

115 So. 5th Street
Gadsden, AL 35901

September 6, 2020

Gadsden First UMC

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

September Sermon Series

#GFUMCCONNECT2020

POP
Verses

Pop Verses: *A new sermon series that gives insight into popular Bible verses! Join Pastor Sam and Pastor Andy as they dig deeper to find the true meaning of these Pop Verses!*

Philippians 4:13 King James Version

13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

This Sunday, we start our new sermon series on pop verses. These are the scriptures that we all know by heart and see used often in popular culture. Sunday's key scripture means so much more than just God helping you to win a football game. Paul had experienced time in prison, hardships, great victories and joys. Through all seasons, the power of Christ was with Paul giving him strength. How can this passage help us in 2020? Do you need Christ's strength this year? May the power of Christ encourage us today.

—Pastor Andy

Worship Opportunities

- Mosaic: 6:30 pm, Tuesday, Church Courtyard (Social Distancing and masks required.)
- Thursday Worship: 5:30 pm Thursday, Sanctuary (Social Distancing and masks required.)
- Sunday Celebration Online Worship, 9:00 am
- Sunday Traditions, Online Worship, 11:00 am
- Sunday, 5:00 pm-7:00 pm, Drive Through Communion in the Portico

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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!



AUGUST MISSION SUPPORTING OUR ADOPTED SCHOOL STRIPLIN ELEMENTARY

It is time for school to begin, although extremely different this year! Our students will be starting with Virtual School but there are still many needs that we can help the teachers meet. The three biggest requests from teachers are: HAND SANITIZER REFILL BOTTLES, PUMP HAND SOAP, AND DISINFECTANT WIPES. *Please help us collect these items!*

We will continue to collect the items for Striplin through the end of August! A BIG THANK YOU to all of you who have already dropped off items! The church office will remain closed but these three items can be dropped off in the lobby by ringing the doorbell. The Mission Team THANKS you for your generous support of this Mission Project!!!

Along with the Beginning of School comes our FUNDRAISER to support our teachers at Striplin through the year. These funds will provide **The Teacher of The Month Program** (50.00 / month), **Teacher of the Year** (100.00) and the **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon** in May. Our teachers work so hard, especially now with Covid 19, so your support will enable us to say, **"THANK YOU!"** Please add a donation to your pledge, mail a check to the Church Office, or use e-giving to make sure we are able to provide a much needed **"JOB WELL DONE!"**

Christmas in



*Fill a Stocking for a Child for
It's Christmas in our hearts!*

- **Already picked up a stocking?**
You may return stockings by calling the church office.
- **Would you like a stocking delivered to you so that you can fill and return?**
Contact Charlotte @ 256-504-9718
- **Would you like for Santa's helpers to do your shopping for you?** You can sponsor a stocking with your donation of \$15.00 and one of the remaining stockings will be filled!

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to complete this project or donate money for items needed to fill a stocking!

Clothes Closet Workday

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Open

1st & 3rd Wednesdays
9:00 am to 11:00 am

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

Stocking Stuffer Ideas

Toothbrush

Toothpaste

Hair items

Small Bible

School supplies

Small toys

Gloves

Hats

Socks

Cards

Books

Candy



UMW News

Guess what!! UMW will meet for our September 14th luncheon.

We will have our luncheon **in the gym at 12:00 noon**. Dr. Chip Griffith is the speaker. His presentation will be "Medical Missions Across the World". The Stevens Circle will be in charge of decorations and cleanup.

The UMW **Executive Board Meeting will meet at 10:30 am in the Gathering Room** to have more room to spread out.

We will follow all the CDC guidelines with social distancing. There will be a catered box lunch with minimal fanfare. Everything will be sanitized and each individual will pick up their own food and beverage. We will be wearing masks except when we are eating!

I am so looking forward to once again seeing all UMW ladies!! Be sure to *call in your reservations to your circle leader or Shelby Smith at 256-442-7117 by Friday, September 11, 2020.*

—Eileen Graham

Dear friends, if God loved us this way, we also ought to love each other. 1 John 4:11

#GFUMCConnect202

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

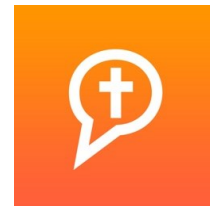
Sermon.net:

First United Methodist Church of Gadsden (search ministries)

Watch on demand:

Church App: **FUMCGadsden**

Church Website: www.fumcgadsden.org/media



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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

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**



You are invited to join the new online Journey Group...

