of
 His Life
 Charles Huguley
 October 11, 2021*



Holy Baptism

October 10, 2021



*Atticus
 Flynn
 Selsor*

Immediate Prayer Concerns

Martha Bullock Stan Walker Lisa Dobbins
 Family of Bill Campbell
 Family of Dr. Ed Thompson
 Family of Yvonne Humphrey
 Family of Charles Huguley



Continued Prayer Concerns

John Ryle Carma Rayburn Joyce Sington
 Jan Humphrey
 Ann Elizabeth Casey (great-granddaughter of Dotty Ivey)
 Mikey Tonagel (Collins & Belinda Tackaberry's son-in-law)

October Birthdays.....

Oct 18 Robert Blount
Oct 19 Rex Pruett, Brandi Martin
Oct 20 Wilbur Masters,
 Reagan Mullin, Allison Haller
Oct 21 Bess Estis, Mandell Tillman
Oct 22 Brynn Crain
Oct 23 Jack Brookshire,
 Hadley Hedgspeth



Week of October 10, 2021

*In Person Total *199 Overall Total 524
 Online Viewer Total 325 Mosaic *13
 Thursday *8 Sunday School *22
 Celebration *58/145 Traditions *56/164
 Children *21 Youth *21
 Bible Study Groups *7/16
 General Offering Budget \$15,200.00
 General Offering Received \$12,075.00
 YTD General Offering Budget \$623,200.00
 YTD General Offering Rec'd \$549,971.16

Text to Give: 256.344.8464

Honorariums and Memorials

General Budget Fund:

In memory of Jack Floyd,
 given by Virginia Wiggins.

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.