

The Servant Girl

2 Kings 5:1-14
Rev. Sherri Reynolds



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

Sermon Notes: Thursday, July 3 and Sunday, July 6

The butterfly effect is a concept based in chaos theory which states that small, seemingly inconsequential changes can lead to major impacts in complex systems. For example, the flap of a butterfly's wings can lead to a series of events which alter the future. In the story of the little servant girl (2 Kings 5:1-14), a captive servant would seem to have little or no impact when she speaks up. However, her voice leads to the cure for a powerful man, the influential man becomes a follower of God (although he was not Jewish) and hope for the Jews. This nameless girl's bravery to speak led to significant changes.

Too often, we feel that we have little or no influence, but we never know how our small endeavors lead to big bearing. This is especially true when it comes to the kingdom of God. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can impact the world in a way which we never imagined.

In Christ,
Rev. Sherri



Gift to Gadsden 2025 *July 28-31*

Registration is now open @ www.fumcgadsden.org/gifttogadsden

See page 7 for a full list of workshops and classes. Help spread the word. Flyers are available in the Chestnut Foyer. Please take some to display at your place of business or share with friends! Look for the event and posts on social media and "Like" & "Share" to spread the word throughout our community!

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Worship Opportunities

- Thursday:** Worship, 5:30 pm
- Sunday Morning:** Celebration, 9 am
Traditions, 11 am

*In-Person and Livestream or On Demand
www.fumcgadsden.org/media

ACOLYTES

July 6: Volunteer
July 13: Luke Barnes

Tech Team Schedule

- July 6**
Celebration: Bill Haller, Brad Barnes
- Traditions:** Wayne Payton, Neil Mullin, Rob Reynolds
- July 13**
Celebration: Bill Haller, Sheila Freeman
Traditions: Wayne Payton, Neil Mullin, Sheila Freeman

Calling Cards for GFUMC



God chose you to experience salvation through the Spirit who makes you holy.
2 Thessalonians 2:13 NLT
Those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit.
Galatians 6:8 NLT
You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere.
Acts 1:8
fumcgadsden.org

Cherie Cornelius has thoughtfully designed beautiful calling cards that feature images from our church windows alongside meaningful scripture. These cards are a heartfelt way to invite someone to worship, offer encouragement, or simply let them know you're keeping them in prayer. The latest design, created for Pentecost, showcases the "Descending Dove" from the large stained glass window in the gym. All current and previous designs are available in the Chestnut Foyer. Please feel free to take a card—or several—to share with others.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study & Wonderful Wednesday will resume August 13!

Sunday School: New Adult Series

Transitions 10 am, Room 209

Twelve Ordinary Men by John MacArthur is the current study for this class.

Pathfinders/Seekers 10 am, Room 208

The series comprises five sessions. Each one tells the story of the hymn writer, how the hymn came to be, and the Christian message behind it. Hymns include: *How Great Thou Art, Rock of Ages, Amazing Grace, The Lord's My Shepherd, & And Can It Be?* Across the five sessions, *Hymns We Love* will help bring the core truths of the Christian story alive in a way that is gentle, warm, and clear.



Living Water 10 am, Room 116

The Living Water Class is doing a unique study for the next several weeks. We are looking at events, teachings, miracles, parables found in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Since these three gospels are very similar in many incidences special books have been written that compare these similar stories. So you may have a story in one, or two or all three Gospels. We are examining these events to see what we can learn from them.

"Men at the Well" Thursday Mornings, 7:00 am

You are invited to join the weekly Bible study with the "Men at the Well" at the 278 Restaurant. Contact Todd Rains, Mark Condra, Mark Casey, or any of the Men at the Well for more information.



ELC NEWS

Our summer session is going by quickly. We only have 3 weeks left for fun summer themes, crafts and fun. Last day is Wednesday, July 23.

—Helene Haller



Youth Group

Summer Schedule

Room 211
Sunday School
10 am, Room 211

Ark Trip

The Trip to the Ark was amazing. A total of 23 youth, adults and children were able to go and enjoy this adventure.

Wonderful Wednesday will resume August 13!

Children's Ministry

Wonderful Wednesday Children's Small Groups and Activities will resume August 13.

Sunday Mornings: Children's Church during worship, Sunday school @ 10 am

Watch for more exciting Summer Activities and Events

for Children's Ministry!

