

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

Traditions Sermon Notes "I Can See" 10.24.21

We have spent the last several Sundays in the book of Job. It's a book that is full of pain, sadness and questioning. We celebrate this Sunday as we see hope in the passage. Job can see clearly now. He can see that God was with him and loved him through all the pain and suffering he went through. Job repents and restoration occurs in his spiritual life. Not only is Job's relationship with God restored but he also receives his fortunes back twofold. Job reminds me of an old house being restored on the TLC tv channel. It keeps its history and even has some places with scars and stories. The old house gets some love, care, and improvements. Job says he is finally able to see and restoration begins in his life. May we see and be restored this week as well. May we see our need to repent, may we see God is with us and loving us, and we have hope in Jesus. May we be like Job and not forget our pain and suffering but may we grow from it. Job does not forget about his pain or the loved ones he lost. I bet he thought about it every day. Job, however, learns he was loved in the good and tough times.

Job Is Humbled and Satisfied

42 Then Job answered the Lord: ² "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. 3 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. 4 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' 5 I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; 6 therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

Job 42:10-17 NRSV Job's Fortunes Are Restored Twofold

¹⁰ And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. ¹¹ Then there came to him all his house; they showed him brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money^[a] and a gold ring. ¹² The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. ¹³ He also had seven sons and three daughters. ¹⁴ He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. ¹⁵ In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. ¹⁶ After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. ¹⁷ And Job died, old and full of days.

Pastor Andy



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 24

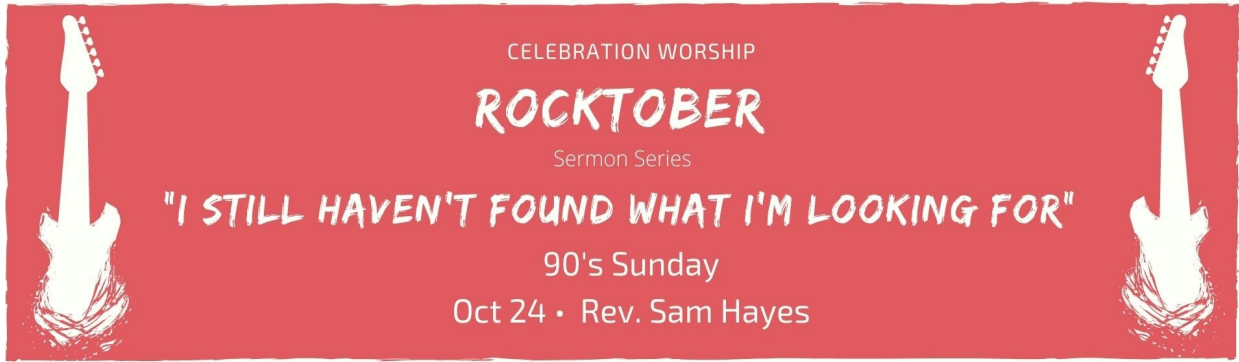
Celebration Eric Wright, Bill Haller, Brynn Crain

Traditions Tammy Hayes, Brad Barnes, Liz Barnes

October 31

Celebration Mark Condra, Sheila Freeman, Carmen McKiven

Traditions Davis Varner, Sheila Freeman



10.24.21 Celebration Sermon Notes "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For"

Have you considered that popular songs are often spring from heartbreak, love, disappointment, or searching? They often are deeply spiritual, too. I have always enjoyed **The Band, U2**. Their bandleader and main songwriter, Bono, has filled much of their music with spirituality...expressing not only his faith, but his skepticism and his search for truth. Bono is the son of a Roman Catholic father and a Protestant mother. He became disillusioned with religion. In a Huffpost article from 2016, he said, "Religion can be the enemy of God. It's often what happens when God, like Elvis, has left the building. A list of instructions where there was once conviction; dogma where once people just did it; a congregation led by a man where once they were led by the Holy Spirit." Whoa! Preach it, Bono! Bono is far from the first to search...and not find...what he was looking for.

