



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

### Sermon Notes: Thursday, Oct 9 and Sunday, Oct 12

In Paul's first letter to Timothy (1 Timothy 6:6-11), Paul reminds us of the importance of godliness combined with contentment. When we find contentment, we can focus on what is important and not be led astray. Paul challenges by writing that "in the eagerness to be rich (I would even add in an eagerness for things of this world or more) some have wondered away from the faith and pierced themselves with great pains." He also calls to our attention the fact that we have brought nothing into this world, so we can take nothing out of it. Paul shares a lesson about the essentials which provide for the firm foundation of life.

For me, events of the past week have been a real-life lesson on the essentials which provide for the firm foundation of life. Paul is right in what matters are the elements which are eternal. Many of the things we focus upon, such as riches, are not lasting. Our salvation, our relationship with Jesus, a life invested in others, and loving our neighbor will remain in the middle of challenges and storms. This focus is a legacy for building a solid foundation, especially in the darkest of times.

Building a Firm Foundation,  
Rev. Sherri



### Many volunteers are needed!

- Please sign up to work a shift.
- Donate candy or Little Debbie cakes.

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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](http://www.fumcgadsden.org/media)

### ACOLYTES

October 12: Clementine & Rhett Hilburn

October 19: Sara Echols & Luke Barnes

### Tech Team Schedule

**October 12:** Bill Haller, Sheila Freeman

**Traditions:** Mark Condra, Wayne Payton, Sheila Freeman

**October 19:** Bill Haller, Sheila Freeman

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

## Bible Studies & Small Groups for Adults

—Many study *Revelation* for what it reveals about the past or future, but what does it have to reveal about today? Using Greg Robbin's *Revelation Simplified: A Commonsense Approach to the Bible's Most Mysterious Book* as a guide, see how *Revelation* provides hope-filled promises for today. The study will continue through November 19.

Bring your Bible and join Rev. Sherri in Room 208 at 11am or 6 pm on Wednesday.

### —Perfectly Flawed by Lisa Toney

**God makes beauty with flaws and faith.**

**Even with your flaws, God is moving you forward.**

**You can be flawed and still favored by God.**

**This new Bible study will help you see how God can turn your weaknesses into strengths.** Join Harriet Murray and friends for this exciting new study.

Room 110, Wednesdays at 6 pm.

### **Wonderful Wednesday Dinner: 5:15 pm**

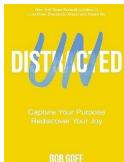
**Menu: October 15: Chick-fil-A**

**\$3 Children under 11      \$7 per Person**

**Please text 256.490.5018 to make or change a reservation.**

## Sunday School: New Adult Series

### **Transitions 10 am, Room 209 Undistracted w/ Bob Goff**

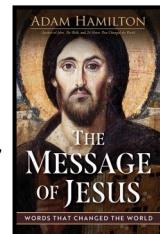


Distractions cause more harm than you might think. And they're all around us, all the time. They can disrupt our focus on what really matters, interfere with our true priorities, and divert our attention from the God who created us for his good purpose. **Identify the distractions in your life. Eliminate them so that you can recharge and refocus on your God-given purpose.** Start living a less-distracted and more joy-filled and love-oriented life.

### **Pathfinders/Seekers 10 am, Room 208**

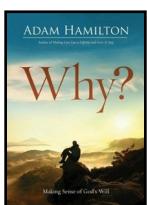
#### **The Message of Jesus—Words that Changed the World** by Adam Hamilton

Adam Hamilton's "The Message of Jesus" explores six key themes in Jesus's teachings, emphasizing their relevance today. The study includes insights on the Kingdom of God, the Sermon on the Mount, and Jesus's parables, highlighting how his words can be life-changing and world-changing.



### **Living Water 10 am, Room 116**

Join us, as we try to answer some tough, age-old questions concerning our faith. Questions like: "where is God when tragedy and suffering strikes? Why do the innocent suffer? Why do my prayers go unanswered? Why can't I see God's will for my life?" If God is all powerful, and If each one of us is a beloved child of God, then Why? How do we understand the will of God?



Let's Talk About it! **Why?: Making Sense of God's Will** by Adam Hamilton. Weekly discussions led by Dawson Harmon and Ken Casey.

### **"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

We had a great fall break and ready to work hard until our next big break at Thanksgiving. Fall pictures are Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

September Scholastic orders are due Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. We are so excited to announce our final total on the apple sale. Through apple purchases and donations, we raised \$1,498 toward ELC classroom needs. Current needs are rectangular tables in 2k, new cubbies for 3K and new bulletin boards for 4K. Thank you for constant support of this ministry.

