

RECRUITING COUNTS

Rev. Sherri Reynolds

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

9-14 -23 and 9-17-23

Sermon Notes

"Recruiting Counts"

I am often asked about when I am going to preach a hell fire and brimstone sermon. To this I typically reply that unless I am directed by the Holy Spirit, I likely will not because I am called to share Good News. God has called me to share a message of hope, grace, and the love of Jesus to a broken world. As I recently read, "We understand that the message of the gospel introduces the lost and the hopeless people to a life of hope through Jesus." I believe that I not only have Good News to share, but you do too! We all have Good News and hope to share with others.

This is something that the church has in common with college football, we both recruit. We want people to join our team and know that hope and the saving grace of Jesus. In fact, you are a recruiter and Jesus commissioned you to be a recruiter. He invited his followers to go and make disciples. Just as recruiting is essential to any college program, so it is essential to life in the church. In fact, it is more than essential, it is our primary task. Are you ready to recruit with the Good News of Jesus, offering hope to a hurting world?

May the peace of Christ dwell in you richly,
Rev. Sherri

September Sermon Series

Sept 17 **Recruiting Counts**

Sept 24 **Position Well Played**



Charge Conference

(GoToMeeting)

Wednesday,

September 20, 2023 @ 5 pm

The purpose of this meeting of the Charge Conference is to vote on the sale of the church parsonage, 81 Canterbury Lane, Gadsden, AL 35901. Please contact the church secretary for the link if you would like to attend. All voting members of the Board of Stewards will receive an email with the link for the virtual meeting.

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Worship Opportunities

Thursday Worship: 5:30 pm, Sanctuary

Sunday Morning:

Celebration 9 am* Traditions 11 am*

*In Person (Sanctuary) and Online

www.fumcgadsden.org/media/or

ACOLYTES

September 17: Sara Kate Thornburg &

Jake Thornburg

September 24: Clementine Hilburn & Rhett Hilburn

Tech Team Schedule

(Please arrive 45 minutes before the service.)

September 17

Celebration: Eric Wright, Bill Haller, Bay Brown

Traditions: Davis Varner, Carmen McKiven, Jacob McKiven

September 24

Celebration: Bill Haller, Brad Barnes

Traditions: Neil Mullin, Mark Casey, Parker Casey

SUNDAY SCHOOL *Open* HOUSE

Sunday School Classes for All Ages!

Light Refreshments will be served in many of our classes.

It is an opportunity for you to visit and find your place!

Children's Sunday School Rooms 108 and 104
New Adult Sunday School Room 209
Living Waters Room 110

Youth Sunday School Room 211
Pathfinder/Seekers Room 208
Martin Fellowship Room 114

(Nursery provided for Children under 3)

SUNDAY | 1 | OCTOBER

10:00 AM

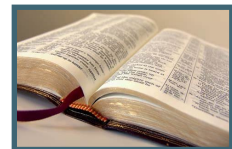
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Wednesday Morning Bible Study w/Pastor Sherri Reynolds

Based on the week's Lectionary Readings.

@ 11 am in the Gathering Rm, # 201



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. They are currently meeting at the Choice Restaurant at 7 am. Beginning July 13, the study will be focusing on leaders of the Bible. Each week the small group will discuss a key leader from the Old and New Testament. This study will conclude September 14.

**Wonderful Wednesday
Fellowship Meal
September 20 @ 5:15 pm!**

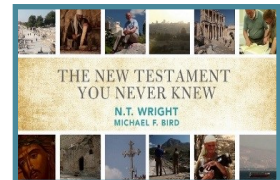
Menu: Pizza, Salad

\$7 per person, \$3 for ages 11 & Under

**Small Groups for children, youth and
adults begin at 6 pm.**

**Adult Small Groups
@ Wonderful Wednesdays**

**"The New Testament
You Never Knew"
by N.T. Wright
w/Pastor Sherri
6 pm, Rm 208**



**"Breathing Room" w/Harriet Murray
6 pm, Room 110**

New Sunday School Class **Beginning** October 1

Life is full of transitions, questions, and new beginnings. Whether you are married, single or divorced, with or without children, this is a place to help you find genuine community, create new friendships and learn from each other, and grow your faith in Jesus.

There will be nursery care available for ages under 3 and Sunday school classes for Children and Youth, 4 years through 12th Grade.

Led by Jeanne Mabeus & Eric Wright Room 209

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Blessing OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, Sep 24

10:00 AM

**West Lawn
(Greenspace)**



OUT OF TOWN OR WORKING ON THE WEEKEND?

Thursday
WORSHIP

5:30 pm

A SERVICE OF PRAYER AND WORD

FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
GADSDEN

Celebration
worship

SUNDAYS
9 AM

In the Sanctuary



ELC News

We had a great week learning about different colors and shapes. From Blue to Green and Purple to Rectangle and patterning we kept busy. This week in Chapel we learned about Noah's Ark and how the animals came 2 by 2 and were saved from the Flood. On Tuesday, September 26th, we will have our first lunchbox revolt: The Dog House. More info to come.