Listen to Solomon's search in the Book of Ecclesiastes:

I said to myself, "Come now, I will make a test of pleasure; enjoy yourself." But again, this also was vanity. ² I said of laughter, "It is mad," and of pleasure, "What use is it?" ³ I searched with my mind how to cheer my body with wine—my mind still guiding me with wisdom—and how to lay hold on folly, until I might see what was good for mortals to do under heaven during the few days of their life. ⁴ I made great works; I built houses and planted vineyards for myself; ⁵ I made myself gardens and parks, and planted in them all kinds of fruit trees. ⁶ I made myself pools from which to water the forest of growing trees. ⁷ I bought male and female slaves, and had slaves who were born in my house; I also had great possessions of herds and flocks, more than any who had been before me in Jerusalem. ⁸ I also gathered for myself silver and gold and the treasure of kings and of the provinces; I got singers, both men and women, and delights of the flesh, and many concubines.

⁹ So I became great and surpassed all who were before me in Jerusalem; also my wisdom remained with me. ¹⁰ Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them; I kept my heart from no pleasure, for my heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for all my toil. ¹¹ Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had spent in doing it, and again, all was vanity and a chasing after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun. (Ecc. 2: 1-11 NRSV)

Solomon expressed what Bono did in his hit song, "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For." Solomon said, "I tried pleasure – wine, women, and song – possessions... and I never really found what I was looking for."

So...what's the use in looking, if all is "chasing after wind?" We will talk about that this coming Sunday in Celebration service.

See you Sunday,

Pastor Sam



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.



All Saints' Day

All Saint's Day, Sunday, November 7

Join us as we remember members of our church family and loved ones who have passed away during the past year.



Robbie's of Fayette

10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Tuesday, November 2

In the Gathering room
**Come and shop for great
ladies' clothing styles!**

*A percentage of sales will go to our
Happy Birthday, Jesus Party that follows
the Children's Christmas Musical.*

TRADITIONS

October

Oct. 3 - World Communion Sunday -
"Holding onto Integrity in Hard Times" Rev. Sam Hayes
Oct. 10 - "Bitter Complaints" Rev. Andy Yarnell
Oct. 17 - "Answers from the Whirlwind" Rev. Sam Hayes
Oct. 24 - "I Can See" Rev. Andy Yarnell
Oct. 31 - "Not Far From the Kingdom" Rev Sam Hayes

Sanctuary | 11:00 A.M.

First United Methodist Church of Gadsden
115 S. 5th Street
www.fumcgadsden.org/media

CELEBRATION WORSHIP

ROCKTOBER

SERMON SERIES

60'S SUNDAY-OCT 3 • "I'M A BELIEVER" • REV. ANDY YARNELL
70'S SUNDAY-OCT 10 • "MY SWEET LORD" • REV. SAM HAYES
80'S SUNDAY-OCT 17 • "LIVIN' ON A PRAYER" • REV. ANDY YARNELL
90'S SUNDAY-OCT 23 • "I STILL HAVEN'T FOUND WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR" • PASTOR SAM HAYES
2000'S SUNDAY-OCT 31 • "KRYPTONITE" • REV. ANDY YARNELL

SANCTUARY | 9 AM
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GADSDEN
115 S. 5TH ST

WWW.FUMCGADSDEN.ORG MEDIA

Honorariums and Memorials

General Budget Fund:

In memory of Charles Huguley, given by Glenn & Evelyn Pierson.
In memory of Dr. Ed Thompson, Wanda Hemby, Charles Huguley,
given by Julia Nolen Knox.

Ladle of Love:

In memory of Bill Campbell, given by Gloria Rives.
In memory of Bill Campbell, given by Mike & Kathy Taff.
In memory of Bill Campbell, given by Lee Trotter.
In memory of Bill Campbell, given by Glenn & Evelyn Pierson.

Caring Angels

In memory of Wanda Hemby, given by Laura Thornton.

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.**



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.

Other news: 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

On Tuesday, October 19th the 4K
 class visited the Walnut Street Fire
 Station to review fire safety. We had
 a great time meeting the firemen and
 Sparky.

Our annual Halloween Parade will be
 Thursday, October 28th; we will begin
 about 9:30 and finish about 10:45.