KIDS' THEATER

@ Gift to Gadsden

INTRODUCTORY DRAMA CLASS FOR AGES
1ST THROUGH 5TH GRADES

with Katharine Barnes and Molly Page

Pre-Register

www.fumcgadsden.org/gifttogadsden

July 28-31 MTWTH

6:15 pm to 7:30 pm

*LIGHTS!
Camera
ACTION!

www.fumcgadsden.org
115 S. 5th St, Gadsden, AL 35901



VBS
6/9-6/12



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
ROAD TRIP!
JUNE 13

GFUMC SUMMER CALENDAR

Swimming @ The Gilbert's
Wednesday, June 25
101 Wilson Drive

WATER GAMES
@GFUMC JULY 9

MAKE TREATS
FOR ANIMAL
SHELTER
@GFUMC JULY 23



KIDS
LOCK-IN
@GFUMC TBD

OLD GRUMPS VS YOUNG PUNKS
ULTIMATE VOLLYBALL GAME
@GFUMC JULY 13

GIFT TO GADSDEN
@GFUMC JULY 28

BLESSING OF THE
BACKPACKS
@GFUMC AUG 3

Lock-in at the church!

AGES 3RD- 6TH GRADES

Saturday, July 5, we'll meet at 7pm at the church portico and spend the night!



Please bring a snack to share, pillow, blankets, charger, and a FRIEND!



★ I'LL NEED CHAPERONES TO STAY IN
SHIFTS, AND A FEW TO STAY ALL NIGHT

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE SIGNED IN TO STAY, PICKUP AT 7AM SUNDAY MORNING.

Donate a case
of water for our
Ladle of Love!

GFUMC Children's Ministry
invites you to **WATER**
wednesday
Summer Family Activity
July 9 @5:00



Romans 14:19

July Mission Focus

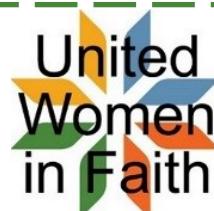


It's Christmas in July! You can fill a stocking and bring joy this Christmas! This year's Christmas in July features new instructions and guidelines for filling stockings. This year, stockings can be filled for the following age groups: Infants and Toddlers; 3-9 year olds; 10-12 year olds; Seniors 62 and above. Return filled stockings to the church by August 5th. You can pick up a stocking and a copy of the suggested items for filling stockings for each age group in the Chestnut Foyer or look for the Salvation Army's suggested list on the GFUMC Church App! Also be sure to include a slip of paper tucked inside the stocking with gender and an approximated age for the recipient. Thank you for your participation in this year's Christmas in July Mission! —The Mission Team

United Women in Faith

Summer Suppers Yippee!!! They are Back...

Lots of fun during the summer months for all ladies of our church! Join us for...



UWF Summer Supper #2
Tuesday, July 15 at 6 pm
GAMEDAY @ the Gadsden Mall
1001 Rainbow Dr. Suite D1
Gadsden, AL 35901

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 are Tuesdays before open days from 9:00-11:00 am.

Open to Public

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

**July open dates are
7/2 and 7/16**

9:00 am to 11:00 am

516 Broad Street Gadsden

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

Phone: 256-543-8200

Email:

fumc@fumcgadsden.org

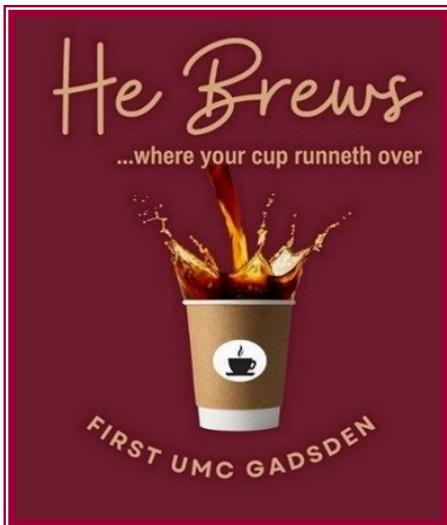
#gfumcreconnect2024

Ladle of Love
Clothes Closet

May

LOL	407
Clothes Closet	258

Thanks to our
Volunteers!



HeBrews Coffee Café 10 am, Chestnut Street Foyer
We Can't Wait to See You There!

Follow us on
Facebook and Instagram.



The ARK Youth Trip





Gift to Gadsden 2025

July 28-31

Register @ fumcgadsden.org/giftogadsden

Limited Class Sizes—Pre-Registration Required

Nursery provided by request with pre-registration only.