—Helene Haller



Youth Ministry News

September 17 Camp Sumatanga
September 24 Cherokee Rock Village

Carmen McKiven
Youth Counselor

Wonderful Wednesday Fellowship Dinner, Sept 20: Pizza, Salad

\$7 Adults, \$3 for 11 & under Text your reservation: 256-490-5018

B.L.A.S.T OFF
INTO
SUNDAY SCHOOL!
(Believe, Learn, And Seek the Truth)

GFUMC kids
Sunday's at 10:00
Room 106 & 108

Blessing of the backpacks
August 6

Fall Fest
October 25

GFUMC CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
DECEMBER 10

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS START BACK
AUGUST 16

FRIENDSGIVING
NOVEMBER 15

Lunch with Santa
December 10

GFUMC Children's Ministry Fall calendar 2023

Rake and Run
October 8

Community Thanksgiving
November 22

Christmas party
December 13

Children's
Church
meets
during
worship
on
Sunday
Mornings
@
9 am
& 11 am

September Mission Focus



Etowah Free Community Clinic

We will be collecting the following items in our **RED Buckets at the entrances to the church** during the month of September to support the Etowah Free Community Clinic!

1. Paper Towels
2. Toilet Paper
3. Cotton Balls
4. Q-Tips
5. Band-aids
6. Rubbing Alcohol (bottle)
7. Hydrogen Peroxide
8. Triple Antibiotic Ointment
9. Antifungal Cream
10. Prayers



Thank you for your support of the August Mission Focus, our Adopted School, W.E Striplin Elementary School! Your gifts and service make this mission and ministry possible.

—The Mission Team

Clothes Closet Needs



We desperately need men's and children's clothes! As the season is beginning to change, please clean out your closets so that many in need can also be clothed.

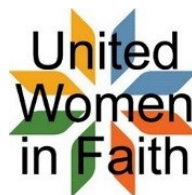
We are hoping for all men, women, and children to hear the "Cry of the Needy."

Thanks from your Volunteers

United Women in Faith

Tuesday, September 19, LuVerna Waid Circle will meet at 6:00 pm in the parlor. This is our first meeting since last spring. We will be making a decision between two choices for a Bible Study. Please come back and help us Make this decision. BYOB (Brown Bag) There will be cookies and drinks.

—Susan Copeland, Circle Leader



GFUMC



"By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:35

Ladle of Love

Fridays, 11:00am-12:00pm,
at the Portico entrance.

Donations may be made to the Ladle of Love Fund in honor or in memory of a loved one.

Clothes Closet

Workdays

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Open to Public

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

September open dates are

9/6 and 9/20

9:00 am to 11:00 am

516 Broad Street Gadsden

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

Clients Served

August 2023

Ladle of Love 390

Clothes Closet 247

Thanks to our volunteers!

Phone: 256-543-8200

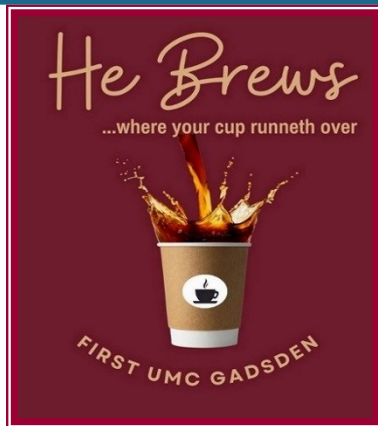
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RAY MACON



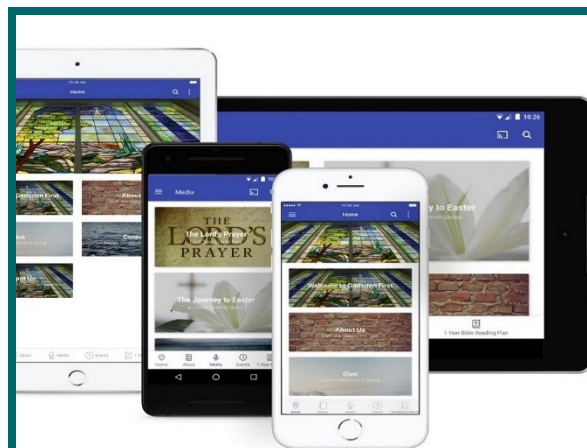
After working as a Producer for the media company, CNN, in Atlanta for almost 20 years, Ray moved back to Gadsden to be near family. A graduate of the University of Alabama, he has also been the Director of Client Relations for Persily Law Firm and Vice President of a printing company in Atlanta. For many years, he has been a "background actor" for the California-based Central Casting company and has appeared in multiple TV shows and movies. Ray loves to sing and is a valued member of our choir. He also volunteers at the Gadsden Public Library and helps with "used book procurement," which entails going to homes and picking up collections of the books of deceased people whose families would like to donate to the library. Ray is a member of Elks Lodge 1314 and participates in its charity work. The year 2023 marks the 50th anniversary of his being a Christian, and he said he is most proud of that. Ray also designs beautiful landscaping and was recently awarded a Beautification Award by the City of Gadsden.



