



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

Sermon Notes: Thursday, Oct 2 and Sunday, Oct 5

Perspective has much influence on our lives. I am constantly saying that you will find what you are looking to find. For example, if you are looking for something to be angry about then you will find it or if you are looking for something to make you happy then will find that instead. Our worldview has much to do with our impression of what is happening around us. This is especially true when it comes to a scarcity mindset or an abundance mindset. If you notice what you lack, then you will always be lacking. If you notice your blessings, then you will always be blessed.

In Paul's first letter to Timothy (1 Timothy 6:6-10), Paul instructs Timothy on what Timothy needs to teach as a leader in the church. Paul reminds him that that there is great gain when godliness is combined with contentment. If you fail to realize the abundance or rich life you have, then you may end up chasing more. Chasing more could lead to a desire for riches beyond a blessed life, only causing destruction and pain. A scarcity mindset could lead to love of money, because you are always looking for money and not toward God. An abundance mindset leads to contentment and trust in our Creator, keeping our eyes upon Him. An abundance mindset not only helps us appreciate our rich life, but it is part of a firm foundation for life.

Building a Firm Foundation,
Rev. Sherri



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UMC Gadsden on Tuesday,
October 7, for the Fall Trunk
Show and Sale!

10:00 am to 2:00 pm, October 7, GFUMC Gathering Room
Please Invite Friends!

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

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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

October 5: Sara Kate, Jake, & Carter Thornburg
October 12: Clementine & Rhett Hilburn

Tech Team Schedule

[October 5](#)

[Celebration: Bill Haller, Brad Barnes](#)

[Traditions: Neil Mullin Wayne Payton, Rob Reynolds](#)

[October 12: Bill Haller, Sheila Freeman](#)

[Traditions: Mark Condra, Wayne Payton, Sheila Freeman](#)

New Bible Studies Begin

— 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. [Bring your Bible and join Rev. Sherri in Room 208 at 11am or 6 pm on Wednesday](#). The study will continue through November 19.

— **The Belonging Project: Finding Your Tribe and Learning to Thrive** Are you hungry for true community, deeper connection with God, and friendships that are greater than just "likes" on social media? This is a study of the "One Another" Sayings of the New Testament. Join Harriet Murray and friends for this exciting new study. [Room 110, Wednesdays at 6 pm.](#)

— **Loving on Purpose** by Danny and Sheri Silk brings a fresh perspective on the age-old role of parenting. It will give you tools to:

- ◊ Protect your connection with your children.
- ◊ Teach your children to manage increasing levels of freedom.
- ◊ Replace the tools of intimidation and control.
- ◊ Create a safe place for children to build confidence and personal responsibility.

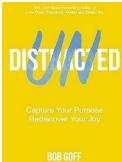
[Room 116, Wednesdays at 6 pm. This series includes a video live audience recordings of age specific Q&A sessions with wisdom that will work for your toddler all the way through your adult child. Our group facilitator will be Dawson Harmon, but the real teachers will be each of you as you share your stories and learn from one another.](#)

Wonderful Wednesday Dinner: 5:15 pm

Menu: October 8: Barbecue, Baked Beans, Potato Salad
\$3 Children under 11 \$7 per Person

Sunday School: New Adult Series

Transitions 10 am, Room 209 Undistracted w/ Bob Goff

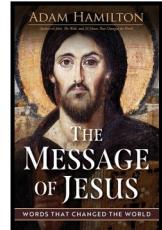


Distractions cause more harm than you might think. And they're all around us, all the time. They can disrupt our focus on what really matters, interfere with our true priorities, and divert our attention from the God who created us for his good purpose. **Identify the distractions in your life. Eliminate 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

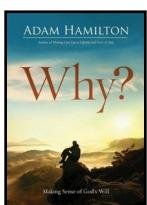
The Message of Jesus—Words that Changed the World by Adam Hamilton

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

The ELC will be closed for Fall Break Monday, October 6th and Tuesday, October 7th. When we return Fall Pictures will be Tuesday, October 14th and Wednesday, October 15th.

September Scholastic orders are due Wednesday, September 15th.



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 8: Barbecue

Children's Ministry

GFUMC Kids Fall Calendar '25

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

Follow us on Facebook for more info!