Renew your Values: Respect

Sunday, September 6, 2020

Starts at 10 am

Go To Meeting

Access Code 646-858-509

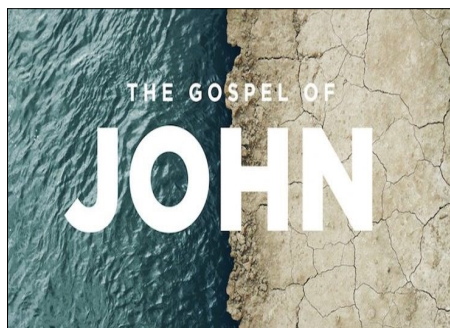
Call in only + 1(786)535-3211

Why you should join us online?

1. *Discuss, share, and learn what the bible says about respect.*
2. *Learn 3 ways to deal with someone that disrespects you!*

Invite a friend to join you. Everyone is invited.

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 each Wednesday night at 6:00 pm for a study of the *Gospel of John*.

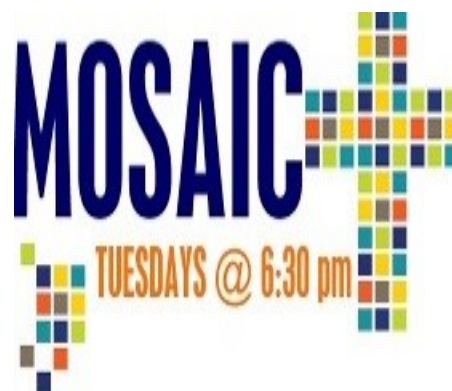
Facebook Live

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

We will be closed Monday, September 7, for Labor Day Holiday.

The new handbooks for this year will be ready to go home with the parents soon.

We started Music for 2k, 3k and 4k and Spanish for 3K and 4K.

—Helene Haller

Youth News

The Youth will continue to meet Wednesday at 6:00 pm in the 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

Youth & Children's Ministry

SHOEBOX MINISTRY



We will meet on Wednesday, September 9, at 6:00 pm in the portico to prepare shoeboxes for children around the world.

We will have refreshments and Christmas fun while we complete this project.

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

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. See you on the Green!

Shoebox Ministry-Save the Date: September 9, 2020.

Children's Ministry News

Calendar for week of September 6-12, 2020

Sept 6, Sunday

9:00 am, Celebration Worship; Online

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, Virtual

11:00 am, Traditional Worship; Online

5:00 pm-7:00 pm, Drive Through

Communion, Portico

6:00 pm, Youth; via Zoom or Instagram

Sept 7, Monday

Office Closed; No ELC

Sept 8, Tuesday

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

Sept 9, Wednesday

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

6:00 pm, Children's Ministry & Youth Meeting, Portico

(Preparing Christmas Shoeboxes)

6:00 pm, Bible Study with Pastor Sam; Online

Sept 10, Thursday

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

5:30 pm, Thursday Worship, Sanctuary

7:00 pm, College Group, via Zoom or Instagram

Sept 11, Friday, 11:00-12:00, Ladle of Love, Portico

The church office is still closed. You may call if you have a need that we can help with between 8:00am-4:00pm, 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 attending any service or activity at the church. If you do not have one, we have them available for you to use. Stay Well. Stay Safe.

Immediate Prayer Concerns

Hanky MacFadyen

(Nan MacFadyen's mother)

Leda Taylor



Continuing Prayer Concerns

John Hatfield Butch Herb

Nancy Smith Doug Martin

John Floyd Joanne Hightower

Jane Jones

Herman Humphrey (Jan Humphrey's father)

Honorariums and Memorials

General Budget Fund:

In memory of Jim Bennett and Sid Gardner, given by Marian Ford.

In memory of Jim Bennett, given by Ferrell Scruggs Foundation, Inc.

Music Fund:

In memory of Jim Bennett and Sid Gardner, given by Steve & Lynne Frederick.

In memory of Jim Bennett and DeLeath Rives, given by

Frank & Judy Dressman.

Altar Flowers Fund:

In memory of Jim Bennett, given by Terry & Sheila Bishop.

Birthdays.....

Sept 6 Jonathan Blount, Jack Carr,

Max Carr

Sept 7 Carmen McKiven, Andrew Jackson

Sept 8 Mark Condra,

Michael McKiven

Sept 9 Roberta Clonts,

Mallory White, Anderson

Roberts

Sept 12 Chris Hill



Birthday Blessings

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Week of August 30, 2020

Online Viewer Total 336

*In Person Total *51 Total overall 387

Celebration 135 Traditions 152

Mosaic *14 Thursday *22

Youth *8 Bible Study Groups 49

Children *7

General Offering Budget \$15,440.00

General Offering Received \$11,207.00

YTD General Offering Budget \$540,400.00

YTD General Offering Received \$520,768.79