

115 So. 5th Street
Gadsden, AL 35901

September 27, 2020

Gadsden First UMC

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

9-27-20

Sermon Notes

"Pop Verses: Phil. 4: 6-7"

Our last "Pop Verses" also come to us from the Paul's letter to the Philippians. Pastor Andy shared Philippians 4: 13 with us the first week of September. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." This Sunday's Pop Verses come from the same chapter...just a few verses earlier. Paul writes,

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Phil. 4: 6-7 NIV)

Another translation, *The Living Bible*, says it a little more plainly... "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything." The thing is...we *do* worry sometimes. 2020 might be dubbed the "year of anxiety" before it is all over. I don't know about you, but when someone tells me, "Don't worry about a thing," I usually wait for the other shoe to drop. Call me cynical, but I want to say, "Spoken like someone who has never had anything to worry about!" Well...what about it? Has Paul, the one who wrote these words in a letter to the Philippians, ever had anything to be anxious over? Does this guy just go around wearing rose-colored glasses?

Turns out, Paul has been through more than his share of anxiety-producing trouble. For one thing, Paul was in jail when he wrote this letter. Let that sink in. He was in jail when he wrote the words, "Do not be anxious about anything..." He was locked in chains when he spoke of peace that "transcends all understanding." He had an actual prison *guard* looking on when he talked about God's peace "*guarding* your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

When false apostles were telling lies on Paul to the Corinthian church, Paul defended himself – not by telling of how *strong* he was – but by "boasting" of the hardships he had suffered in service to Christ. Just see what Paul went through while trying to spread the gospel. Read (2 Cor. 11: 23-30 NIV)

My point is, when Paul writes to us not to be anxious about anything, it is because he has already been through just about *everything* a person can go through...and he still has confidence in the One who captured his heart with peace. This Sunday we will look more deeply into Philippians 4: 6-7...at what they *don't* mean, as well as what they do. Join us by livestream on Facebook Live, YouTube, or Sermon.net. If you like, you can come to our in-person service (with distancing and masks) at 9:00 or 11:00.

Grace and peace, Pastor Sam

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:
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SEPTEMBER MISSION SUPPORTING THE C.L.I.C.K. PROGRAM



Since they have not been in session during the COVID 19 outbreak and the schools were shut down, we will work with them to see what their needs are when they return. Watch for updates!



MISSIONS: SUPPORTING OUR ADOPTED SCHOOL STRIPLIN ELEMENTARY

There is still time to help our schools and students! School is about to go back in session for all students and supplies will be needed! Items may still be brought to the church office.

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!

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

Donations for Striplin Elementary School

Hand Sanitizer (large
refill size)

Pump Hand Soap

Disinfectant Wipes

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Instagram

First_umcgadsden

#gfumcconnect2020



The **UMW Luncheon will be on October 12th beginning at noon in the gym.** We will have a catered lunch provided by the Gadsden Country Club. We will Continue to social distance and wear masks! Thank you to everyone for your participation in following the CDC guidelines. The **UMW Executive Board will meet at 10:30 am in the Gathering Room.** Because of COVID-19, Al & Fran Andrepont will not be able to attend and present our program as previously scheduled. We will however have a fun program to lift our spirits during these trying times. **Watch the newsletter for upcoming information.** Remember to make your reservations with your circle leader or you may call **Shelby Smith at 256-442-7117 by noon on October 9th.** Call or ask a friend to come with you. (Deco/clean-up will be LuVerna Waid Circle)

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

#GFUMCConnect2020

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

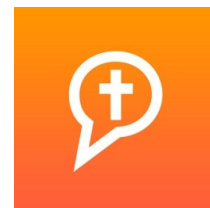
Sermon.net:

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.)





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

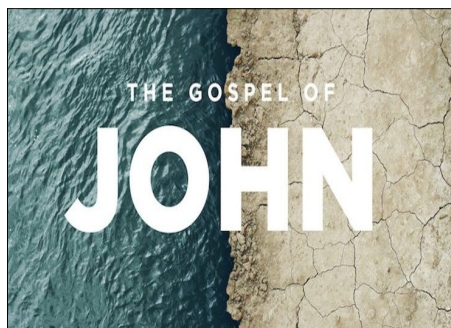
Renew Journey Group w/Mark Condra and Eric Wright, 10:00 am, Sundays, GoToMeeting
Email Mark or Eric for more info:
mcondra3@gmail.com or ericwright@gmail.com

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*.