First Session: 6:15 pm—7:30 pm

First Session, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (MTWTH)

*Acrylic Painting for Beginners	Sharon Dasinger
Ballroom Dancing	Ginger and Alan Ross
Cooking for Busy Schedules	Harriet Murray
Excel for Beginners	Bob Blount
Flower Arranging	Benny Campbell & June Styles
Film School	Ray Macon
Genealogy	Craig Scott
Kid's Theater (<i>ages 1st through 5th Grades</i>)	Katharine Barnes & Molly Page
Tech Ease (Technology Tips for Phones and PC's)	Becca Echols

First Session, Monday Only (M)

Stained Glass Windows of the Church	Sherri Reynolds
Olive Oil Benefits 101	Jeff Johnson
Southern Herbal Remedies	Darryl Patton

First Session, Monday, Tuesday Only (MT)

Investment & Finance	Lucy Edwards/Jay Hedgspeth
Wills, Power of Attorney's & Medical Directives	Davis Varner
*Yoga for Beginners	Barbara Hightower

First Session, Wednesday Only (W)

Stained Glass Windows of the Church	Sherri Reynolds
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First Session, Wednesday, Thursday Only (WTH)

Chess	Jim McGuire
Fly Fishing	George Fant
Medicare & You—Your Choices	Jackie Brechin

Second Session 7:45 to 9:00 pm

Second Session, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (MTWTH)

Bucket List Your Life	Ray Macon
Canva and Desktop Publishing	Sheila Freeman
Making Money by Recycling	John Brown
What Would You Do? Assertiveness Training	Delores Abney

Both Sessions: 6:15—9:00 PM

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (MTWTH)

Cake Decorating	Michelle Cothran
Roleplaying Games and You	Zack Hilburn

Monday, Tuesday Only (MT)

Beginning Pickleball	Jana & Mac Downs
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Tuesday Only (T)

*Crochet for Beginners	Angela Whorton
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Wednesday, Thursday Only (WTH)

Beginning Pickleball	Jana & Mac Downs
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Thursday Only (TH)

*Knitting for Beginners	Angela Whorton
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**Supplies-you furnish supplies. **Supplies provided for a fee.*

**Thursday
WORSHIP**

A SERVICE OF PRAYER AND WORD
5:30 pm to 6:00 pm In the Sanctuary
First United Methodist Church of Gadsden

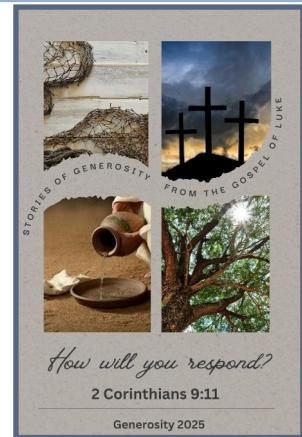
Out of town or working on weekends?
Thursday Worship could be just right for you! Join us in the sanctuary for a peaceful, in-person gathering where we reflect on the upcoming Sunday's scripture and sermon, and spend time in prayer together. It's a meaningful way to deepen your faith and stay connected with God and your GFUMC family in a warm, welcoming setting.



Generosity 2025 “How will you Respond?”

You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us
2 Corinthians 9:11

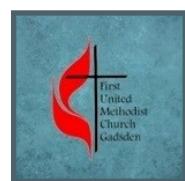
The 2025 “Estimate of Giving” Card can be filled out at any time during the year online @ www.fumcgadsden.org/give



First UMC Gadsden
is a registered charity and can receive
donations through Venmo:
@FirstUMCGadsden
(Please search in Venmo under charities
or follow the link in the QR Code.)



Download our Church App
Search First UMC-Gadsden
In the App Store for Android or iPhone.



Generosity: Ways to Give

In-person, at the offering time during worship.

Online: www.fumcgadsden.org/give

Text to Give: 256-344-8464

Venmo @FirstUMCGadsden

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



Secure Online Giving



Scan the QR Code or
Text to Give: 256-344-8464
First United Methodist Church of Gadsden

You are invited to connect with the GFUMC Family in a new and exciting way. Connect through the church app today by scanning the QR code above. You will now be able to find groups and connect with Teams, Leadership Groups, Sunday school classes, UWF Circles and more within the App.

Follow these steps to connect:

- Scan the QR Code and Click the link.
- “Join” by creating your profile with a password in the app (use “continue with email”).
- Discover your connections to the GFUMC church community, a smaller community (like UWF, choir, or Children’s Ministry, etc.) or a small group (like a Sunday school class or small group) or a church leadership team. There are so many ways to connect!
- Request to join or accept an invitation to join.
- You are now ready to send and receive notifications, messages, notices, reminders, prayer requests, and more within your GFUMC connections.
- Thank you for joining GFUMC Community Connection today!



**Connect
with us**

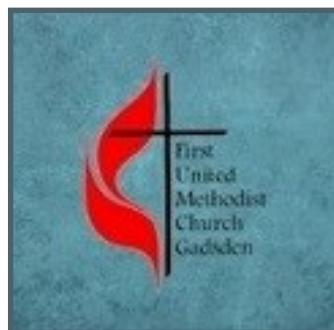


Scan here to
connect with the
community now.