GFUMC CHILDREN's October Unit

ALONG the WAY

Wednesday's at 6:00

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 8
Barbecue, Baked Beans,
Potato Salad

\$7 -per person, \$3 -11 & Under
RSVP: Text 256.490.5018

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

Mission Focus



Etowah Free COMMUNITY CLINIC

The Etowah Free Community Clinic provides uninsured patients of Etowah County with access to physicians, nurses, support staff, prescription medication and a variety of holistic care services, at no cost. The clinic has had a dramatic impact, not just in the lives of those served, but also in the community in which they live, work and play. The clinic is located at 423 South 3rd Street · Gadsden, AL 35901 · (256) 546-3456.

During the month of September, the mission team will be receiving donations for the Etowah Free Community Clinic. Look for a list of needed items and the red buckets at the entrances to the church building. Thank you for your support for local missions.

—The GFUMC Mission Team

Donation Items

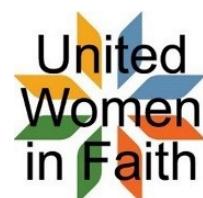
- 13 gallon garbage bags
- reams of white paper
- Kleenex
- paper towels
- toilet paper

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.

LuVerna Waid Circle meeting, Tuesday, October 7 at 6:00 pm at the church. Room 208.



October is
Pastor
Appreciation
Month.
We give thanks
for our pastor,
Rev. Sherri
Reynolds.

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

**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

Phone: 256-543-8200

Email:

fumc@fumcgadsden.org

#gfumcreconnect2025

Ladle of Love
Clothes Closet
August

LOL 407

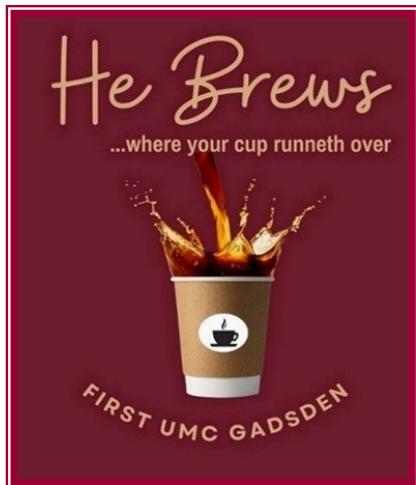
Clothes Closet 255

September

LOL 412

Clothes Closet 280

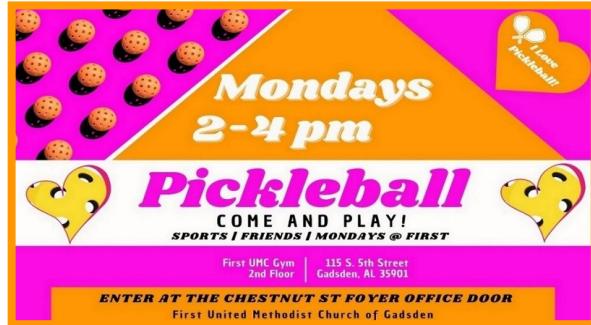
Thanks to our
Volunteers!



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! Watch for important dates for your opportunity to have a portrait made and be included in the GFUMC Church Directory. Photography dates are Tuesday, October 7 and Wednesday, October 8. Signup online for your photography session @ www.ucdir.com Church Code: **al217** Password: **photos**

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DANNY SWANN



Danny was born and raised in Gadsden and graduated from Emma Sansom High School. He then served 4 years in the United States Air Force before attending Gadsden Business College. Following that, he worked for Goodyear for 36 years, then retired. Danny's wife, Sandra, passed away recently in June 2025. They had been married for 60 years. She was a telephone operator when they met and became a stay-at-home mother to their children and helped with the raising of their grandchildren, too. Their eldest child, Susan Shankles, lives in Rainsville and works for the Dekalb County Tax Assessor's Office. Their youngest child, Michael Swann, worked as an electrician and passed away 3 years ago. Danny comes to us from Christ Central Church.



September 28- "How to Be Rich" Matthew 25:14-30

Blessing of the Animals

October 5- "Marked by Abundance" 1 Timothy 8:9

October 12- "Why Generosity" Exodus 35:20-29

October 19- "Counting the Costs" Luke 14: 28-30

GFUMC Ministry Impact Report Released

October 26- "A Heart of Gratitude" Colossians 2:6-7

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.)