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### Youth

Sunday School  
10 am, Room 211

### Wonderful Wednesday

Dinner- 5:15 pm  
Youth Group, 6:00 pm

*"Let's Build a Solid Foundation!"*

Matthew 7:24

Save the Date:

10/22

Sensory Hour 4:00 to 5:00 pm  
Fall Fest 5:00 pm-7:00 pm

**Wonderful Wednesday Dinner: October 15: Chick-fil-A**

**Text 256.490.5018 to make a reservation or modify a standing reservation.**

## Children's Ministry

**GFUMC Kids Fall Calendar '25**

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @ 6:00 CHILDREN'S CHOIR	SUNDAY MORNINGS @ 9:00&11:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00	FAMILY EVENTS!
AUGUST Under Construction James 1:5	AUGUST The Holy Spirit makes us better	OCTOBER 22 Fall Festival 5-7
SEPTEMBER Game Plan! Psalm 33:11	SEPTEMBER Creativity: God Creates	NOVEMBER 2 Rake & Run! 12-2
OCTOBER Along the Way Psalm 121:8	OCTOBER Faith: God's Promise	NOVEMBER 19 Friendsgiving 6-7
NOVEMBER Unsung Heroes Zeph. 3:17a	NOVEMBER Blessing: God's Blessings	NOVEMBER 26 Community Thanksgiving

Follow us on Facebook for more info! [f](#)

**GFUMC CHILDREN's October Unit**

**ALONG the WAY**

**WEEK 1** GOD IS WITH ME  
no matter what I go through.

**WEEK 2** We can show God's love in SMALL WAYS.

**WEEK 3** GOD IS BIGGER  
than we could ever understand.

**WEEK 4** We can trust God will make EVERYTHING RIGHT.

The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.  
PSALM 121:8 (NIV)

### Wonderful Wednesday

Small Groups and Activities  
@ 6 pm

Fellowship Dinner, 5:15 pm

October 15

Chick-Fil-A

\$7 -per person, \$3 -11 & Under

RSVP: Text 256.490.5018 by

Tuesday of each week to make or change a standing reservation.

### Sunday Mornings

Children's Church  
during worship, 9 am & 11 am  
Sunday school @ 10 am

Need more info?

Katharine@fumcgadsden.org

Ms. Katharine Barnes  
Children's Director

## October Mission Focus



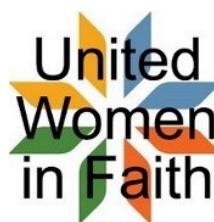
### Donations for 2nd Chance, Inc.

During the month of October, the mission team is receiving donations for 2nd Chance. Look for the red buckets near the entrances of the church. Needed items are listed below.

Deodorant	Paper Towels	Vaseline
Bar Soap	Laundry Detergent (High Efficiency)	Chap Stick/Lip Balm
Ethnic Hair Products	Towels-All Sizes	Umbrellas
Hairbrushes	Sheets (Twin & Full)	Baby Wipes
Cleaning Supplies (Kitchen, Bathroom & All Purpose Cleaners)	Blankets (Twin & Full)	Over-the-Counter Medications
Sponges	Comforters (Twin & Full)	(Ibuprofen, Tylenol, Cold & Cough Medicines)
Toilet Tissue	Bed Pillows	
	Body Lotion	

**2nd Chance, Inc. has been assisting survivors of domestic violence since 1990.** Serving Etowah, Calhoun, Cleburne, and Talladega Counties, they receive almost 1000 crisis calls each year from this service area. There are two emergency shelters in Calhoun County. One is for people with limited mobility and is completely ADA compliant. They also provide case management, legal advocacy, counseling, support groups and relocation assistance, all free of charge. 2nd Chance serves women, men, and children, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, age, disability and/or sexual orientation. **24-hour crisis line: 256-236-7233**

### United Women in Faith



### October Luncheon

October 13 at 12:00 noon. The "Glory and Grace Dance Team" will perform. Please call or text your reservation for lunch to Olivia Kendrick at 205-454-4375.

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*"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**

**October open dates are  
10/1 and 10/15**

**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)**

**#gfumcreconnect2025**

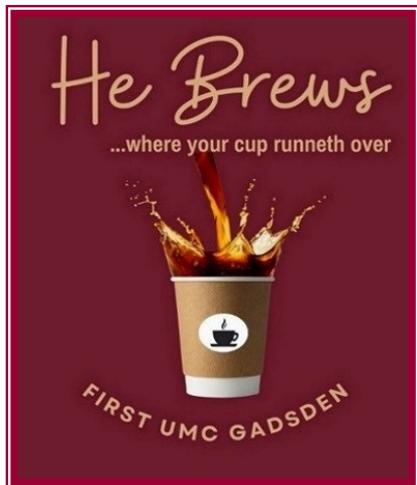
**Ladle of Love  
Clothes Closet  
August**

**LOL 407  
Clothes Closet 255**

**September**

**LOL 412  
Clothes Closet 280**

**Thanks to our  
Volunteers!**



Follow us on  
Facebook and Instagram.



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



A NEW Church Directory is coming! Photography dates have been changed to  
November 10th-11th-12th, Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday.  
Signup online for your photography session @ [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com).  
Church Code: **a1217** Password: **photos**  
If you made one before you will receive an email with a new date and time.

