



# how the sermon ends

Acts 2:22-42

Rev. Sherri Reynolds

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

## Sermon Notes: Thursday, May 23 & Sunday, May 26, 2024

Instead of a movie sequel, this Sunday, we have a sermon sequel. Building upon the Pentecost Scripture from last week, we examine the rest of Peter's sermon (Acts 2:22-42). Peter shares the Good News of Jesus. Jesus is God's Son, the Savior, Promised Messiah, as was foretold long ago. He was crucified on a cross. He died and was buried, but he did not remain in the grave. He arose from the grave. Death did not win. Jesus is victorious! Jesus lives! He was alive and showed himself to many witnesses. He eventually ascended to the Father, but the Holy Spirit was sent so that we would not be alone, but the Spirit of God would be with us.

With the simple message of the Gospel, people were moved, asking how they should respond. Peter said that they should repent and be baptized. From the sermon at Pentecost, 3000 were added to their number that day. What an incredible impact!

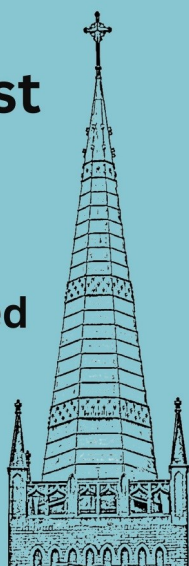
The Good News of Jesus is not complicated and still makes an impact. As with Peter's instructions, Jesus continues to invite us to repent, be baptized and follow Him.

In Christ,  
Rev. Sherri

## June Sermon Series

### #wearefirst

- Diverse
- Investing
- Empowered
- Rooted



Share your pictures  
of all things  
**FIRST**  
with #wearefirst  
on Social Media!



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### Worship Opportunities

5:30 pm Thursday Worship

**Sunday Mornings:** Celebration 9 am\*

Traditions 11 am\*

\*In Person (Sanctuary) and Online

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on Facebook Live: @FUMCGadsden

### ACOLYTES

May 26: Volunteer

June 2:

### Tech Team Schedule

May 26

**Celebration:** Eric Wright, Sheila Freeman, Brad Barnes

**Traditions:** Neil Mullin, Sheila Freeman

June 2

**Celebration:** Eric Wright, Sheila Freeman

**Traditions:** Mark Condra, Neil Mullin, Sheila Freeman

## Take the Spiritual Gifts Inventory @ Spiritual Gifts UMC.org

Every child of God is filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, specially gifted to play a unique and valued role in the body of Christ. No one is without gift or purpose.

Spiritual gifts are not our talents or skills. They are the grace of God at work within us, empowering us to match our deep passions with the world's deep need. The gifts are given to individuals, but they are given to build and strengthen community and to meet the needs of those around us.

Begin the journey. Discover your gifts. Talk about your gifts with others. Strive together to understand your gifts and how you can use them to serve God, neighbor, and world. You have been gifted. You have been given a purpose.



## Sunday SCHOOL

### *Classes for All Ages!*

Children's Sunday School Rooms 108 and 104  
Youth Sunday School Room 211

New Young Adult Sunday School Room 209  
Pathfinder/Seekers Room 208  
Living Water Room 116

(Nursery provided for Children under 3)

## 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.

Meeting location may vary.

*Contact Todd Rains, Mark Condra, Mark Casey, or any of the Men at the Well for more information.*

**Wednesday  
Fellowship  
Dinner**

**Will resume  
August 14**

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study &  
Adult Small Groups @ Wonderful Wednesdays**

**Will Resume in August.**

**We hope you enjoy the summer! Please be sure to check out**

### ELC News

The ELC will be closed for a small break until Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to all that participated in the rose sale. Donations received totaled \$8,440. After the cost of the roses, the program will have \$8,155 to distribute to future ELC students in need.

—Helene



### Youth Ministry News



**"The Chosen Bible Study"**  
May 26 Sheila Freeman  
June 2 Sheila Freeman

## June 2024

- Help with VBS 6/3-6/6
- Bake Brownies 6/22
- Lock-In 6/8
- Pick up Litter/ Noccalula Falls 6/19
- Spring Valley beach 7/14
- Bake Dog treats 7/17

## July 2024

- Visit animal shelter 7/18
- Camp Lee (overnight camp) 7/26-7/27
- Activate Birmingham 7/31
- TOP GOLF 7/21

## GFUMC Youth Summer 2024

**Added notes...**

EACH ACTIVITY WILL REQUIRE 1-2 CHAPERONES, NOT INCLUDING CARMEN.

Thank you for helping the youth!  
-Carmen

I AM **NOT AVAILABLE** FOR THE ANIMAL SHELTER ON JULY 18, THIS EVENT WILL REQUIRE A PARENT TO TAKE THE YOUTH

Youth Group  
Summer Activities

Contact  
Youth Counselor  
Carmen McKiven  
For more  
Information!