On Wednesday, November 3, and
 Thursday, November 4,
 Patrick Wright with Professional
 Photography Group will be here for
 Fall Picture Review. Times for these
 viewings will be sent home.

—Helene Haller

Dinner: Wednesday, Oct 27 • \$7 per person • \$3 for 11 & Under
Menu: Barbecue

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

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|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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 |

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 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 27, 5:15 pm

Barbecue Plate

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

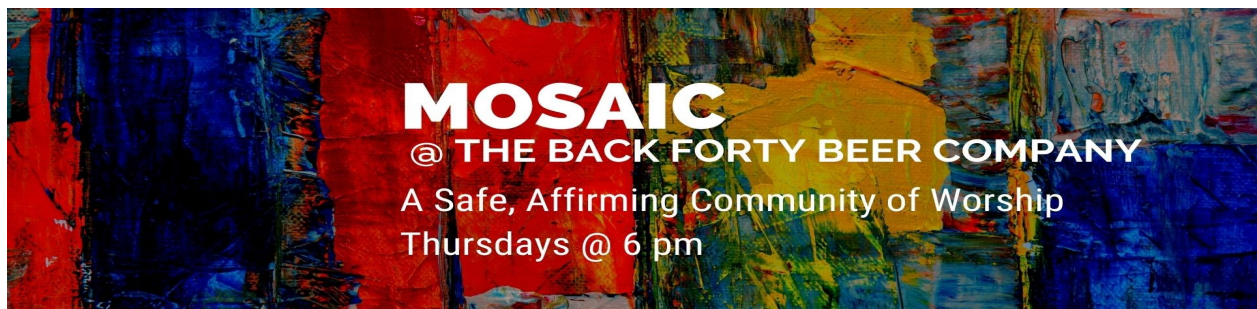
You are invited to join the weekly ZOOM bible study with the Men at the Well small group. Everyone is invited to join this discussion group. It meets each Thursday morning at 7 am. Tammy Jackson will begin Leading us October 7th in a study of Genesis 1-11. Pre-history and what it means to us.

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.

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

Clients served in
September

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| 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

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Calendar for October 24-30, 2021

Oct 24, 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**

Oct 25, Monday

9:00am-1:00pm, ELC Fall Schedule
 9:00 am-10:00 am, Exercise Group, Gym
 5:00 pm, **Trustees meeting, gotomeeting.com**

Oct 26, Tuesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm, ELC Fall Schedule
 5:00-6:00 pm, Yoga, Gym

5:00 pm, **Finance Team**
 6:00 pm, **Board of Stewards**
gotomeeting.com

Oct 27, 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 28, 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, @ Back Forty Warehouse**

Oct 29, Friday

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

Immediate Prayer Concerns

Martha Bullock
 Stan Walker
 Lisa Dobbins
 Family of Bill Campbell
 Family of Dr. Ed Thompson



In Memory of His Life
William (Bill) Campbell

October 14, 2021



Continued Prayer Concerns

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

In Memory of His Life
Dr. Ed Thompson

October 12, 2021



October Birthdays.....

Oct 24 Sonya Nesbitt, Samuel Dabbs,
 Jennifer Brookshire, Anna Kate Casey
Oct 25 Paige Whitt, Susan Whitt,
 Philips Leach, Haley Goodwyn,
 Jordan Ryle
Oct 26 Stacy Hilburn, Qwintan Brothers
Oct 27 David Schmuck
Oct 28 Mary Tom Hale, Haddon Jarecki
Oct 30 Katlyn Leach



Prayer Concerns

Are for our members and their families. Please notify the pastors or church office with any updates on Prayer Concerns... Ongoing or New.

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.

Week of October 17, 2021

*In Person Total *309 Overall Total 587
 Online Viewer Total 278 Mosaic *8
 Thursday *10 Adult Sunday School *32
 Celebration *49/118 Traditions *80/141
 Children *32 Youth *23 UMW *24
 Bible Study Groups *6/19
 General Offering Budget \$15,200.00
 General Offering Received \$6,127.00
 YTD General Offering Budget \$638,400.00
 YTD General Offering Rec'd \$556,098.16

Text to Give: 256.344.8464