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MAITLAND ADAMS



Maitland grew up in Gadsden and graduated from Gadsden High in 1960. He received an undergraduate degree in Education, a Master's degree in Education Administration, and a Specialist Diploma in Education Administration, all from Auburn University. He became a teacher, principal, and finally an Assistant Superintendent in the Georgia Department of Education. He and his wife, Sadie, have been married for 50 years and have two grown children: Steve (60), who is retired; and Brian (54), who is an accountant. Upon retirement, Maitland and Sadie moved back to his family's farm in Gadsden and lived there for 28 years before moving closer to the city. He is active in politics and served as Chairman of the Etowah County Democratic Party for several years. His other interests include reading, genealogy, and updating the family farm.



September 28- "How to Be Rich" Matthew 25:14-30 **Blessing of the Animals**

October 12- "Marked by Abundance" 1 Timothy 6:6-11

October 19- "Why Generosity" Exodus 35:20-29 **GFUMC Ministry Impact Report Released**

October 26- "Counting the Costs" Luke 14:28-30

**November 2- "New Life in Christ"** **All Saints' Sunday**

November 9- "So You May Receive" Luke 6:38

November 16- "Making a Difference" Corinthians 8:1-7 **Churchwide Brunch, Everyone Invited.**  
(Return your "Building a Solid Foundation" Generosity 2026 Estimate of Giving Cards on Sunday, Nov. 16 in worship.)

*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](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

# Fall Fest donations

- Little Debbie snack cakes for cake walk
- Individually wrapped candy
- Volunteers to work in at stations



volunteers register here



Fall Festival will be at GFUMC on Oct 22



## New Date

Robbie's of Fayette will be at First UMC Gadsden on Tuesday, November 11, for the Fall Trunk Show and Sale!

10:00 am to 2:00 pm, Gathering Room

Please Invite Friends!

A percentage of the sales is donated to GFUMC's Children's Ministry Program.

# First UMC Gadsden Oct 12-Oct 18, 2025

## Oct 12, Sunday

9:00 am-Celebration Worship, Sanctuary

10:00 am-Sunday School for All Ages

*HeBrews, Chestnut Foyer*

11:00 am-Traditions Worship, Sanctuary

## Oct 13, Monday

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

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

2:00 pm-4:00 pm-Pickle Ball, Gym

## Oct 14, Tuesday

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

9:00 am-11:00 am-Clothes Closet workday

5:00 pm-Yoga, Gym

## Oct 15, Wednesday

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

9:00 am-11:00 am-Clothes Closet open

11:00 am-Wed Morning Bible Study

5:15 pm-Wed Night Meal, Gathering Room

6:00 pm-Children's Activities, Room 208

Youth Activities, Room 211 & Gym

6:00 pm-Bible Study Groups,

Room 110, 116 & 208

6:00 pm-Choir Practice

## Oct 16, Thursday

9:00 am-11:00 am-ELC Fall Schedule

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

5:30 pm-Thursday Worship Service

## Oct 17, Friday

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

12:00 pm-Office Closed

*The flowers on the altar are given in memory of  
Elizabeth Brooklynn Barnes.*



October is Pastor Appreciation Month.

We give thanks for Rev. Sherri.

## Honorariums & Memorials

### General Fund Budget

In memory of Dr. Bob Walden, given by

Cathy Bohannon.

### Ministry Fund

In memory of Dr. Bob Walden, given by Marian Ford.

*In Memory of Her Life  
Elizabeth Brooklynn Barnes  
October 2, 2025*



### Immediate Prayer Concerns

The Family of Elizabeth Barnes

Dawn Rains Phillip Johnson Bonnie Yarnell Dottie Ivey

Ronald Crowe (Martha Crowe's husband)

Amy Epperson (Gene & Danna Dean's daughter)

### Continued Prayer Concerns

Jackie Herlong Ruthie Hester Jane Jones

Betty Elliott (Cindy Archer's mother)

## Birthdays

**Oct 12** Dotty Ivey, Jacob Gilbert,  
Emleigh Ridens



**Oct 13** Carolyn Dombroski,  
Mary Gomillion, Lara Murray

**Oct 14** Alana Clemons, Addison Rains

**Oct 15** Dr. Mike McEwen,  
Robin Wilson, Anna Catherine Edwards

**Oct 16** Margaret Kirby, Robby Head,  
Dr. Nancy McCorkle, Millie Martin,  
Ashby New

**Oct 18** Bob Blount, Trinity McKiven,  
Rachel Reynolds, Georgia Godfrey

## Attendance Week of Oct 5, 2025

In Person Total \*167 On Line Total 1502

Worship Total 1669 Thursday Worship \*12

Celebration \*65/792 Traditions \*90/710

Adult Sunday School \*29 Children SS \*8

Middle School & Senior Hi SS \*3 UWF \*0

Bible Study Groups \*41 Children Wed/Sun \*24

Middle & Sen Hi Wed/Sun \*14 Nursery \*11

## Year 2025 Week of Oct 5, 2025

General Offering Budget \$12,400.00

General Offering Received \$10,675.00

YTD Gen. Offering Budget \$496,000.00

YTD Gen. Offering Rec'd \$513,710.00

## New Dates for

## Directory Photos

November 10, 11 & 12

## New Dates and Times for

## Photography Sessions

will available online  
soon. Your appointment  
will be transferred to the  
new date or you may  
select a new day and  
time.