# Children's Ministry

Sunday Mornings @ 9 am and 11 am, Children's Church & 10 am Sunday School  
Take a look at all the Summer Events & Activities for Children!  
May 19-Confirmation Sunday

**Calling ALL  
Knight volunteers!**

**VBS work days!**

**May 19 12:00-2:00**

**June 2 12:00-finished**

All volunteers register [HERE](#)



**Calling ALL Knights!**

We're on a quest for the King's armor!

**June 3-June 6**

Join us this Summer at

**Gadsden First UMC**

VBS as we search for

**the Armor of God!**

Ephesians 6:10

All children register [HERE](#)



**GFUMC CHILDREN'S Summer calendar 2024**

**NOCCALULA FALLS**

**Hike**  
Wednesday, June 12 @ 5

**Let's go swimming**  
Wednesday, June 26  
101 Wilson Drive

**GIFT TO**  
July 22-July 25  
**GADSDEN**

**End of Summer MOVIE NIGHT**  
Wednesday, July 31 @ 5

**Make R.A.K. bags!**  
Wednesday, July 10 @ 5

**VBS JUNE 3-JUNE 6**  
Ephesians 6:10

**Kindness MATTERS**

# Mission Focus

## Tornado Bucket

Help the GFUMC Mission Team fill Tornado Buckets and collect needed items. Tornado Buckets are located at the entrances, if you would like to take a bucket to fill with the requested items. If you would prefer to donate any of the items below, there is also a Red Bucket for donations of individual items. All of the Tornado Buckets and additional items will be delivered to the NACUMC Disaster Relief Warehouse in Decatur! Thank you for your support of missions. -First UMC Gadsden Mission Team

- 1 Standard Size Claw Hammer
  - 1 each: Shirt pocket notebook, permanent marker, pencil and sharpeners. (Place in a small Ziploc bag.) For "To Do" lists and marking packing boxes.
  - 1 Flashlight with batteries
  - 12 Black Trash Bags, 30-45 Gallon recommended (bundled) *for trash removal*
  - 1 Roll of Toilet Paper in a Ziploc Bag
  - 1 Pr. Leather Palm/Cloth back or All Leather Work Gloves
  - 1 50 count #8 Nails
  - 10 White 13 Gallon Kitchen Trash Bags with Draw Strings (bundled)
  - 1 Cellophane packing Tape
  - 10 One-Gallon Ziploc Bags (bundled) (For jewelry, and valuables)
  - 1 Box Cutter
  - 1 Liquid Hand Sanitizer 4 oz -12 oz
  - 1 Insect Repellent Spray Bottle/Can, Wipes or Combination
  - 1 Pr. Safety Glasses. *For hammering tarps, wood strips on roof*
  - 6 Clear Large Plastic Bags, 40-55 Gallon recommended (bundled)
  - 3 Tampons or Pads in a small Ziploc Bag
- Add all items on the above list to the bucket. Secure the lid, if any of the items aren't available just label the top of the bucket "Needs... (the missing item(s))" and the warehouse will add the item(s).

Please return filled buckets to the church by Sunday, May 19. Additional donations of loose items may be placed in the Red Buckets in the Foyers.

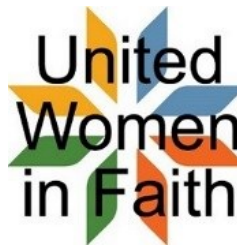
## United Women in Faith

Remember to order your Boston Butt. The deadline to receive an order is June 10. Prepayment is required. You can order online or there is an order form on page 6. All proceeds go to UWF Missions.

The monthly luncheons will resume in September. Look for dates to fellowship at a restaurant with others during the summer months.

Delores Abney, President

Olivia Kendrick, Vice-President



## 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

May open dates are

5/1 and 5/15

9:00 am to 11:00 am

516 Broad Street Gadsden

Find out more about mission and service opportunities @ [www.fumcgadsden.org/serve](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/serve)

Phone: 256-543-8200

Email:

[fumc@fumcgadsden.org](mailto:fumc@fumcgadsden.org)

#gfumcreconnect2023

Clients Served  
March 2024

Ladle of Love 474

Clothes Closet 216

Thanks to our  
Volunteers!