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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



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First United Methodist Church of Gadsden



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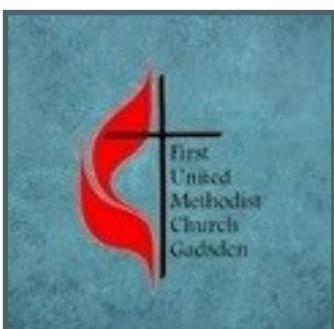
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You are invited to connect with the GFUMC Family in a new and exciting way. Connect through the church app today by scanning the QR code above. You will now be able to find groups and connect with Teams, Leadership Groups, Sunday school classes, UWF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



**Download our
Church App
FUMC-Gadsden
On the App Store or Google Play
Create a profile and join the conversation
connection!**

First UMC Gadsden Oct 5-Oct 11, 2025

<u>Oct 5, Sunday</u>	<u>Oct 8, Wednesday</u>
9:00 am-Celebration Worship, Sanctuary	9:00 am-1:00 pm-ELC Fall Schedule
10:00 am-Sunday School for All Ages	11:00 am-Wed Morning Bible Study
HeBrews, Chestnut Foyer	2:00 pm-9:00 pm-Directory Pictures, Parlor
11:00 am-Traditions Worship, Sanctuary	5:15 pm-Wed Night Meal, Gathering Room
<u>Oct 6, Monday</u>	6:00 pm-Children's Activities, Room 208
ELC Fall Break	Youth Activities, Room 211 & Gym
9:00 am-10:00 am-Exercise Group, Gym	6:00 pm-Bible Study Groups, Room 110, 116, & 208
2:00 pm-4:00 pm-Pickle Ball, Gym	6:00 pm-Choir Practice
<u>Oct 7, Tuesday</u>	<u>Oct 9, Thursday</u>
ELC Fall Break	9:00 am-11:00 am-ELC Fall Schedule
POSTPONED to a later time-Robbie's of Fayette	9:00 am-10:00 am-Exercise Group, Gym
2:00 pm-9:00 pm-Directory Pictures, Parlor	5:30 pm-Thursday Worship Service
5:00 pm-Yoga, Gym	<u>Oct 10, Friday</u>
6:00 pm-LuVerna Waid Circle, 208	11:00 am-12:00 pm- Ladle of Love
	12:00 pm-Office Closed



Brenda Holmes
September 28, 2025

Save the Date

Oct 7 & Oct 8-2:00-9:00 pm-Directory Pictures
Oct 7-10:00 am-3:00 pm- Robbie's of Fayette
Oct 22-5:00-7:00 pm- GFUMC Fall Festival
4:00-5:00 pm-Sensory Friendly Hour

A new church directory is coming!

Photography Sessions are from
2 pm to 9 pm on Oct. 7 & 8.

Sign up online:
www.ucdir.com

Church Code: al217 Password: photos

Honorariums & Memorials

General Fund Budget

In memory of Dr. Bob Walden, given by Diana Rampey.

Ladle of Love Fund

In memory of Dr. Bob Walden, given by
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Watson.

Immediate Prayer Concerns

Jane Jones Dawn Rains Phillip Johnson
Ronald Crowe (Martha Crowe's husband)
Amy Epperson (Gene & Danna Dean's daughter)

Continued Prayer Concerns

Jackie Herlong Ruthie Hester
Betty Elliott (Cindy Archer's mother)

Birthdays

Oct 5 Harding Leach, Hilary Jarecki,
John Paul Wilson, Stephen Blackstock,
Madison Ann Walker
Oct 6 Susan Swann, Emily Hayes
Oct 7 Miller Wigley
Oct 8 Amanda Fortenberry Harbin
Oct 9 Kinley Freeman
Oct 10 Cynthia Whitt, Abby Ross

*Please update your family's record in the church office to include all dates of birth.
Thank you!*
—Susan Swann

Attendance Week of Sept 28, 2025

In Person Total *214	On Line Total 451
Worship Total 665	Thursday Worship *14
Celebration *65/281	Traditions *86/170
Adult Sunday School *0	Children SS *7
Middle School & Senior Hi SS *0	UWF *0
Bible Study Groups *33	Children Wed/Sun *32
Middle & Sen Hi Wed/Sun *11	Nursery *10
Blessing of the Animals Service *49	

Year 2025 Week of Sept 28, 2025

General Offering Budget	\$12,400.00
General Offering Received	\$15,825.00
YTD Gen. Offering Budget	\$483,600.00
YTD Gen. Offering Rec'd	\$503,035.00

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.