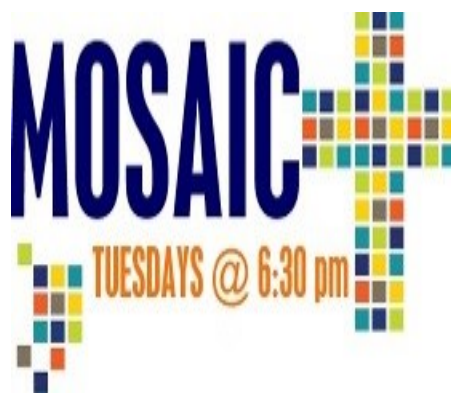
Facebook Live

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.)



ELC News

Monday, September 28th
all September Scholastic
Book Orders are due.

Professional Photography
Group will be here
Tuesday, October 6th and
Wednesday, October 7th
for Fall pictures.

—Helene Haller

Youth News

September 30th at 6:00 pm
Youth Meeting, Courtyard

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

Welcome Katharine Barnes!

Katharine will be serving as our interim Children's Director and leading our children on Wednesday nights, Sunday mornings and online! Katharine has been a member of Gadsden First since her childhood and has participated in Children's and Youth Ministry here through the years, as well as leading and teaching in Children's Ministry here at Gadsden First for many years!

We look forward to lots of fun and excitement in Children's Ministry and are thankful for Katharine's service!

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 will be open beginning September 23rd. See you on the Green!

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



Calendar for week of September 27-October 3, 2020

Sept 27, Sunday

9:00 am, Celebration Worship; Sanctuary
 10:00 am, Sunday School, Ken Casey & George Varner, GoToMeeting
 10:00 am, Renew Journey Group, Mark Condra & Eric Wright, 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

Sept 28, Monday

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

Sept 29, Tuesday

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

Sept 29, Tuesday, cont'd

4:00 pm, Trustees, GoToMeeting
 5:00 pm, Finance, GoToMeeting
 6:00 pm, Board of Stewards, GoToMeeting
 6:30 pm, Mosaic, Courtyard

Sept 30, Wednesday

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

Oct 1, 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 2, Friday, 11:00-12:00, Ladle of Love, Portico

Immediate Prayer Concerns

Family of Doug Martin
 Family of Hanky MacFadyen
 Leda Taylor Ronald Gary
 Judy Dressman



Continued Prayer Concerns

John Hatfield Butch Herb
 Nancy Smith John Floyd
 Joanne Hightower Jane Jones
 Herman Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's father)

Honorariums and Memorials

General Budget Fund:

In memory of Doug Martin given by Glen Pierson & Evelyn Pierson.
 In memory of Doug Martin given by Mike & Sheila Witherspoon.

Ladle of Love Fund:

In memory of Davey Anderson given by Frank & Judy Dressman.

*In Memory of His Life
 James Douglas (Doug)
 Martin*

September 16, 2020



Birthdays.....

Sept 27 Judge Wayne Owen, Grant Griffin, Savannah Jones
Sept 28 Valerie Pennington, Joni Smith, Kara Livesay, Jake Malone, Judd Malone
Sept 29 Trish Croy
Sept 30 Jami Grimes, Luke Rosser, Winnie Mae Beasley, Connie Lane
Oct 1 Kathy Taff, Ann Guffey, Angela Wilson, Austin Powell, Mitchel Stewart, Tyler Harrell
Oct 2 Pam Newman, Kenneth Keelin
Oct 3 Julie Nolen Knox

Week of September 20, 2020

Online Viewer Total 309
 *In Person Total *121 Total overall 430
 Celebration *35/128 Traditions *30/135
 Mosaic *20 Thursday *15
 Youth *0 Bible Study Groups *21/46
 Children *0
 General Offering Budget \$15,440.00
 General Offering Received \$12,025.00
 YTD General Offering Budget \$586,720.00
 YTD General Offering Received \$561,207.79

*The ministers and congregation of
 First United Methodist Church of
 Gadsden extend Christian sympathy
 to Nan MacFadyen in the
 death of her mother,
 Hanky Cushwa MacFadyen
 September 19, 2020*



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