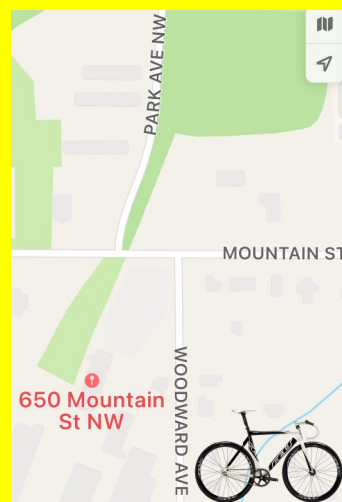


Please join us for HeBrews  
Coffee Café between the  
regular Sunday morning  
worship services,  
from 10 am to 11 am.  
*We can't wait to see you  
there!!!*

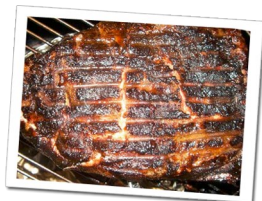


## Let's Ride!

*Let's go for a Memorial Weekend  
Bike Ride on Chief Ladiga Trail!  
Meet Saturday May 25  
@ 8:30 am  
Jacksonville, Al Train Station  
All 2 & 3 wheeler are welcome.  
Bring your snacks. No one left  
behind. Contact George Fant for  
more information or if you have  
questions! 256-312-4381.*



**United Women in Faith-Boston Butts Sale Benefiting Local Missions \$40 Each**  
**Featuring Boston Butts from Robertson's Barbecue (Tuscaloosa, AL)**



***Place your order by June 10. Prepayment is required.***

All order must be picked up\* between 3 pm and 6 pm on  
Wednesday, June 19th  
at First UMC Gadsden's Portico entrance facing 6th Street.  
***(\*Orders not picked up will be donated to Ladle of Love.)***



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Boston Butt's \_\_\_\_\_ X 40.00 = Order Total \_\_\_\_\_

***Note: Order Early—Quantities are Limited!***  
***Turn forms in to the church office and place in the UWF Box.***





## CHIP & LUCY EDWARDS



Lucy was born and raised in Decatur, AL. She graduated from Birmingham-Southern College with a double-major in Marketing and Finance and a minor in Art. Currently she is a Financial Advisor and the Senior Vice President at Morgan Stanley Wealth Management. She has served on the Board of Stewards for our church and is currently a consultant to our Finance Committee. In her free time, Lucy enjoys playing golf and tennis. Chip grew up in Gadsden and graduated from Gadsden High.

He attended Gadsden State, then the Alabama School of Construction in Birmingham, where he became a Master Electrician. He was the Electrical Construction Supervisor at Gulf States Steel for 20 years, then became an Electrical Contractor as head of his own company, Edwards Electric LLC. Chip and Lucy have one son, William (14), who is enrolled at the Alabama School of Fine Arts, where he specializes in the area of Math/Science and participates in Vocal studies. When Chip is not chaufferring William back and forth to school, he enjoys hunting and fishing with Lucy, as well as gardening.

## BOB & BECKY OLTMAN

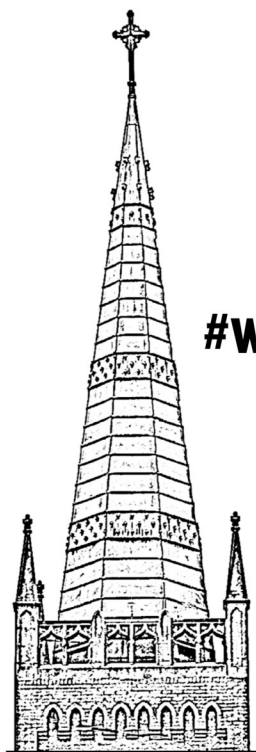


Bob grew up in Aberdeen, SD. He graduated from the University of South Dakota with an undergraduate degree in Business, then received an MBA from the University of Nebraska. He began his career as a CPA for a large accounting firm in Tulsa, OK. Now retired, he worked for 40 years in the private manufacturing industry and was a CFO for 30 years. He has also served as an Army Captain, airborne ranger, and air defense missile officer. His interests include fishing and reading business-related articles. Becky was born in Baton Rouge, LA, and graduated from

Englewood High School in Jacksonville, FL. She received a Nursing degree from Florida Junior College and worked in hospitals before joining the staff of a doctor's office for 30 years. The last five years of her career were spent working for a GI doctor. Her interests include photography and antiques. In 2020, Bob and Becky moved to Gadsden to retire here. They are active in our "Ladle of Love" mission, which serves lunch to the hungry each Friday, and serve as ushers for our Traditional Worship service at 10:55 a.m. We're so glad they chose Gadsden and First Methodist!

DO  
YOU  
KNOW?

## Sermon Series for June: #wearefirst



**#wearefirst**

*Thank you to Anna Mullin  
for the steeple graphic.*

It is hard to believe that I have been appointed to First United Methodist Church for almost a year now. During this past year, I have grown to know you and love you, as the church. The unique qualities that you bring as a congregation enrich my life, one another's lives, and Gadsden. It is my joy to serve you.