Inviting Ministries

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

We can't wait to see you there!!!



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Available in App Stores



DID YOU KNOW...

That you can reduce your tax exposure by making a gift from your IRA to your church? An IRA Qualified Charitable Withdrawal (QCD) is a simple and easy way for you to use your IRA to help GFUMC fulfill its mission.



DOES AN IRA QCD MAKE SENSE THIS YEAR?

If you are age 70 ½ you can use pre-tax dollars in your IRA to donate to the church. This amount is capped at \$100,000.


If you are age 73 (for tax year 2023), this amount can be used to satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution.

Check with your tax professional to see how an IRA QCD could impact your taxes while helping the ministries and missions of the church.





Secure Online Giving



Scan the QR Code or
Text to Give: 256-344-8464
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Generosity: Ways to Give

In-person, at the offering time during worship.

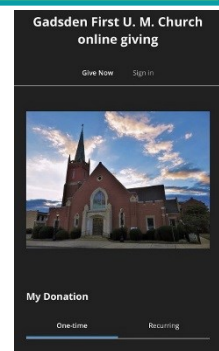
www.fumcgadsden.org/give

Text to Give: 256-344-8464

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



Look! The color scheme for our eGiving portal has changed!



Calendar for September 17-23, 2023

Sept 17 Sunday

9:00 am Celebration Worship, Sanctuary
10:00 am Sunday School; HeBrews Coffee
11:00 am Traditions Worship, Sanctuary

Sept 18 Monday

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

Sept 19 Tuesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm ELC Fall Schedule
9:00 am-11:00 am Clothes Closet workday
5:00 pm-6:00 pm Yoga, Gym
5:15 pm Lay Ministry Meeting, Gathering Room
6:00 pm LuVerna Waid Circle Meeting, Parlor

New Handbell Choir

The **NEW** Handbell Choir is rehearsing each Wednesday at 4:30 pm in room 112. We are looking forward to adult participation in our new handbell choir. If you are interested and know basic musical notes, please join us!

For more information, you may contact
Monica Gilmer at 256-328-4420.

Immediate Prayer Concerns

Jane Jones Susan George Ruth Chandler
Lisa Dobbins
Chris Wadsworth (Keith Copeland's nephew)
Jimmie Sue Hoekenga (friend of Barbara & Mark Condra)
David Perry (friend of Ray Macon)

Continued Prayer Concerns

Susan Copeland Dawn Rains Vicki Handy
Marcy Puckett Juanita Hammons Cathy Bohannon
Nancy Smith Rodney Thompson Lewis Hill

Sept 20 Wednesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm ELC Fall Schedule
9:00 am-11:00 am Clothes Closet open
11:00 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Gathering Rm
4:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal **NEW, Room 110**
5:00 pm Charge Conference via gotomeeting.com
5:15 Wednesday Night Meal, Gathering Room
6:00 pm Children's Activities, Room 108
6:00 pm Youth Activities, Room 211
6:00 pm Small groups, Room 110 & 208
6:00 pm Choir Practice

Sept 21 Thursday

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

5:30 pm Thursday Worship

Sept 22 Friday 11:00 am-12:00 pm Ladle of Love

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in recognition and appreciation of the choir and
musicians for their dedication and inspirational music.*

The rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of



Ottilie Ann Wooten

Born: September 4, 2023

Parents: David & Tracie Wooten

Given by the Children's Ministry and the ELC

Honorariums & Memorials

General Budget Fund

In memory of Dr. James Isbell, given by Marian Ford.

Birthdays

Sept 17 Doug Frickey
Sept 18 Hunter Grimes
Sept 19 Ruth Chandler, Gwen Ford,
William Leach, Sophia Norris,
Julian Salazar
Sept 20 Vickie Stewart, Pat Martin,
Cherie Cornelius, Phil Owen
Sept 21 Randy Holland,
Hannah Badgett
Sept 23 Joan Garry, Kathye Vance,
Dr. Gordon Isbell, Rob Reynolds,
Caiden Phillips

Week of September 10, 2023

In Person Total *126 Worship Total 443
Online 317 Thursday Worship *10
Traditions Service *40/141
Celebration Service *76/176
Adult Sunday School *36/1 Children *5
Bible Study Groups *33/1 Children *31
Youth *11 Nursery *1 Misc. 3
Total Small Groups *120 *In Person

General Offering Budget \$12,777.00
General Offering Received \$7,369.00
YTD General Offering Budget \$472,749.00
YTD General Offering Rec'd \$425,770.00

9/20

Wonderful Wednesday

Menu: Pizza, Salad

RSVP: Text 256.490.5018

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS

Mollie Horton