Top 10 Things To Do on the Church APP

10. Meet the Pastors and Staff. (Home Tab-Meet the Pastors and Staff)
9. Fill out a Connect Card. (Home Tab-Connect)
8. Read the Church News. (Home Tab-News)
7. Check Out Upcoming Church Events. (Events Tab)
6. Read the Bible in a Year. (Bible Tab)
5. Look up Scripture. (Bible Tab)
4. Send a Prayer Request. (Home Tab-Prayer Request)
3. Give. (Home Tab-Give)
2. Receive notifications/messages from the church.
1. Watch or Listen to Worship Services and Sermons. (Media Tab)

Download our
Church App
FUMC-Gadsden
On the App Store or
Google Play



Weekly Newsletter

Subscribe to the weekly newsletter by submitting your email to the church secretary, Susan Swann:

susan@fumcgadsden.org

You will receive the weekly newsletter by email on Friday mornings.

The Newsletter is also available in the GFUMC Church App and on the Church Website.

First UMC Gadsden July 6-July 12, 2025

July 6, Sunday

9:00 am-Celebration Worship, Sanctuary

10:00 am- HeBrews Coffee

11:00 am-Traditions Worship, Sanctuary

July 7, Monday

9:00 am-10:00 am-Exercise Group, Gym

2:00 pm-4:00 pm-Pickleball, Gym

July 8, Tuesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm-ELC Summer Schedule

5:00 pm-Yoga, Gym

July 9, Wednesday

9:00 am-1:00 pm-ELC Summer Schedule

5:00 pm-Children's Water Wednesday

Portico & Greenspace

July 10, Thursday

9:00 am-10:00 am-Exercise Group, Gym

5:30 pm-Thursday Worship service

July 11, Friday

11:00 am-12:00 pm- Ladle of Love

12:00 pm-Office Closed



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Honorariums & Memorials

General Budget Fund In memory of Pat Martin, given by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sisson.

Ladle of Love Fund In memory of Elisabeth Hardin, given by Mr. & Mrs. Mark Condra.

Benevolence Fund In memory of Pat Martin, given by Sonya Nesbitt.

Music Fund

In memory of Pat Martin, given by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sisson.

In memory of Elisabeth Hardin, given by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sisson.

In memory of Sherman Guyton, given by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sisson.

Weekly Newsletter

Subscribe to the weekly newsletter by submitting your email to the church secretary, Susan Swann:

susan@fumcgadsden.org

You will receive the weekly newsletter by email on Friday.

Immediate Prayer Concerns

Emily Carroll (Adam Carroll's wife)

Sadie Brown (Rhonda Robinson's mother)

Ricky Couvillion (Joey Couvillion's brother)

Camden Ventura (Infant great-nephew of Jeanne Mabeus)

Continued Prayer Concerns

Robin Wilson Jane Jones Trish Harrell Brent Styles

Gary Atkins Dottie Rogers Mary Tom Hale

Martha Bullock Amy Epperson

Grayson Phillips (Dathan and Leigh Carroll Phillips' son)

Birthdays

July 6 Dr. Ted Jones, Mark Echols, Tate Sizemore

July 7 Jennifer Blount Riddle, Lillie Skipper

July 8 Beau Bone, Alex Freeman

July 9 Ann Sims

July 10 Charles Wells, Denise Lindsey, David Wooten

July 11 Jane Hughes, Ray Macon, Lindsey McFarland, Ethan Powell

July 12 Derrick Barnes, Tate Ogletree

Attendance Week of June 29, 2025

In Person Total *160 On Line Total 689

Worship Total 849 Thursday Worship *12

Celebration *48/336 Traditions *100/353

Adult Sunday School *37 Children SS *

Middle School & Senior Hi SS *

Bible Study Groups *7 Children Wed/Sun *18

Middle & Sen Hi Wed/Sun *3 Nursery *1

Important Deadlines

Deadline for the newsletter is noon on Tuesday of each week.

All requests for spoken announcements for Sunday mornings must be turned in by Thursday @ noon, in writing to Susan Swann in the office.

All Meetings, Events and Activities must be scheduled in advance with the church secretary, by email susan@fumcgadsden.org or call the church office.

Year 2025 Week of June 29, 2025

General Offering Budget \$ 12,400.00

General Offering Received \$ 13,890.00

YTD Gen. Offering Budget \$322,400.00

YTD Gen. Offering Rec'd \$329,800.00