During the month of June, First United Methodist Church embarks on a sermon series to celebrate the strength and beauty of the congregation: #wearefirst. Join us each Sunday as we examine the gifts of our diversity, our generosity, the theology of all empowered for ministry and our roots in tradition which come together to be First United Methodist Church of Gadsden. In addition to this series, there will be a themed logo showcasing our beautiful steeple, which will be available on coffee mugs, t-shirts, and yard signs. For the course of the series, you can celebrate and share your photos of all things FUMC with #wearefirst on your social media accounts. This will be a season of celebrating what makes us First United Methodist Church. — Rev. Sherri

First UMC Gadsden #wearefirst T-Shirts \$15.00 Each

T-Shirt Order Form



# of t-shirts	Size	Name _____
_____	X-Small	Address _____
_____	Small	_____
_____	Medium	Phone Number _____
_____	Large	Total # Shirts: _____
_____	X-Large	Total Amount Paid: _____
_____	2XL	
_____	3XL	



**#wearefirst**  
**First UMC Gadsden**  
**Hot/Cold Tumblers**  
**\$10**  
**Available in the**  
**Chestnut Lobby.**



**Stickers**  
**\$1**



# Are You Ready for Your Summer Vacation?

## What to Know Before You Go!

- We are going to miss you! (Come to Thursday Worship before you go.)
- Download the FUMC-Gadsden church app and turn on notifications!
  - Join First UMC Gadsden live online via the the church website: [www.fumcgadsden.org/media](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/media), facebook, or youtube.
- Worship services are also available on-demand on the church website or church App!
- Don't forget to share where you are watching from in the comments if you are joining on Facebook!
- Attending a Church out of area? Let us know! Bring us a bulletin or brochure! We'd love to learn more!
  - Before you go...Set up recurring giving through the First UMC Gadsden's eGiving platform.
- Give via Venmo @FirstUMCGadsden (Search in Venmo under charities or follow the link in the QR Code below.)

**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.)



**venmo**

Download our Church App  
Search FirstUMC-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](http://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

## Calendar for May 26-June 2, 2024

### May 26 Sunday

9:00 am-Celebration Worship, Sanctuary  
10:00-am Sunday School for all ages;  
HeBrews Coffee, Chestnut Street Foyer  
11:00 am-Traditions Worship, Sanctuary



May 27 Monday  
**Office and Church closed  
for Memorial Day**

### May 28 Tuesday

ELC Closed  
5:00 pm-6:00 pm-Yoga, Gym

### May 29 Wednesday

6:00 pm-Choir Practice, Choir Room

### May 30 Thursday

9:00 am-10:00 am-Exercise Group, Gym  
5:30 pm Thursday Worship, Sanctuary

### May 31 Friday

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



*The flowers on the altar today  
are in honor of the baptism of  
Jane Catherine Sohor  
given by her family.*

*In Memory of Her Life  
Ruth Goza Chandler  
May 19, 2024*



### Immediate Prayer Concerns

The Family of Ruth Chandler  
Chris Gunnels (Gail McNair's nephew)

### Continued Prayer Concerns

Judy Collins (Tripp Collins mother)  
Leigh Carroll John Floyd  
Eileen Graham Martha Bullock Marian Ford  
Amy Epperson Brent Styles Asher Mae Collins  
Johnny Gunnels (Gail McNair's brother)



**Do you have a college  
graduate in your  
family this year?**



First UMC Gadsden would like to  
recognize our college graduates! Please  
submit their full name, degree/program,  
and college name to the church office @  
susan@fumcgadsden.org Thank you!

### Birthdays

**May 26** Ava Staton  
**May 27** Joseph Jackson,  
Sheri Frickey, Emily Sollie  
**May 28** Jennifer Swann,  
Asher Mae Collins,  
Anna Morgan Harrell  
**May 29** Tamiah Hood,  
Torrance Hood  
**May 30** Jason Knowles,  
Sheila Witherspoon,  
Kennedy Selsor, Grace Anne Page,  
Layne Godfrey  
**May 31** Alan Ross



### Week of May 19, 2024

In Person Total-*186	Worship Total-801
Online-615	Thursday Worship-*7
Celebration Service-*49/218	
Traditional Service-*130/397	
Sunday School Adult-*41 Children *6 Youth *2	
Nursery *2 Bible Study Groups-*4	
Wed/Sun-Children*42 Wed/Sun-Youth *9	
UWF *29	*in person
General Offering Budget \$11,400.00	
General Offering Received \$7,889.00	
YTD General Offering Budget \$228,000.00	
YTD General Offering Rec'd \$263,123.00	

### Important Deadlines

**Information for the weekly  
newsletter is due each  
Tuesday by noon.**

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

***All Meetings, Events and Activities  
must be scheduled in advance  
with the church secretary, Susan  
Swann, by email or phone***